



# Waituna West School

"NOT FOR SCHOOL BUT FOR LIFE WE ARE LEARNING"

## WEEKLY NEWS NOTE – Term 3 Week 7 Wednesday 27th August 2025

### Upcoming Events:

Thursday 28th August - Oroua Cluster Speech Competition

Friday 29th August - Rugby Coaching Day

**Friday 29th August - School Council Mufti Day**

Sunday 31st August - Fat Lamb Collection

Wednesday 3rd September - Second Year 7 Immunisations

Friday 5th September - Oroua Cross Country

Tuesday 9th September - Board Of Trustees Meeting 6pm

Wednesday 10th September - BOT Election

Thursday 11th September - Ski Trip (weather permitting)

Wednesday 17th September - Talent Quest

Friday 19th September - Last day of Term 3

Monday 6th October - First day of Term 4

Friday 17th October - School Pet Day

### Assemblies for Term 3

19th September ~ Room 1

Please can everyone be seated by 2.15pm

What a beautiful warm week we have had here to dry everything out before the cross country and the impending rain next week. Thanks to Sam Welch for sorting the hay bales ready for cross country, and to those you have offered help for the day. I require 2-3 more marshalls for the day and they can be interchangeable as they are close to the school field and finish line. If you can help contact the office or say yes on the facebook post.

Only 2 weeks to go until the 4-8's go on their Ski Trip. Those attending the ski trip, could you please get last week's permission slip in as soon as possible so I can update any changes and confirm details with Whakapapa.

Fat Lamb pick up is happening this Sunday 31st August. Thank you Richard, Tim and Tony for sorting the collection plan and to the Fat Lamb team behind the scenes organising this event that supports our school tremendously. Remember lambs are due at Will's between 12pm and 1:30pm, weighing of lambs will start at 1pm.

Have a great week ahead

Ngā mihi,  
Anna Hagan, Acting Principal, Waituna West School

### Term 3 Whakatauki

**Hurihia tō aroaro ki te rā tukuna tō  
ātārangi kia taka ki muri i a koe.  
Turn your face to the sun and let  
shadows fall behind you.**

### ASSEMBLY CERTIFICATES

#### Room 1:

**Nora Hare - Self of Self** - Consistently showing maturity beyond her years. You know how to monitor your work output ensuring your work is to a high standard and completed in the time frame provided. You are an absolute pleasure to teach.

**Harry England - Engaged** - Congratulations on writing a detailed piece of writing explaining how to make a Camembert Cut. Your introduction was very interesting and you clearly wrote the instructions that needed to be followed. Keep up the good work!

**Sebastian Larsen - Engaged** - The speech you wrote was excellent. You researched the topic thoroughly and wrote three very clear paragraphs about Tornadoes. The scientific information in your speech reflected your scientific thinking and interest in the scientific world. All the best for the Oroua Competition.

#### Room 2

**Levi Bayliss-Handricks - Engaged** - Levi, you are spending more & more time in the classroom. You have done some great reading and writing work. You are keen to share your interests with us.

**Della Hare - Sense Of Self** - Della, the care and support you are showing towards another student in our class is so precious. You are building such a special friendship.

**Jack Hare - Engaged** - Jack, you are responding so well to the writing goals that are being set for the Year 2's. Your use of 'brave' words makes your writing interesting to read. You are also working hard to apply explicit sound patterns to your spelling.

#### Room 4

**Sam Richardson - Engaged** - You are making good progress in reading, you know how to work out big words and are starting to really challenge yourself in writing.

**Murdoch Newcombe - Engaged** - You are a brilliant critical thinker with so much knowledge, you constantly surprise us with impressive facts and information.

**Audrey Hare - Engaged** - You have the most amazing writing skills, your understanding of how to put an essay together is growing and your stories are extravagant and outlandish, I love reading them!

#### PRINCIPAL'S AWARD

Room 1 - Hazel Sinclair - Your progress in learning across all areas of the classroom, especially your focussed learning in structured literacy lessons. We love seeing you begin to take on challenges inside and outside the classroom. It is so great to see the smile on your face as you run the gorge for cross country. Keep being fantastic!



**NO SAUSAGE SIZZLE THIS WEEK AS WE ARE SAVING  
UP THE SAUSAGES FOR THE CROSS-COUNTRY!  
PLEASE SEND STUDENTS USUAL LUNCHES ON  
FRIDAY**

### **FAT LAMB SCRATCHIE RAFFLE**

Thank you to everyone who has sent in Scratchie tickets so far, may we please remind parents and caregivers that the Community and School Committee would like each family to provide \$10 worth of Lotto Scratchie tickets to go in the Scratchie Raffle, these are to be sent in to the school office. If extended community members also wish to contribute we would be very grateful. Thank you!

