



## TE WAOTU SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

### 18 September 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

Term 4 is well and truly under way and always moves quickly as the weather finally warms up and the days get longer. One of our key events of the year was Agri Day last Thursday - here is a snippet from Jess Mardell.

#### Wow!

What an incredible day we had for Agri-Day & the Great Farming Auction! A huge thank you to our generous sponsors, SSG, parent helpers, school staff, judges, record keepers, students, and of course our amazing community for coming along and supporting the event. The food was delicious, animals were outstanding — and amazingly, the weather held off for an awesome day out!

The **auction was a huge success**, raising a whopping \$45k for Te Waotu! 🎉 These funds are incredibly important to our school and directly help us deliver for the needs of our students. This year's proceeds will contribute towards:

- Upgrading our **courts** to enhance student play and safety
- Funding **teacher aide hours** to support classroom learning
- Enriching our **science and technology resources**

We're so grateful for your generosity, enthusiasm, and community spirit — Te Waotu really is a special place!

*Thank you all for your support!*

#### Supporting attendance

Thank you for being supportive as we strive towards reaching the Ministry of Education's goal of 80% of students attending school 90% of the time. We are currently tracking near 80% for term 4! Keep supporting us to achieve these targets! We appreciate the prompt responses when checking student absences.

*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

## Personal Digital Devices

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Personal digital devices including cellphones must be handed into the office at the start of the day, and other devices such as smartwatches are not allowed to be used to take photos, videos and audio recordings as per our school policy. Non-compliance will mean confiscation and these devices will need to be collected by a parent or a caregiver.

### **Out of Zone Enrolments - Term 1 2026**

#### ENROLMENT OPPORTUNITIES AT TE WAOTU SCHOOL - TERM 1 2026

Enrolment at Te Waotu School is governed by an enrolment scheme. This year there are four enrolment periods and the last enrolment period of the year covers term 1 next year. The Board has determined that there is likely to be a number of places available in various year levels throughout the school for term 1 2026.

The Board is prepared to receive expressions of interest for students seeking enrolment for term 1 2026. In addition to those which it already holds, so long as they reach the school by Monday 10 November, 12pm. Forms can be collected from the school office or downloaded from the [school website](#).

If a ballot for out of zone places is required, it will be held on Wednesday 12 November, 3pm. Parents will be informed of the outcome of the ballot in writing within three school days. Please phone or email the School Principal - Michael Thompson (07 883 2815) or [principal@tewaotu.school.nz](mailto:principal@tewaotu.school.nz), if you have any queries regarding this.

*Te Waotu School  
Board of Trustees*

### **COMING UP EVENTS!**

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- Strike Day - 23 October
- Labour Day - 27 October
- School Athletics Day - 5 November
- Interschool Athletics Day - 18 November
- Music in Schools - Student Showcase 10 December 11:30am
- Last day 17 December ( Prizegiving 11am)
- School starts 2 February 2026

### **Ag Day 2025 Calf, Lamb and Goat results**

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| PRIZEGIVING LIST          |                        |                                     |
|---------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| CALVES                    |                        |                                     |
| BURGOYNE-SMITH FAMILY CUP | Pre- school Calf       | Charlie Langford                    |
| BRYANT CUP                | Leading - Junior Early | Ellie-Rose Foster                   |
| GWEN REYNARD CUP          | Leading - Junior Late  | George Langford                     |
| McCONNELL CUP             | Leading - Senior Early | Maiah-rose Foster &<br>Angus Pelham |

