



TE WAOTU SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 31 MARCH 2025

Our vision:

To build confident and resilient life-long learners.

Our mission (how we will achieve our vision):

Teachers will empower students to be active learners who work in partnership with the teacher.

Teachers will ensure students know what they are learning, when they have been successful and where they are going to next.

Self and peer assessment is a routine step in the learning process.

Success criteria are most effective when great examples of work are used to show what quality looks like.

Teachers will use the learning progressions in the curriculum in order to confidently work with a diverse range of students.

The school recognises the influence of the home and will endeavour to build and nurture learning focussed partnerships with parents and whanau.

Our values:

Kindness, respect, honesty, responsibility, courage.

Our houses:

Haszard, Simmonds, Barnett, Rongowhitiao

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

The end of term 1 is rapidly approaching! I know the recent rainfall is most welcome and hopefully the start of more consistent rainfall as we battle drought conditions here in the South Waikato. It has been pleasant enjoying the cooler conditions in the morning and afternoon!

We now have 120 students across our six classrooms and our school has a vibrant, positive and welcoming atmosphere that is always mentioned when visitors come to our school! We welcome our new students for term 2 and I know there have been some school visits in Room 1 for our youngest students as they begin their schooling journey with us!

Term one has been full-on action, we have had lots of exciting programmes already, while ensuring our core learning programmes remain our focus. Highlights include - Life Education, School Camps and Terty the Tortoise visit (a 100 year plus Greek Tortoise) who served during WW1, a remarkable ANZAC story. As ANZAC day falls during the school holiday break we will acknowledge this important occasion upon return to school.

As you already know, we have shifted to an online platform called Kindo, this means we are a cashless school. Kindo enables us to complete stationery orders, camp payments, uniform purchases and sports team notices at the click of button.

Please be extra vigilant before sending your child to school as we have been experiencing gastro-like stomach upsets at school, which can easily spread throughout, if your child has vomited - we recommend staying away 48 hours as per medical advice.

If you see me at the gate or around the school please stop in for a chat, my door is always open to discuss any thoughts you may have regarding your child.

Whakatauki - *Mauri tū mauri ora*

An active soul is a healthy soul

YEAR 4 & 5 OVERNIGHT CAMP

Our year 4 & 5 students had an overnight camp at school then enjoyed a fun-filled day with Riverside Adventures at Lake Arapuni. The weather was stunning and there were many highlights of the camp, including SUP, Kayaking and Team Building Activities. Thanks to Sally at Riverside Adventures, Inge Wilbers & Sarah Du Toit for ensuring the camp ran smoothly!



TE WAOTU SCHOOL MURAL

Lyn Gilbert-Radford regularly upkeepes our school mural which is a fantastic learning opportunity connecting to our past, present and future. Here Lyn provides an authentic rich learning task for students to make life-long connections about our history.



PERCEPTUAL MOTOR PROGRAMME (PMP)

PMP is historically known as a gymnastic based movement programme, moreover recently this is an important part for cognitive development for children to participate in active, physical learning experiences which combine movement, problem solving and lateral thinking tasks to make lasting meaningful connections. Here, you can see some of our experts refining their skills. Haylie, one of our amazing Teacher Aides has been running this programme!



Interschool Swimming Results - Tuesday 18 March

We sent a very, strong competitive swimming team to the South Waikato Interschool swimming competition, thanks to Inge Wilbers and Lizzy de Zeeuw for ensuring this day was hugely successful for us.

Girls Open Year 7&8 - 4 Lengths - Scarlett Heke 3rd place

Boys Open Primary - 4 Lengths - Mick de zeeuw - 1st place

Boys Open Year 7&8 - 4 Lengths - Brody Richards 1st place

7 Year Old boys - Tim de Zeeuw 1st place

9 Year Old boys - Riley Baldwin - 1st place

10 Year Old Boys - Mick de Zeeuw 1st place and Willie Barbour 2nd place

10 Year Old Girls - Maiah-Rose Foster - 3rd place

Year 7 Girls - Ava Whittaker - 1st place

Year 7 Boys - Broady richards 1st place and Peyton Baldwin 3rd place

Year 8 Girls - Scarlett Heke - 3rd place

LIFE EDUCATION - 3-5 MARCH

We had the exciting opportunity to have Harold the Giraffe and Crispian, Life Ed Facilitator, onsite earlier in the term. Life Education educates our tamariki to make healthy lifelong choices while building resilient communities with interactive educational messages at age appropriate levels.



