Waituna West School

"NOT FOR SCHOOL BUT FOR LIFE WE ARE LEARNING"

WEEKLY NEWS NOTE – Term 4 Week 3 Wednesday 28th October 2026

Upcoming Events:

Friday 30th October - Assembly Room 1

3rd to 6th November Vertical Horizons Camp

Wednesday 18th November - Year 7 & 8 Off The Loop

Tuesday 24th November - BOT Meeting 6pm

Wednesday 25th November - Off The Loop postponement

Friday 27th November - Oroua Cluster Athletics

Wednesday 2nd December - Year 8 Leavers Dinner

Wednesday 9th December - School End Of Year Prizegiving

Friday 11th December - End of Term 4

From the Acting Principal's Desk

Kia ora e te hapori kura / Hello School Community

What a fabulous day we had last Friday for our annual Pet Day! The sun was shining as our students proudly presented their animals to the judges, surrounded by a wonderful crowd of family and friends. A big thank you to everyone who came along to support our students.

We would also like to extend our thanks to everyone who took the time to complete the Board of Trustees Community Consultation. The valuable feedback you provided will help guide our school's direction and shape our strategic plan over the next few years.

Looking ahead, excitement is building as we prepare for our whole-school camp in Taranaki next week! Please take a moment to read through the camp details in this newsletter, and keep an eye on Skool Loop for any final updates or reminders before we head off.

Kia pai tō wiki / Have a great week,

Ali

THANK YOU

We extend a big "THANK YOU" to Emily Boyle for the generous donation she made to the school for the 'Blue Pacific Minerals' calf products that were available at our Pet Day.

SCHOOL ADULT CAMP T-SHIRTS

If you have a school adult camp T-Shirt (even if it is a named Aussie Trip one) could we please borrow it for our Taranaki camp. Thanks.

Term 4 Whakatauki-



Mā te mahi tahi ka ea ngā mahi - Through working together, the tasks are accomplished.

This whakatauki reminds us that collaboration is the definitive vehicle for completion. It reminds us that working in unity as a team is the most direct path to crossing the finish line.

There will be no Sausage Sizzles in Term 4 so please send in the students lunch as normal on Fridays this term

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DAGGY WOOL

Does anyone have any daggy wool (that you could drop off) that we could use as mulch in our veggie garden? We just have a few small areas to cover.

SCHOOL CHRISTMAS CHOIR

If your child would like to join the school Christmas Choir this year, please inform Mrs Symonds by Monday 2 November. Practices will be held during school lunchtimes, and the choir will perform at the Waituna West Church Christmas service on Sunday 6 December at 10:00 am.

CAMP NOTES

-Tuesday morning

- Students to wear clean, tidy school uniform and sneakers.
- Meet in hall by 7:30 am **(NO BUSES)**
- Baking/fruit to Rebekah O'Brien
- Any medication to Rose Hare
- Students to line up in the hall in car groups with all of their gear. Gear will be packed by the driver. Any gear that does not fit to go to the packing team/trailer. All day bags must be in the car with the students. Parents who have a child with a car seat, please assist the driver to put the car seat in the car.
- Students need to have the following in their day bag (all clearly named) -

a large packed lunch (including morning and afternoon tea), large drink bottle (water), woolly hat, waterproof jacket, warm trousers, appropriate footwear for the mountain visit.

- Please apply suncream before coming to school.

- **Friday afternoon**

-We aim to return to school by 3:30 pm **(NO BUSES)**. We will post a message on Facebook when we leave our last activity for the day with an E.T.A. Please ensure you have someone available to pick your child/children up from school.

- Could all students/adults please bring a lunchbox/container (like a sistema container) for their daily lunchbox. Lunchboxes with compartments are difficult to pack with camp lunches.

-Room 1 & 4 students bring a single bed sheet to put over the mattress. Room 2 students bring a single bed mattress protector.

-Year 1 & 2 students do not need a wetsuit, only togs.

CAMP CONTACT DETAILS

-All staff will have their phones on them at all times, but please note that cellphone coverage is low at the camp base -

-Ali - 021 239 4333
-Kim - 027 815 9048
-Heidi - 0272764764
-Lynne - 022 691 0660

PLEASE NOTE - All staff and adults will be connected through a camp messenger group so we can contact each other quickly.

-Vertical Horizons Camp - 06 756 8770, 572 Everett Road, Inglewood

-CAMP ADULTS

-Please remember to check your W.O.F. & rego.

-Please have a bucket/vomit container, towel, water, damp cloth, toilet paper, first aid kit in your car.

-Remember your wallet (drivers licence) and phone chargers.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO CLEARLY NAME EVERY ITEM YOUR CHILD BRINGS TO CAMP.

ATHLETICS PRACTICE

With the Oroua Cluster Schools Athletics Day coming up in Week 7, all classes will be out practicing as often as possible. Please ensure all students bring a change of clothes (sports gear) and a large water bottle every day.

HARRISON'S GARDEN COMPETITION

Each year, our students are offered the opportunity to enter the Harrison's Garden competition and grow a vegetable garden over the summer holidays. Participating in this competition is part of the criteria to be eligible for the Rowe McKinnon Cup, which is awarded to the student who earns the most points in the Agricultural Competition (this includes entering a lamb or calf at Pet Day and submitting a Pet Day diary). If your child would like to enter, please email Mrs. Symonds - symondsa@waitunawest.school.nz by **Monday, November 16.**

Thank you to everyone who attended our Pet Day last week and a special thank you to everyone who brought a pet - it is a lot of hard work but we hope that it was worthwhile and that you all enjoyed the experience and learned a lot from caring for your own pet. Here are some photos of the day:-










