



TE WAOTU SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

23 May 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

We are well and truly into term 2! I know the recent temperatures in the morning are dipping below zero although rewarding us with beautiful, crisp days.

Term two has been full on with lots of extracurricular activities, focused learning and most recently, mid year testing - which is elaborated on further into the newsletter. Winter sports are now in full swing and there is a wonderful buzz of activity inside and outside of the school grounds.

I wish to thank Laresia Heke and her team from the Wood is good programme, this was very well received by our children. This covers important topics such as truck safety, forestry and overall educational themes that fit our learning focus this term. One of the most thoughtful questions was - "What is the PSI of the tyres on the truck?"

Supporting attendance during winter

Regular school attendance is vital for learning, social development, and overall wellbeing. As we enter the winter, there will naturally be times when it is appropriate for tamariki to stay home and recover from illness.

However, minor symptoms do not always require time away from school. Below is a link to information that will help parents and caregivers decide when it is okay to send their child to school, when they should keep them at home, and when they should contact a health professional for advice.

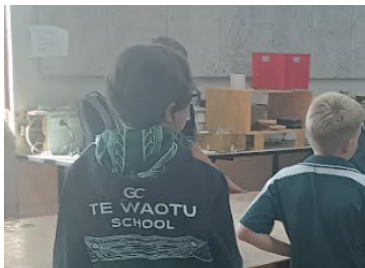
[Knowing if your child is well enough to go to school – Ministry of Education](#)

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

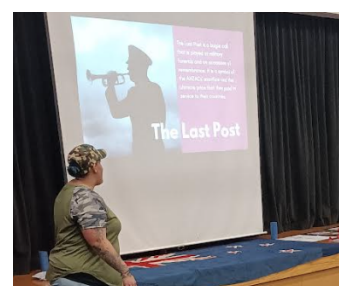
Technology - Room 6 - Forest View High School

Room 6 has begun their technology programme at Forest View High School this term. Currently the focus is on Woodwork with each student honing their skills in a controlled purpose built environment. I am really impressed by their self management skills and the way the students have carried themselves in a new school setting. I can't wait until I see the finished products!



ANZAC Day Memorial Evening

What a fun evening organised by Emma Clews! We had a realistic obstacle course. Moving presentation on the history of the ANZAC spirit and rations that soldiers consume daily. A Unimog, an off-road military vehicle, was available for us to ride in as well. Thanks to all students and families that attended this inspirational evening.



School Reporting

We will be sending out your child's mid year report shortly and end of year report in December, which meets the criteria for reporting following Ministry of Education regulatory requirements. In addition, we will be holding Student Led Conferences early in term 3, more to follow shortly. The written report component will change over time, once the refreshed curriculum has transitioned from draft to full implementation. Consultation at a later point will be sought from the school community regarding reporting and also to review our school/home communication procedures.

Reporting guidance

Quality assessment and reporting involves:

- combining information from observations, classroom tasks and data from assessment tools to give a well-rounded understanding of a student's abilities.
- continuously collecting and analysing data and information throughout the year to monitor and support a student's progress.
- providing timely and clear information to parents, whānau and caregivers.

The regulatory requirements to report to parents and whānau have not changed.

At least twice a year, schools and kura are required to report to students, their parents, and their whānau in plain language on the student's progress and achievement across the curriculum and in literacy and mathematics.

School Board elections

A reminder that our **School Board Elections will be held on 10 September**. The School board is one of many opportunities for parents and caregivers to contribute to our school's direction and help create the best possible environment for our Tamariki. Anyone can be a board member*. Key roles within the board include:

- Presiding member (Chair): Leads board meetings and works closely with the principal to ensure strong communication between governance & management.
- Finance rep: Oversees financial planning, budgeting and ensures School resources are used effectively.
- Staff rep: Elected by staff – this role is a full board member involved in all decision making (not a staff advocate)
- Property rep: Supports decision-making on school buildings and grounds
- Health & safety: Ensures our environment, policies and processes are safe and supportive for students and staff.
- Human resources: Helps guide staff-related matters and supports a positive working environment.

