# Waipipi School News

## Monday 12th October 2026

### Miss Grey's Message

Dear Parents and Whaanau,

It has been fantastic to see our students return to school with such enthusiasm after the break! Term 4 is always a busy and exciting time, and there is plenty to look forward to over the coming weeks.

We have received a few queries regarding the assessments taking place in Week 3. Ongoing assessment of student learning and progress happens naturally throughout the year in a variety of ways. However, a couple of times a year, our older students—now including our Year 3s - undertake standardised testing. This measures their progress against the curriculum and gauges their knowledge and understanding for their year level. This information will be shared with you in the end-of-year reports and helps support our overall decisions when determining each child's achievement level (Emerging, Developing, Consolidating, or Excelling).

Students will also begin preparing for our Whole School Athletics Day coming up in Week 4. A special thank you to Waiuku College for generously loaning us their high jump mats and equipment, allowing our students to participate in high jump this year.

Keep an eye out for our new school website, which is scheduled to go live very soon!

My apologies for a small error in last week's Whānau Calendar. On our final day of term, school will finish early at 12:00 PM. This is a longstanding tradition that gives our teaching staff the opportunity to share a final Christmas lunch together before heading into the holiday break. Please note that school buses will not run at 12:00 PM, so families will need to make alternative pickup arrangements for that day.

Lastly, we will be hosting reviewers from the Education Review Office (ERO) later this term. While visits like this can always bring a touch of nerves, we view it as a valuable opportunity to showcase our school's strengths and identify constructive next steps for our ongoing growth.

Thank you for your continued support as we kick off another great term together!

Warm regards,
Miss Grey

**Hats & Nits!**
*Please ensure your child has a hat for school. We have had some 'nit sightings' and we would prefer students don't share hats and increase the chance of spreading head lice*

$1 Juicies - for sale on hot days this term

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## Whaanau Calendar

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| 2 | 19 Oct | 20 Oct | 21 oct<br>7pm<br>Friends<br>of the School Meeting | 22 Oct<br>Group Day | 23<br>Oct<br>Tech |
| 3 | 26 Oct<br>Labour Day | 27 Oct<br>St Johns Lessons<br>FIRST AID | 28 Oct<br>Yr 7/8<br>Touch<br>Puberty Yr 5 & 6 Girls | 29 Oct<br>Yr 5/6<br>Touch<br>Puberty - Yr 7 & 8<br>BOT Meeting 7pm | 30 Oct<br>Yr 3/4<br>Touch |
| 4 | 2 Nov<br>Assessment Week | 3 Nov | 4 Nov | 5 Nov<br>School<br>Athletics | 6 Nov<br>Tech<br>DIWALI DRESS UP |

thank you

Thanks to Shoemark parents, Goldfinch parents and Jess Antonievic for managing our Touch Rugby teams for both the Wednesday night touch games and our upcoming interschool touch tournaments. And further thanks to the parents who will be helping us with transport, managing and supporting at the Week 3 Inter school Touch Rugby Tournaments - we could not provide this opportunity to our tamariki without your support!

Thanks again to Mike Goldfinch who has been helping us get our school. swimming pool ready for students (if the weather co-operates) to enjoy some Term 4 swimming before the end of the year. We will **not** be selling keys for the swimming pool over the holiday season however if you would like to go on the roster for assisting us in maintaining the pool over the break you will get free training and a key! We have had just had the vacuum hole replaced so that the challenge of plugging the vacuum in will no longer be so difficult. Please let the office know if you would like to assist us - many hands make light work.

## Upcoming Puberty Education Sessions with Nest Consulting

Year 7 & 8 and Year 5 & 6 Girls: If you did not see the community post on HERO last week and you do **NOT** want your child to participate please let your classroom teacher or the office know.

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## 2027 YEAR 9 OUT-OF-ZONE APPLICATIONS FOR WAIUKU COLLEGE

Waiuku College is currently accepting Year 9 out-of-zone applications for 2027.

The Waiuku College Board has approved the enrolment of up to 15 Year 9 out-of-zone students for the 2027 academic year.

Year 2027 out-of-zone applications must be completed online by 5.00pm Thursday 5th November 2026.

If the number of Year 9 out-of-zone applications for the 2027 academic year exceed the allocation, a ballot will be held on Friday November 2026.

Further information is available at https://waiuku-college.school.nz/enrolment/



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