WINTER SPORTS

Most of you by now would have signed your child up for winter sports activities. If you haven't and your child wishes to participate - please complete the google form entry as soon as possible.

Winter sport choices link [here](#) or email the office@tewaotu.school.nz. Details as per below!

Winter sport choices 2025

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It's time to think about winter sports organisation. **Complete this form separately for each child you have that is wanting to play a winter sport-just submit your response then click 'submit another response'. All fees will be paid through Kindo.**

Take a moment to think about helping out as a coach or manager. It can be difficult to fill these roles but they are an essential part of helping our children feel supported and experience success. All teams would need a manager and a coach.

Basketball: Year 5/6 basketball will take place in Term 2. Year 7/8 basketball runs in Term 3. We need at least five players to form a team. Games are played in the indoor stadium (Putaruru). Fees are normally \$10. We will confirm the cost when we get confirmation.

Netball: This takes place on Friday afternoon/evening at Glenshea courts. The netball competition begins on Friday 2 May and runs through Term 2. There is a Future Ferns skills programme for children in Years 1/2. Fees are \$20 for children in the Year 3/4, Year 5/6, and Year 7/8 teams. The fee for the Future Ferns is \$10.

Football: A separate form and further information about football will be sent out at a later stage.

FROM THE BOARD

Hi all,

What a great start to the year – term 1 is whistling past & we have a lot to look forward to!

Your Te Waotu School Board has held 2 board meetings this term. We approved our 2025 budget, 2025 strategic/implementation plan and reviewed student achievement data earlier in the term. We can be very proud of the work happening behind the scenes to support our learners to reach their potential.

2024 Financial statements are about to head to our auditors, and we continue to work through a number of property initiatives now that the room 3 refurb is complete. We look forward to sharing more on these projects shortly. Board meeting minutes are now being filed on the school website and we'll shortly be able to share details of our new policy platform (SchoolDocs) to encourage transparency.

2025 triennial board elections will be held later this year (10th September), we have engaged a service provider to run this online election process for us – more info to come closer to the time. As always, if you'd like to know more about what your board does or come along to a meeting – please have a chat with one of your board members: Michael Thompson, Sandra Hamilton, Courtney Graham, James Pelham, or myself.

Board succession - casual vacancy

Steve Parker has resigned from the Te Waotu School Board after nearly 3 years of service to take up an exciting new role with BMAC in Central North Island. We thank Steve for his contribution to Te Waotu School Board and wish him and his family all the best as they settle into a new chapter. Per the Education and Training Act, schedule 23, clause 13 (3) - the board has resolved not to fill this vacancy due to proximity of the 2025 elections.

Jess Mardell – Te Waotu School Presiding Member

COMING UP EVENTS!

Term 1

26-28 March - Senior Camp Y6-Y8, Mi Camp, Whakamaru

11 April - End of Term One

Easter and ANZAC day - fall in the school holidays

Term 2 - Monday 28 April start of term two

1 May - World Vision Youth conference

8-9 May - Marae Noho

15 May - Wood is good programme

Thank you for quickly onboarding with Kindo - this ensures we can have real time access for Stationery, Sport and Uniform requirements. We are exploring new options as we all become more familiar.



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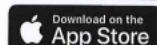
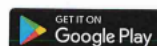
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Music lessons have started and the following link can be used to register interest:

<https://www.ignitearts.co.nz/registration/>



Year 1-2 are encouraged to try the *Ignite the Beatz* programme which has been designed specifically for them. Each term the student gets to try two new instruments. At the end of the programme, the students would have had a good feel for a variety of instruments, and this should give them an indication of which particular instrument they would like to continue with.

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Sandra, Sarah Topping, Kirsty, Inge, Anna Blair, Sarah Du Toit, Hildegard, Haylie, Andrea, Jessica Forkert, Anne Beale, Becs Vaughan, Debbie Gray, Haylie and Michael

