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

Now that Term two has drawn to a close, I have completed my first year of principalship. I still feel incredibly humbled and privileged to serve such a close-knit community that is deeply connected.

Term two has been full on with lots of extracurricular activities with a recent focus on Matariki. Matariki is a time to reflect, pause and reconnect with friends and family. It also signifies the Māori New Year and is a time to celebrate the past and plan for the future!

Mānawatia a Matariki

Supporting attendance during winter
Regular school attendance is vital for learning, social development, and overall wellbeing. As we move deeper into 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

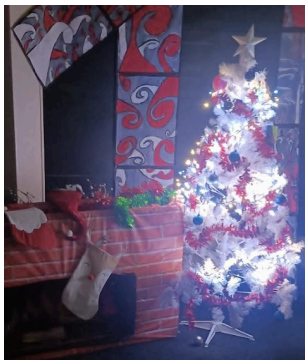
If you see me at the gate or around the school please stop in for a chat, my door is always open to discuss any thoughts you may have regarding your child.

Whakatauki - *Mauri tū mauri ora*
An active soul is a healthy soul

Ngā manaakitanga | Take care - Michael Thompson (Principal)

Mid-Winter Christmas Event - 24&25 June

What a great way to have warmed up the spirits of all in the last week of term. The SSG team produced another stunning event for our tamariki to enjoy. Thanks to all families that donated food and time to help make this a huge success.



School & Interschool Cross Country - 9 & 18 June

Both these events took place on a typical crisp winter's morning showcasing our beautiful countryside, while demanding respect within a challenging course. The community support was clear to see and rewarded our students with cheers and appreciation, ensuring our proud students made it to the finish line. You are all legends in my eyes! Thanks to all our parent marshals, volunteers that set up the course and staff that ensured the event ran smoothly.

School Reporting | Student-Led Conferences

We have sent out your child's mid year report and have also sent out details regarding the Student Led Conferences early in term 3 on the school app. 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 seeked from the school community regarding reporting.

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.

Te Waotu School - Mid Year Achievement Data

Maths - Whole School

All students Years 1 - 8		Well Below		Below		At		Above		Total
		No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No
All	Male	0	0%	21	32.8%	37	57.8%	6	9.4%	64
	Female	0	0%	5	8.8%	47	82.5%	5	8.8%	57
	Total	0	0%	26	21.5%	84	69.4%	11	9.1%	121

Writing - Whole School

All students Years 1 - 8		Well Below		Below		At		Above		Total
		No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No
All	Male	0	0%	21	32.8%	37	57.8%	6	9.4%	64
	Female	0	0%	6	10.5%	46	80.7%	5	8.8%	57
	Total	0	0%	27	22.3%	83	68.6%	11	9.1%	121

Reading - Whole School

All students Years 1 - 8		Well Below		Below		At		Above		Total
		No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No
All	Male	0	0%	8	12.5%	46	71.9%	6	9.4%	64
	Female	0	0%	9	15.8%	32	56.1%	13	22.8%	57
	Total	0	0%	17	14.0%	78	64.5%	19	15.7%	121

Board of Trustees Pānui

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://nzsbaelections.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 Waotu 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:

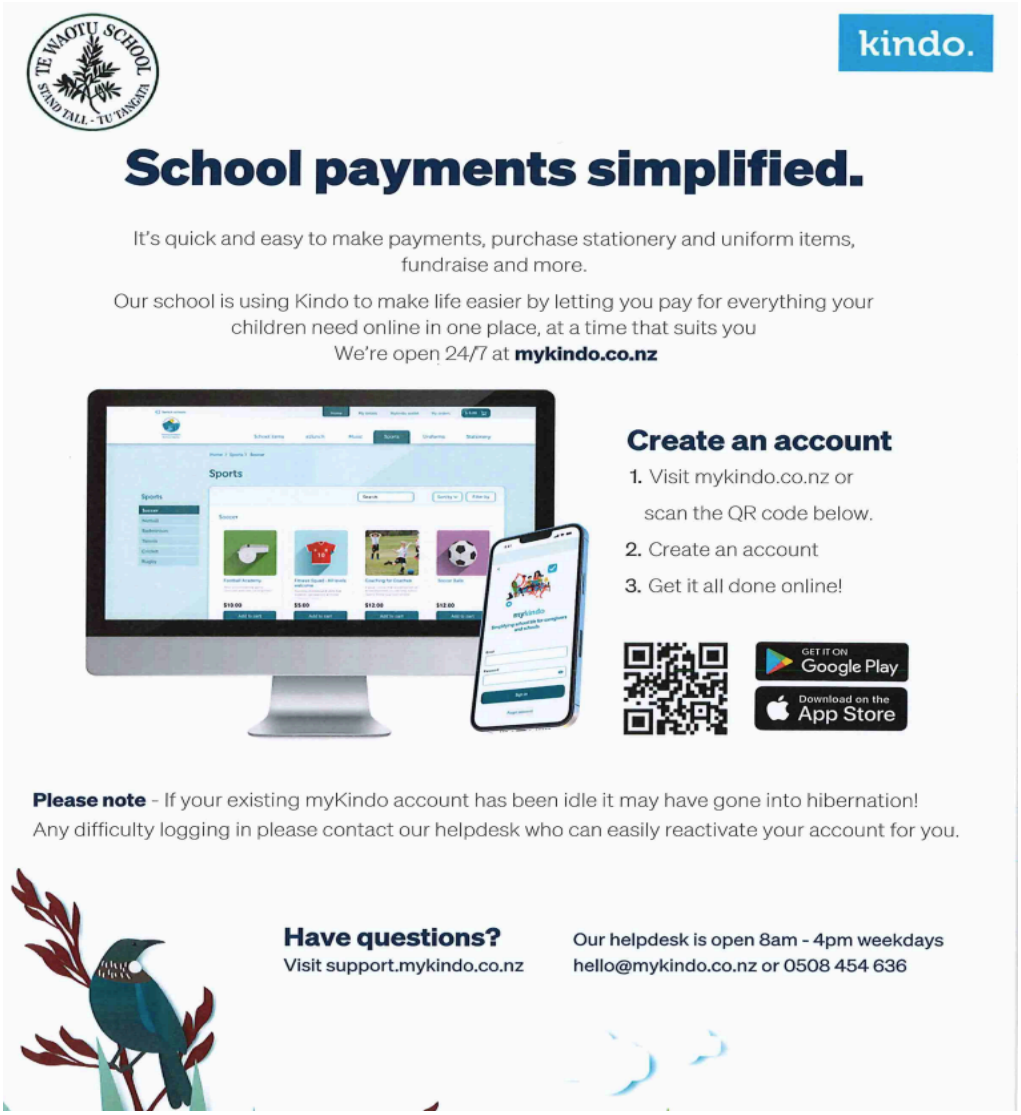
1. Click **'Search for your school'** and enter 'Te Waotu School'.
2. Use the following details to log in:
    - **Username:** *tewaotu*
    - **Password:** *standtall*

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.

COMING UP EVENTS!

Term 3

- Monday 14 July first day of term 3
- ASB Financial Getwise programme Y3 - Y8
- Friday 25 July MoE sanctioned Teacher Only Day
- Student Led conferences - 5 and 7 August
- Board of Trustees meeting Monday 18 August



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.

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

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