If you're curious about how the board works or what's involved, we warmly invite you to ask questions of existing board members and attend an upcoming board meeting to see the mahi in action. It's a great way to get a feel for the commitment and the nature of the role to gauge whether it is the right fit for you.

Your existing board members are Michael Thompson, Sandra Hamilton, Courtney Graham, James Pelham & Jess Mardell. More information on what a School Board does can be found below:

What is a school board - Ministry of Education

<https://www.education.govt.nz/education-professionals/schools-year-0-13/administration-and-management/what-school-board>

Community-member-guide-to-the-role-of-the-board-of-trustees Sept-2020-v2-1.pdf

https://nzsb elections.prod.cloud.somar.co.nz/assets/Community-member-guide-to-the-role-of-the-board-of-trustees_Sept-2020-v2-1.pdf

* See the Education and Training Act 2020 for information on what makes someone ineligible to be a board member (certain convictions, undischarged bankrupt)

Warm regards,
Jess Mardell – Te Wautu School Presiding Member

Property Projects

Your board have been working on some exciting property projects over the past few months to improve our school assets. We look forward to sharing details & timing with you all once we have received Ministry approval. Watch this space.

New! SchoolDocs Platform for School Policies

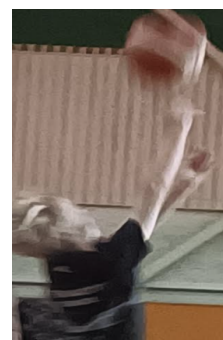
We're excited to announce that our school is now using **SchoolDocs** to manage and share our school policies. This platform will help ensure more transparent and accessible sharing of policy information. To view our school's policies, simply go to www.schooldocs.co.nz and follow these steps:

1. Click '**Search for your school**' and enter 'Te Wautu School'.
2. Use the following details to log in:
 - **Username:** *tewaotu*
 - **Password:** *standtall*

This is a new process for us all, so there will be some tweaks as we imbed this system, but we believe it will greatly improve how we share policy information. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to make contact.

Winter Sports

Winter sports is well and truly underway! Thank you to all our parents and community members that give their time and expertise to coach, manage and transport your children to and from their winter sports events. I always take immense pride in seeing our students thrive in extracurricular activities. I have seen Netball and basketball to date, next will be soccer and Rugby! Also Hockey - Keep sporting -



Community Notices

This year the Waotu Community Hall Committee is inviting you all along to a catch up before everyone is too busy with calving.

- ***The Theme this year is Dress Up as anything or Anyone starting with the LETTER A***

So book your babysitter and grab a ticket. \$25 for a single ticket or \$40 for a couple. Doors open at 7:30 and band 88MPH will be playing from 8pm on the 5th July.

BYO drinks and nibbles.



COMING UP EVENTS!

Term 2

- King's Birthday - Monday 2 June - Public Holiday
- Teacher Only Day - Tuesday 3 June - School closed for Instruction
- Technology - every Tuesday at Forest View High School, Tokoroa
- Monday 9 June - School Cross Country, volunteers welcome
- Wednesday 11 June - School Cross Country PPD
- Wednesday 18 June - Interschool Cross Country
- Friday 20 June - Matariki - Public Holiday
- Monday 23 June - Interschool Cross Country PPD
- Friday 27 June - last day of term 2

Term 3

- Monday 14 July first day of term 3
- ASB Financial Getwise programme Y3-Y8
- Student Led conferences - 7 and 12 August



kindo.

School payments simplified.

It's quick and easy to make payments, purchase stationery and uniform items, fundraise and more.

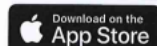
Our school is using Kindo to make life easier by letting you pay for everything your children need online in one place, at a time that suits you

We're open 24/7 at **mykindo.co.nz**



Create an account

1. Visit mykindo.co.nz or scan the QR code below.
2. Create an account
3. Get it all done online!



Please note - If your existing myKindo account has been idle it may have gone into hibernation! Any difficulty logging in please contact our helpdesk who can easily reactivate your account for you.



