



Waituna West School

"NOT FOR SCHOOL BUT FOR LIFE WE ARE LEARNING"

WEEKLY NEWS NOTE – Term 3 Week 10 Wednesday 17th September 2025

Upcoming Events:

Friday 19th September - Room 1 Assembly 2.15pm

Friday 19th September - Last day of Term 3

Monday 6th October - First day of Term 4

Friday 17th October - School Pet Day

What an amazing week of opportunities our students have had in the past week. The ski day was a great success and the day was timed perfectly around the weather storm prior to and after this event. I have heard some amazing stories about our Y4-8 students and parents on the slopes.

I had the privilege of attending the Year 7/8 Cluster Climbing day held at QEC and the High Ropes course in Palmerston North Centre. It was inspiring to watch them face their fears, scale great heights, and push their perseverance to the limit. Seeing their confidence grow and their leadership skills shine was a real highlight for me.

As my time as Acting Principal comes to a close, I wanted to take a moment to reflect and thank each of you. It has been an absolute privilege to lead this incredible school community for the past term.

We have covered a lot together in this short time. The collective hard work, dedication, and enthusiasm have been a pleasure to work alongside, and I am proud of what we have completed in 10 weeks. It shows the strong spirit of Waituna West.

I want to extend a special thank you to our amazing staff, whose unwavering commitment to our students is the heart of this school. Your passion and professionalism are second to none.

To our wonderful students, thank you for your energy, curiosity, and eagerness to learn. You are what makes Waituna West so special.

And to our parents and wider community, thank you for your trust, support, and partnership. Your involvement is essential to our success.

As I hand over the reins, I wish Finn Barnett all the very best as the new Principal from Term 4. I know that with your support, he will lead Waituna West to even greater heights.

Thank you once again for making it a successful experience. I am looking forward to my new role as the Principal of Hiwinui School from Term 4.

Ngā mihi nui

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.**

Manawatu Young Achievers Awards

Congratulations to Tenley Richardson for receiving our nomination for the award of 'Whakamana Tangata'. Tenley has an outstanding drive to serve others.



We would like to thank Anna Hagan very sincerely for all the work she has done over Term 3 and wish her every success with her new appointment, we have been very fortunate to have her with us for this term. We now look forward to welcoming our new Principal, Finn Barnett who will be joining us in Term 4.

Waituna West School Board Elections

Parent & Staff Representative Results Declaration

PARENT Representative Votes (Listed alphabetically)

NAME (VOTES)

Peter Fitz-Herbert (20)

Ralph Hodgetts (47)

Erin Moar (50)

Regan O'Brien (51)

Rory Pussell (43)

Scott Retter (43)

Invalid Votes (0)

I hereby declare the following PARENT Representatives duly elected:

Ralph Hodgetts ~ Erin Moar ~ Regan O'Brien ~ Rory Pussell ~ Scott

Retter STAFF Representative ~ Alison Symonds

Yvonne Cameron - Returning Officer



SHOP IN FRIENDLY FEILDING ON SATURDAYS TO GO IN THE DRAWS!!

Competition runs on Saturdays ONLY from 4 October to and including 6 December 2025.
1st Draw 20 Oct - 50 Second Grocery Grab
2nd Draw 25 Nov - 100 Second Grocery Grab
3rd Draw 6 Dec - 150 Second Grocery Grab
All three Grocery Grabs will take place at Feilding New World Saturday 13 December 2025.
Full Details > Terms & Conditions Visit
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FAST. FUN. FIERCE

SUMMER SLAM 3X3

Year 5-8 ballers, grab your mates and hit the court! 3x3 is quick, exciting, and all you need is 4 players.

WHEN Tuesdays, 14 October - 18 November

TIME 3.30 - 6.00pm

WHERE Feilding Civic Centre

Grades

- Year 5 & 6
- Year 7 & 8
- All-GIRLS Grade Year 7 & 8



Register here!

Who Can Join?

- School teams
- Groups of friends
- Boys, girls, or mixed teams
- Anyone keen to give 3x3 a go!

For more information, contact
Tania Hunter
Basketball Manawatu
027 293 7730

Find out more > SPORTMANAWATU.ORG.NZ



Feilding Tennis Club. Junior Coaching Programme. Term 4 2025.

Our Junior Coaching Programme is targeting kids aged 5-13 who are interested in learning how to play tennis. We will be teaching them the basic techniques, scoring systems and tactics. Most importantly lots of fun games for them to play.

The programme will run on Tuesday's and Friday's (8 weeks).
Start date: Tuesday 7th October and Friday 10th October.

Times for sessions:
Red Ball (approx yr 0-3): 3:30pm-4:15pm
Orange Ball (approx yr 3-4): 4:15pm-5:00pm
Green dot (approx yr 4-8): 5:00-5:45pm

To register email Jono Hurley: tigertennisnz@gmail.com
Info required: Childs name, DOB, School they go to, Year at school.
Which day and group you would like them to be in.

Price: 1 session per week \$95.00. 2 sessions per week \$170.00
Feilding Tennis Club Bank Account: 01-0625-0017582-00
Reference: Childs name.

Epro 8 2025!

Our Epro 8 representatives did very well last week showing their ACRES values, we always get comments about how respectful Waituna West kids are. Our Year 7-8 team was very competitive, well done Tenley, Fleur, Brax and Ben G.

Congratulations to Harry E, Margo, Eden and Sam who came third in their competition and will now go on to compete in the grand final on Thursday this week. We wish our little engineers luck as they compete against the best of the best in our region. We can't wait to hear how you get on.



FRIDAY 3 OCTOBER 2025 10AM - 3PM

FEILDING RURAL DAY

LOTS OF AWESOME ACTIVITIES TO GET INVOLVED WITH
SCAN THE QR CODE TO REGISTER NOW!!



FRIDAY 3 OCTOBER 2025
FEILDING
RURAL DAY
WHEN COUNTRY COMES TO TOWN!
MANCHESTER SQUARE, FEILDING
10AM - 3PM



ENTRY DEADLINE - SUNDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER

- Manawatu & TRC Toyota Primary and Intermediate School's - Gumboot Relay Race
- Next Level Athletes - Rangitahi Open / Family Category - Gumboot Relay
- Homely Property Management Lamb & Calf Parade
- PGG Wrightson Ltd Rural Best Dressed competition
- Bayleys Rural Art competition

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