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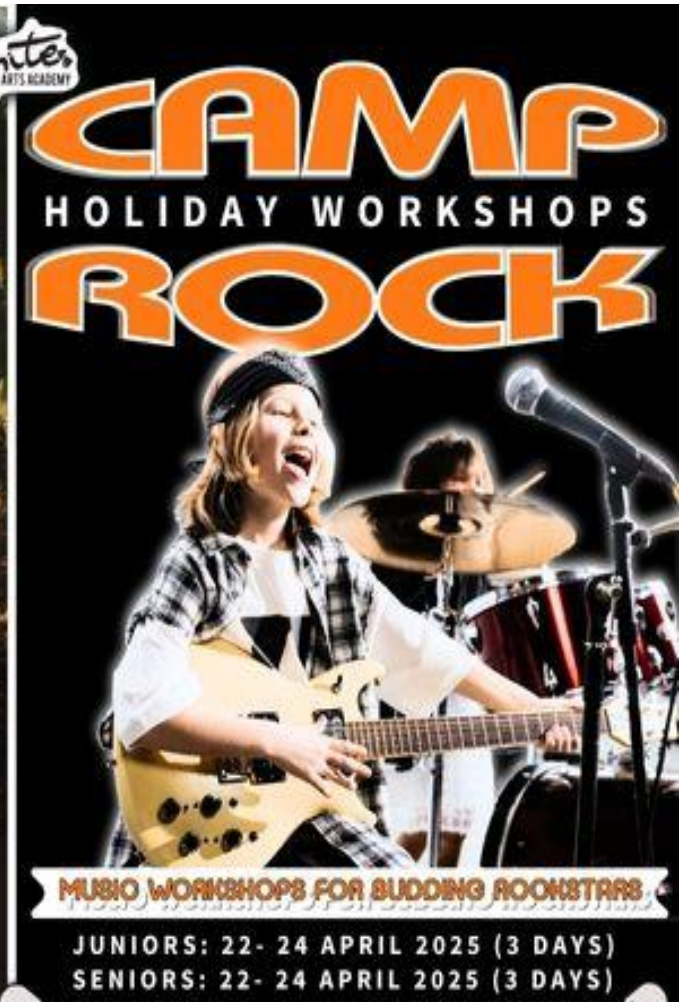
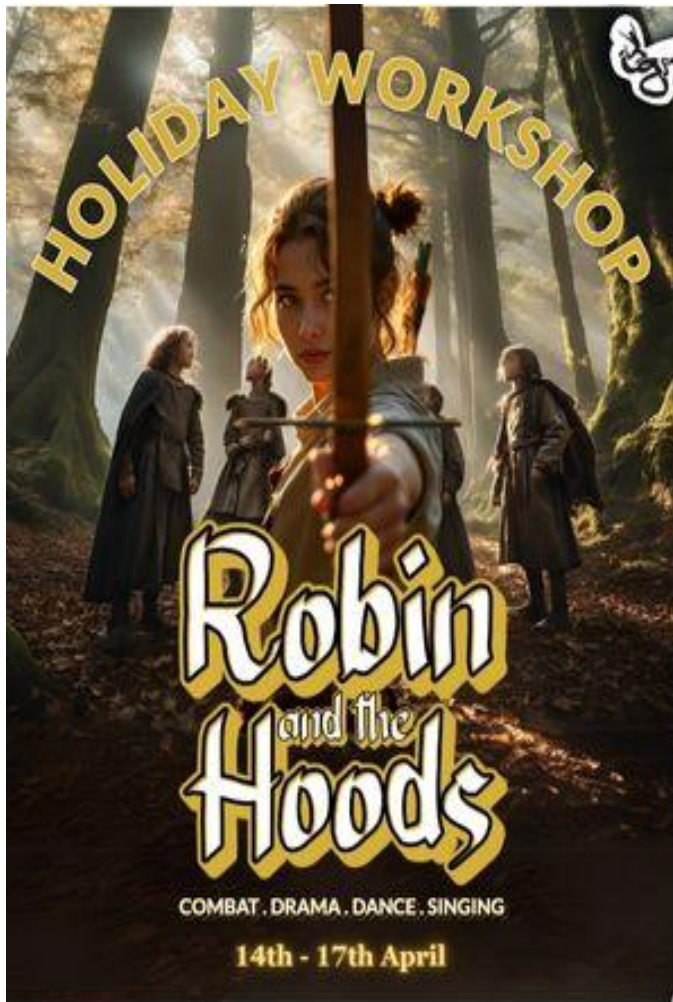
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Āniwaniwa Rūma

Rainbow Room

Come along and be creative.

Primary school children age 5 -11

3:15-4:45 Thursdays term time

afternoon tea will be provided.

Koha Donation.

10 Overdale Street, in
the Saints Aiden's
Church Hall

Contact Heather Marstorp
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