



Waituna West School

"NOT FOR SCHOOL BUT FOR LIFE WE ARE LEARNING"

WEEKLY NEWS NOTE – Term 4 Week 6 Wednesday 12th November 2025

Upcoming Events:

Wednesday 12th November - Community & School Meeting

Friday 21st November - Oroua Cluster Athletics

Tuesday 25th November - BOT Meeting 6pm

Friday 28th November - Room 4 Assembly

Wednesday 3rd December - Year 8 Leavers Dinner

Wednesday 10th December - End Of Year Prizegiving

Friday 12th December - Term 4 Ends - School Closes 12.30

From The Principal's Desk

It was great to see Waituna West Students out and about in our local community this week - we had students at the Oroua Lamb & Calf Day and at the local Art Exhibition in Feilding on Friday.

A big thank you to Tammie for teaching our artists and supporting this project. The art looked amazing.

The Year 7 & 8s visited 'Off the Loop' today with the other Oroua Cluster schools. A great day out and opportunity to connect with other local schools.

A reminder that next Friday (21 Nov) is our Cluster Athletics - please make your own way to Timona Park and meet us at 9.45am. Buses will not be operating on the day.

Have a great rest of your week.
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Staffing Update

We have been extremely lucky to have had Lindsay Will supporting our students and teachers this year. She has done an incredible job and has been a valued member of our staff. Unfortunately Lindsay's fixed term position will finish at the end of Term 4 - we extend a huge thanks to Lindsay for everything she has done (and hope to see her back at some stage in the future)!

2026 Term Dates

- Term 1: Tuesday, February 3 - Thursday, April 2.
- Term 2: Monday, April 20 - Friday, July 3
- Term 3: Monday, July 20 - Friday, September 25
- Term 4: Monday, October 12 - Friday, December 11

There is still space available if students wish to be in the school choir at the Waituna West Church Carol Service on Sunday 7th December at 10am.

Term 4 Whakatauki

Mā te kimi ka kite, Mā te kite ka mōhio, Mā te mōhio ka mārama.

Seek and you will discover, Discover and you will know, Know and you will become enlightened.

ASSEMBLY CERTIFICATES

Term 4 Week 5

Room 1:

Mack Dittmer - Engaged - I have been impressed with the way you have approached our writing this week. You have used the key words to produce well formed sentences and you have stayed focussed on the task at hand.

Toby England - Engaged - I am impressed with the way you approach your learning. You continue to remain focused and driven, pushing yourself and extending yourself. Keep it up!

Alfie Newcombe - Respectful - I am impressed with the way you interact with others including teachers. You are positive and polite and love having a good laugh with others. You know how to put a smile on the face of others with your wonderful jokes and ideas!

Room 2:

Ryan Carne - Engaged - Ryan, your confidence & knowledge in literacy has really grown during term 4. When you have mastered new explicit sounds, you are working well to apply them to text reading and independent writing.

Jai Tuoro - Engaged - Jai, what a fantastic job you did writing about your robot that can clean up your lego so you can relax! Your growing sound knowledge is helping you to progress your writing independence and fluency.

Toby Barendse-Owen - Engaged - Toby, your term 4 assessments are fantastic evidence of how much progress you have made this year. Your smile and joy when you realise your success is so rewarding.

Room 4

Cooper Greenfield - Engaged - You have made excellent progress in spelling this year, you have been determined, focused and hardworking. You have proven that when you put your mind to something you achieve your goals.

Sam Richardson - Respectful - You have grown up so much this term, you are so respectful. You have patiently waited when you needed to and show kindness to others. Keep up the great work!

Ethel-Rose O'Brien - Respectful - You are becoming such a wonderful leader, you are role modelling for our younger students how to show respect to teachers and peers. It is a joy to watch!

Principals Award

Toby Barendse-Owen - Toby, you are such a bubbly and happy student! We love having you at Waituna West School. I really like how you are always smiling and sharing stories with me in the morning.

BUS NOTICES

Can we please remind parents to notify the school if there are any changes to the bus list, we appreciate that there is a lot of sport taking place this term but please either e.mail or telephone the school if there are any alterations. We do not want any students to be left behind or catch the bus inadvertently and we do not want to put more pressure on our bus drivers. Thank you for helping us with this.

OROUA SPORTS CLUB BUSINESS MEETING

Oroua Sports Club business meeting on Tuesday 18th November at 7pm at the Cheltenham Tavern.
Everyone welcome

Hunterville Vet Club Donations

After the prize giving in September there were quite a few people who mentioned to committee members that they had forgotten their donation for the Hunterville Vet Club gift hamper.

If you would still like to donate please hand your item into your school office by this coming Friday 14th November.

The gift hamper will be delivered soon to be timely with the end of year and Christmas.

Many thanks

Library Grant

We have been very fortunate to receive a \$500 grant from the Thomas George Macarthy Trust to purchase books to be used in the school library. We are very grateful for this grant and will put it to very good use funding new books for our library which will benefit each one of our students.



Championship Day 2025 held on Saturday 8th November.
Congratulations to the following students from our school:

Lamb Leading

Year 7&8

2nd Fleur Hogan – Waituna West

Lamb Care and Attention

Year 7&8

1st Andrew Will – Waituna West

3rd Jed Clare – Waituna West

5th Fleur Hogan – Waituna West

Lamb Calling

Year 7&8

2nd Andrew Will – Waituna West

5th Jed Clare – Waituna West

Team of 3 Leading Lambs

5th Waituna West



Well done to all of our Pet Day Trophy winners!



Class Certificate and Principal Award recipients for Week 5 - well done to you all!



Birthday greetings this week to Ashton Retter who turns eight on 13th November, Happy Birthday Ashton!



The School Farm Group recently helped with the docking of the school sheep, many thanks to Chris Williamson for doing this for us and we hope the students learnt a lot from the experience! Grand Richardson has now kindly volunteered to take over the running of the school farm and any offers of help from other parents would be much appreciated.