



Waipipi School News

Monday 27th July 2026

Miss Grey's Message

Kia ora e te Whaanau,

Over the weekend, I had the absolute pleasure of getting out into Waiuku to support our students in their sports teams! On Friday night, I cheered on two of our football teams, and on Saturday afternoon, I watched two of our netball teams play. Despite the cold weather and rain, our tamariki played their hearts out and gave it their absolute best. Win or lose, it is wonderful to see our students developing strong friendships, sportsmanship, and resilience through sport. I look forward to getting out and watching more of our students in action throughout the season!



A huge thank you to our wonderful neighbours, Zac and Courtney Wilkinson, for letting us use their land! Running across working farm paddocks, rolling pastures, and natural contours will give our tamariki a true, authentic Kiwi cross-country experience.

Hopefully the weather allows us to hold our Cross Country competition on Friday - please ensure students wear running shoes and their house colours for the race.

Thanks as well to Jess Antonievic for coming to the rescue and fetching our Calf Club chicks from the Chicken farm. They arrived safely just in time for bedtime on Friday and are hopefully settling in well to their new and loving homes. More information about Calf Club is included later in this newsletter.

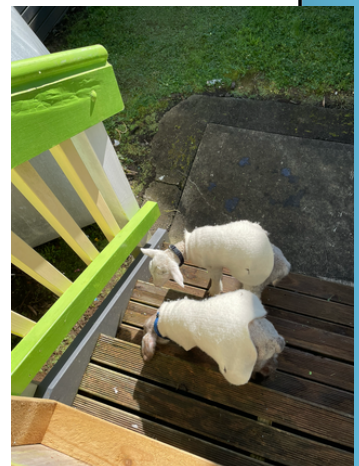


What I Love About Waipipi School

A huge, warm Waipipi welcome to Karen Stead, our new Office Administrator! It was wonderful to see so many of our school families pop into the office this week to introduce themselves and say hello. The friendly faces and warm greetings truly reflect what makes our school community so special. Thank you for making Karen feel so welcome during her first week!

Lamb Kindy is Open

Today we had our first enrolments at Lamb Kindy. As mentioned previously we are opening a lamb kindy at school for anyone considering a lamb or kid for Calf Club but is unsure about how to feed it during the first couple of weeks when it needs more than 3 feeds a day. Please contact the school office if you would like to learn more about this opportunity.





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Waipipi School Calf Club 2026

Coming
Up

Calf Club Day is an annual tradition for rural families and schools throughout New Zealand and it is an integral part of the Waipipi School annual calendar. Calf Club isn't just about showing an animal for a day—it's a high-impact character-building experience. It teaches children patience when training is tough, perseverance through early mornings, and true responsibility.

Best of all, through local farm partnerships, children can gain all of these incredible life skills for a season without families needing to keep the animal long-term. Please contact Jennie Macdonald on 021 022 50227 if you would like any further information about sourcing or rearing an animal for Calf Club.

This year our Calf Club Day is Friday the 25th of September running from 9am until approximately 1pm (buses run at normal times). This day is considered a school day so students are expected to attend.

At Waipipi School's Calf Club all children are required to complete a project **and/or** raise an animal (chicken, goat, calf, or lamb).

Projects: Growing Radishes



This year our Project will entail students growing radishes. In Week 4 we will provide the seeds for the radishes and at home students will be tasked with planting them in a pot / bucket of their choice and growing them. On **Wednesday 23rd September** students will bring their pot with radishes still planted to school. **Decorated pots** will be judged first, then, each student will empty out their pot of radishes and select for their judging -

Biggest radish

Most unusual shape

Finally students will select their **3 'best'** and most alike radishes, clean and present them for judging.

Classroom Exhibits

Throughout the year classes have been working on a variety of art creations for Calf Club. These will be judged in the week of calf club and will be on view on Calf Club Day.

This year, students will assemble all classroom 'natural exhibits' at school on **Thursday, 24th September**, with judging taking place that afternoon.