### **Passionate and Inspiring Teachers**

Last week our outstanding team of teachers sought out training focused on maximising school culture. Supporting students to become great citizens and reach their potential is our highest priority. Our teachers independently paid for training by Adam Voigt because that is how important we think positive school culture is. Waituna West teachers will continue to seek out the most up to date research on positive school culture. We will build on our already incredible community focused values. Waituna West students are encouraged to embrace what they do not know, make mistakes, learn from peers, and enjoy the process of learning.

**★HAPPY★  
BIRTHDAY!**

Birthday greetings this week go to Tyson Quinn who is turning eight on 31st August, we wish Tyson a very Happy Birthday and a very successful year ahead. We also wish Room 1 teacher Kim Robertson a very happy birthday as she celebrated her special day on 25th August - have a great year ahead Kim!

## **STANWAY PONY CLUB**

Where it begins!

'Have a go  
day'  
Sat 14 Sept



All welcome  
to our  
'Have a go  
day'  
Sat 14 Sept

Make new Friends

Learn about Horse  
Management

All ages  
and levels  
welcome

Chance to have a go at  
different disciplines

Don't need to have a Pony to join.

**Makino Road, just 15 min from Feilding**

Contact info: stanwaypc1880@gmail.com

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Stanwayponyclubeventspage



Congratulations to Tara Moar, she was awarded the Most Valuable Player for the Oroua All Stars last weekend. Well done Tara, and keep up the great mahi!

### **OROUA SPORTS CLUB**

#### **OROUA SPORTS CLUB WINTER SPORT PRIZE GIVING**

**Sunday 14th September at 12pm - Oroua Rugby  
Clubrooms, Kimbolton**

Please read all the information below!

For all children who have played winter sport for the Oroua Sports Club during 2025 including those children who have played in a Monday night hockey team for Oroua in Term 3.

Sunday 14th September

At the Oroua Rugby Clubrooms, Kimbolton Domain

Starts at 12pm - Some fun games on the field run by a couple of cool Dad's (and any other super cool parents who want to join in!)

12:25pm - Photo - to update the current Oroua Facebook page cover photo - Could as many children as possible please wear their Oroua hoodies - Thank you

Prize giving at 12.30pm

Pizza & hot chips at 1pm

Please also return uniforms to coaches and can all gear bags please also be returned as well.

Also - as we did last year, as a BIG thank you we are going to put together a gift basket for the Hunterville Vet Club as they very kindly sponsor us each year by way of a huge donation. This means that we are able to offer sports fees at low cost. Could each FAMILY please donate ONE item for the basket. The intention is for the basket to be in the staff room with items to be enjoyed at morning or afternoon tea, lunch or at after work drinks.

See you all there!



## OUR EXPECTATIONS FOR STUDENT ATTENDANCE

Regular attendance at school is important to your child's success and there is a clear connection between going to school regularly and doing well in the classroom. Making sure students attend and engage in learning is a shared responsibility. As a parent, you are responsible for making sure your child attends school regularly.

|  | Student Categories | Student with                           | Equivalent to                                     |
|--|--------------------|--|---|
|  | Regular attendance | over 90% attendance                    | missing fewer than 5 days across a term           |
|  | Irregular absence  | more than 80% and up to 90% attendance | absent for between 5 and 9 days across a term     |
|  | Moderate absence   | more than 70% and up to 80% attendance | absent for between 10 and 14.5 days across a term |
|  | Chronic absence    | 70% attendance or less                 | absent for 15 days or more across a school term   |

If your child is going to be absent for any reason it is essential that you let us know as soon as possible. It is important that you phone us/send us an email/message us on Skool Loop to confirm your child's absence and provide us with the reason.

We acknowledge that there are genuine reasons students may occasionally be absent. However, without regular attendance your child will struggle to make progress. If your child is absent regularly, or for extended periods, we will reach out to you to discuss the situation.

We are committed to supporting your child to attend school. If you're having difficulty getting your child to school, you can ask for support by:

- speaking with your child's teacher,
- calling us on (06) 3286805 and ask to speak to the principal

We can work with you to develop a support plan that addresses any barriers to regular attendance. More information on attendance, including your rights and responsibilities as parents or caregivers, is available on the Ministry of Education's webpage:

<https://www.education.govt.nz/parents-and-caregivers/schools-year-0-13/attendance>

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Assembly Certificate winners



Mathex Entrants



Speech Competition Winners

Well done to everyone - we are very proud of you all!