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|---------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
| <u>HURST FAMILY CUP</u>                                 | <u>Leading - Senior Late</u>                             | <u>Tim deZeeuw</u>                                          |
| <u>COOP FAMILY CUP</u>                                  | <u>Leading - Intermediate Early</u>                      | <u>Josh Barbour</u>                                         |
| <u>TE WAOTU BOARD OF TRUSTEES CUP</u>                   | <u>Leading - Intermediate Late</u>                       | <u>Kathleen Miller</u>                                      |
| <u>PHIL SCHAARE CHALLENGE CUP</u>                       | <u>Leading - Champion</u>                                | <u>Tim deZeeuw</u>                                          |
| <u>SG &amp; MA WADEY CUP</u>                            | <u>Rearing &amp; Grooming - Junior Early Light</u>       | <u>Anna Elliott</u>                                         |
| <u>CEDARWOOD JERSEY CUP</u>                             | <u>Rearing &amp; Grooming - Junior Late Light</u>        | <u>George Langford</u>                                      |
| <u>McMILLAN FAMILY CUP</u>                              | <u>Rearing &amp; Grooming - Junior Early Heavy</u>       | <u>Bree Johnson</u>                                         |
| <u>P &amp; A HANNA TROPHY</u>                           | <u>Rearing &amp; Grooming - Junior Late Heavy</u>        | <u>Talia Harris</u>                                         |
| <u>SNEDDON FAMILY CUP</u>                               | <u>Rearing &amp; Grooming - Senior Early Light</u>       | <u>Lauren Sneddon</u>                                       |
| <u>SANSON/GREENE CHALLENGE CUP</u>                      | <u>Rearing &amp; Grooming - Senior Late Light</u>        | <u>Tim deZeeuw</u>                                          |
| <u>KNIGHT FAMILY CUP</u>                                | <u>Rearing &amp; Grooming - Senior Early Heavy</u>       | <u>Angus Pelham</u>                                         |
| <u>STEPHENSON CUP</u>                                   | <u>Rearing &amp; Grooming - Senior Late Heavy</u>        | <u>Lauren Petersen</u>                                      |
| <u>RT &amp; MJ HAYWARD CUP</u>                          | <u>Rearing &amp; Grooming - Intermediate Early Light</u> | <u>n/a</u>                                                  |
| <u>TE WAOTU SSG CUP</u>                                 | <u>Rearing &amp; Grooming - Intermediate Late Light</u>  | <u>n/a</u>                                                  |
| <u>HAWKINS FAMILY CUP</u>                               | <u>Rearing &amp; Grooming - Intermediate Early Heavy</u> | <u>Ava Whittaker</u>                                        |
| <u>F SILVESTER CHALLENGE CUP</u>                        | <u>Rearing &amp; Grooming - Intermediate Late Heavy</u>  | <u>Kathleen Miller</u>                                      |
| <u>CLINTON JONES CUP + 14CM CUP</u>                     | <u>Rearing &amp; Grooming - Champion</u>                 | <u>Lauren Sneddon</u>                                       |
| <u>FRANK MEREDITH MEMORIAL CUP</u>                      | <u>Beef Breed</u>                                        | <u>Willow Chitham</u>                                       |
| <u>BARBOUR FAMILY CUP</u>                               | <u>Dairy Type - Light</u>                                | <u>Lauren Sneddon</u>                                       |
| <u>A RICHARDSON CHALLENGE CUP</u>                       | <u>Dairy Type - Heavy</u>                                | <u>Bree Johnson</u>                                         |
| <u>MASON FAMILY CUP</u>                                 | <u>Dairy Type - Crossbreed</u>                           | <u>George Langford</u>                                      |
| <u>JONES SHIELD + 14CM CUP</u>                          | <u>Dairy Type - Champion</u>                             | <u>Lauren Sneddon</u>                                       |
| <u>INGLEWELL CUP + TRIPLE ROSETTE (Green/Silver)</u>    | <u>Intermediate Calf Points</u>                          | <u>Josh Barbour &amp; Kathleen Miller</u>                   |
| <u>SIMPSON FAMILY CUP - SUPREME CHAMPION + 14CM CUP</u> | <u>Overall Points - Supreme Calf</u>                     | <u>George Langford &amp; Angus Pelham &amp; Tim deZeeuw</u> |
|                                                         | <u>best dressed calf</u>                                 | <u>Tim deZeeuw</u>                                          |

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|-------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------|
| LAMBS                                           |                                    |                 |
| THOMASSEN CUP                                   | Pre - School Lamb                  | James Edward    |
| SANSON CUP                                      | Leading - Junior                   | Luke Barbour    |
| BAYES CUP                                       | Leading - Senior                   | Grace Waine     |
| SCHERER-LITTIN CUP                              | Leading - Intermediate             | n/a             |
| EDWARD CUP                                      | Leading - Champion                 | Luke Barbour    |
| DAVIES FAMILY CUP                               | Most Obvious Pet - Junior          | Luke Barbour    |
| SARJENT SHIELD                                  | Most Obvious Per - Senior          | Jack Mardell    |
| HAMILTON FAMILY CUP                             | Most Obvious Pet - Intermediate    | n/a             |
| STRANG FAMILY CUP                               | Most Obvious Pet - Champion        | Luke Barbour    |
| GRAY FAMILY CUP                                 | Rearing - Junior                   | Tommie Barbour  |
| RICHARDS CUP                                    | Rearing - Senior                   | Phoebie Forlong |
| GRACE BAYES CUP                                 | Rearing - Intermediate             | n/a             |
| BOWERS FAMILY CUP                               | Rearing - Champion                 | Luke Barbour    |
| RANGER FAMILY CUP - SUPREME CHAMPION + 14CM CUP | Overall Points - Supreme Champion  | Luke Barbour    |
| DE ZEEUW FAMILY CUP                             | Best Dressed Lamb                  | Sophie Beaven   |
|                                                 |                                    |                 |
| GOATS                                           |                                    |                 |
| ROSE FAMILY CUP                                 | Most Obvious Pet - Champion        | Mick deZeeuw    |
| TE WAOTU B&G AG CLUB CUP                        | Obstacle Course - Senior           | Mick deZeeuw    |
| HUNT FAMILY CUP                                 | Leading/Obstacle Course - Champion | Liam Canada     |
| TE WAOTU AGRICULTURE CLUB CUP                   | Rearing & Grooming - Champion      | Mick deZeeuw    |
| ROACHE FAMILY CUP - SUPREME CHAMPION + 14CM CUP | Overall Points - Supreme Champion  | Mick deZeeuw    |
|                                                 | best dressed goat                  | Mick deZeeuw    |
| SPORTSPERSON CUP + TRIPLE ROSETTE (Blue/Silver) | Sportsperson                       | Talulla McBride |



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Music lessons use the following link 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.

### NOHO ORA MAI

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

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