A notice will be sent home shortly with a checklist of items your child will need to bring to school for these exhibits on **Thursday 24th September**.

Keep an eye out for more Calf Club information and if this is all new to you don't hesitate to ask your classroom teacher or at the office.



Waipipi Learning

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Emergency Management Planning

Dear Parents

As part of keeping our school safe we need to be able to respond safely and quickly to a range of emergency situations.

We will be working alongside an independent company, **Harrison Tew® Ltd**, who specialises in emergency management planning for schools, whose procedures have been successfully implemented in hundreds of schools throughout New Zealand.

As part of maintaining our emergency procedures in our school, specialised training is being conducted with our senior leadership and staff by Harrison Tew® Ltd.

The students will also receive information on how to respond in an emergency directed at their respective age groups from either their teacher and Harrison Tew® Ltd.

Next week we will then be conducting a lockdown exercise under the guidance and support of Harrison Tew® Ltd.

During the exercise you will receive a notification from the school, so it is important that your emergency contact details are up to date and correct. The notification will emphasise that this is an exercise/practice and will explain that all updated information will then be posted on our school Hero platform and on our school website,

In a genuine incident, should you become aware of a lockdown or evacuation at the school, can I please ask that you do not attend the school or phone, as we will not be able to respond. Your presence or contact may make it more difficult for us or the emergency services to manage a situation.

We thank you for your support.

Kind regards
Robyn Grey



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**DOING UP THE
BOTTOM COURT**
AT WAIPIPI SCHOOL ♥



ALL ORDERS NEED TO BE IN BY
**9AM MONDAY
3RD AUGUST** ♥

**SUPPORT
OUR SCHOOL
— SUPPORT —
OUR FUTURE!** ♥



Annual Calf Club Info



Waipipi Calf Club is Friday 25th September 2026.

Family & Friends all welcome.

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Calf Club Day encourages our children to rear a farm animal and learn the basics of animal care.

As part of this day **all children are required to complete a project or raise an animal** (a chicken, a goat, a calf, or a lamb).

Children with animals will need to arrive by **8:30am**, ready to compete at 9am.

if your child is placed in any event we would love them to represent Waipipi School.

Are you thinking of having an animal for calf club?

(It is no longer possible to get a chicken but you can still have a calf, kid or lamb)

Registration forms for Calf Club will be sent out on **28th August** and required back by **4th September**

Pre-Schoolers are welcome to compete with a kid, chicken, lamb or calf, they will be welcomed into the competitor ring before the formal calf club starts.

Registration forms **are** required for pre-schoolers.

Lambs & Goats

- You will need to source your own lamb or goat.
- DOB for condition of entry - **Early raised Lamb or Goat born 1st July - 31st July 2026**
Late raised Lamb or Goat 1st August - 31st August 2026

To encourage families to experience an animal for calf club Waipipi School will be opening **a lamb/kid nursery at school**. This will allow students to bring their late born lambs / kids to school for the first two weeks of life in order to provide the necessary feeding from 3rd – 14th August. (Animals to go home in the weekends) Email Robyn Grey - principal@waipipi.school.nz if you would like to know more about this opportunity.

The Term 2 school holidays is also an excellent time to purchase an early born lamb or goat in order to fit in the more frequent feeds. (By their 2nd or 3rd week a lamb / kid can thrive on 3 feeds a day.)

Calves

- You will need to source your own calf. Selecting your calf within 14 days of birth is ideal.
- **It can be BEEF or DAIRY (Dairy breeds must be female)**
- All calves must be **NAIT registered** by law
- DOB for condition on entry - **Early Reared Calf born 1st June - 15th July 2026**
Late Reared Calf 16th July - 31st August 2026

If you would like further Information and care packs about your animal (including care, training guidelines and ring layouts etc) please ask at the school office.

Group Day will be held on Thursday 22nd October. if your child is placed 1st, 2nd or 3rd in any event with their calf, lamb or kid we would love them to represent Waipipi School at Group Day.

Any questions regarding calf club animal entries please contact Jennie Macdonald on 021 022 50227