Have questions?

Visit support.mykindo.co.nz

Our helpdesk is open 8am - 4pm weekdays
hello@mykindo.co.nz or 0508 454 636

Music lessons are well underway 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.

NOHO ORA MAI

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

Please
Support
Our
Sponsors

THANK YOU!



Nutrient Application Specialists

WEALLEANS
Groundspread

Ph 07 883 1556
www.wealleans.co.nz

SANSON
AGRICULTURE LTD

For all your Agricultural Contracting needs



www.sansonagriculture.co.nz 027 277 7993

Join
6,800+
HAPPY CUSTOMERS
with
**FAST, RELIABLE
RURAL BROADBAND**



Lightwire
lightwire.co.nz | 0800 12 13 14

MORGAN
SPREADING LTD

FERTILISER SPREADERS OPERATING IN THE
SOUTH WAIKATO AND SURROUNDING AREAS.

WE HAVE TRACMAP ONLINE, GPS TRACKING,
BAG CARTAGE, BLOWERS, FREE LOADER
WITH DUMP JOBS.

Phone: 0800 933 378 or 027 392 4628
Email: morganspreading@outlook.com

SOUTH WAIKATO
REFRIGERATION AND AIR CONDITIONING

CALL SAM YOUR LOCAL REFRIGERATION ENGINEER
Heatpumps / Air Conditioning
Commercial, Domestic And Farm Refrigeration

07 280 8861 / 027 446 7553
Lake Arapuni Road, Putaruru

PUTARURU HOMEKILLS
For ALL your homekill needs!

Servicing the wider South Waikato
Wild game specialists
Quality service at competitive prices
Offal removal available
Vacuum packing now available

**Electrical
Laser**

"Totally Dependable"

Laser Electrical Putaruru/Taupo
Putaruru: 07 883 7677
Taupo: 07 376 7595

- Domestic
- Commercial
- Rural
- Servicing and Maintenance
- Air Conditioning

PROUD TO SUPPORT
TE WAOTU SCHOOL

Toby Power
M: 021 803 992
E: toby.power@aaffco.co.nz



Waotu Service Station 1976 Ltd

1275 Waotu Road
RD 1
Putaruru

Phone / Fax 07 883 2813
After Hours 07 883 2814
E mail waotuservice@gmail.com

For Warrant of Fitness,
Car, Tractor Mechanical Repairs,
General Engineering Work.

Ann & Chris Gilbert
Here to help since 1976

Kay Humphries Travel
Where Passion And Expertise Combine

Your locally owned and operated
travel specialist

Kay Humphries
Travel Manager & Cruise Specialist

Phone: +64 7 883 7368 | Email: kay@khtravel.co.nz

The poster has a dark blue background. At the top, there are two stylized yellow figures holding up a string of white lights. The text 'Te Waotu School SSG' is in a yellow sans-serif font. Below it, 'QUIZ NIGHT' is written in large, glowing yellow-outlined letters. A horizontal line separates this from 'SAT 28TH JUNE', which is in a bold yellow sans-serif font. Another horizontal line follows. In the center, the event details are listed: 'Te Waotu School Hall', 'Doors open @ 6.30pm', and '\$15pp. Teams of 4'. To the left of this central text is a yellow diamond containing the text 'Prizes for best dressed team'. To the right is another yellow diamond with 'Get in quick! Limited spaces'. Below the central text, 'BYO drinks & nibbles' and 'R18' are listed. A final horizontal line is above the RSVP information: 'RSVP: gravandairies@gmail.com'. Below that is 'Payment: Te Waotu School Support Group' and the phone number '03-0418-0131403-000' at the bottom.

Te Waotu School SSG

QUIZ NIGHT

SAT 28TH JUNE

Prizes for best
dressed team

Te Waotu School Hall
Doors open @ 6.30pm
\$15pp. Teams of 4

Get in quick!
Limited
spaces

BYO drinks & nibbles
R18

RSVP: gravandairies@gmail.com

Payment: Te Waotu School Support Group

03-0418-0131403-000