



WAIHI EAST SCHOOL
TE KURA RAWHITI O WAIHI



Waihi East Primary School Newsletter
Term 4 Week 9
12 December 2024



Waihi East School Prizegiving

Friday 13th of December 2024, 9:30am

Part 1 (Whole school)

Kapahaka performance

Student Welcome, Oceana presentation, Message from the
Principal & Board of Trustees Chairperson|

Class Awards

Whole School Singing Performance

Morning Tea Break @ 10.30-ish

Junior students leave for a fun session at the pool, hall & playground.

Part 2 (Kotuku students) starts at 10:45

Year 6 Leaving Speeches & Year 6 Song

Special Prizes and Trophies

UPCOMING DATES

Dec 13	Prizegiving. 9.30am.
Dec 19	Last day Term 4. 12.30pm finish.
2025	
Jan 31	Office open for uniform sales and enrolments.
Feb 3	Office open for uniform sales and enrolments.
Feb 4	Goal setting discussion day.
Feb 5	Goal setting discussion day.
Feb 6	Waitangi Day. School closed.
Feb 7	First day back for all students.

Kia ora whānau,

Well whānau, the Xmas shopping is underway (for some) decorations are being made at a rate of knots and we are closing in on the end of another school year.

Since our last newsletter, we have been busy! I had an amazing time joining our year 6 students for their trip to Waimarino, so good to see the smiles on faces, manus, trampolines and fast slides. It was a great day out!

We held our Waihi East Triathlon, another event meticulously planned by Mrs. Matautia, with some huge efforts, especially by the individuals!

We had a huge turnout for Piwakawaka's picnic under the tree, amazing to see so many whānau join us, including some of our new recruits to start with us in 2025!

Our very own Tanya Giles became a fully registered teacher recently, a significant milestone. Tanya is such a wonderful person and teacher and we are very lucky to have her as part of our staff :-). Congratulations on this milestone, Tanya.

Last week Carter, Piri and Eden attended the Western Bay Of Plenty athletics championships and did us all very proud. It takes an enormous effort to simply qualify for this event so well done to these three.

Our Year 6 students had their leavers dinner last Wednesday and this was a truly beautiful occasion. To see our graduates with their whānau was special, we really will miss you guys but wish you well for the next step on your journey.

Hero- in 2025 we are introducing Hero, a new Student management system that will replace E-Tap. Hero is amazing and was designed by educators. It is capable of heaps! Hero is an app that goes on your phone. You can click a button to record if your child is absent, you can give permission for a trip, see your child's learning via samples of work, you can monitor their academic progress and see the goals they are currently working on. On Friday instructions will come home with how to sign up. You will see a limited amount initially but this will grow across 2025 as we introduce more and more.

2025 Classes- I am well aware that the placement of students and who their teacher will be is always a big moment for students and whānau. Staff put a lot of effort into the class lists and a lot of factors are considered, particularly relationships with teachers and students. There are usually only 2 options available given the year groups and structure. These will come home after prize giving along with a whole host of information. Please reach out if you have genuine concerns.

Important dates and info

Friday 13th December - Prize giving. 9.30am start, likely 11.30am finish. We will have a short break at 10.30 (approx) to allow our youngest students to leave. Senior trophies will all be given out in the second half of the prize giving.

Thursday 19th December - Last day for the year. School finishes at 12.30pm on this day.

Tuesday 4th February/Wednesday 5th February is the beginning of our school year. On these days we will host "Goal setting discussions". A chance for you to meet the class teacher, chat about goals for the year, share relevant information and come into the school before everyone arrives. Instructions for how to book a time via "School interviews" on these days will also be in the information pack coming home on Friday. One 20 minute slot per student. Please make the most of this valuable time.

Friday 7th February - School starts for all students as normal.

If I don't see you before the end of the year have a great holiday!!

Andrew

NOTICES AND REMINDERS

Bank Account details for any and all online payments.
Please use your surname as a reference.

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ABSENTEE NOTIFICATION

Just a reminder that you can send your absentee notification **to the eTap parent app.**

Did you know that if you don't contact the school when your child is absent they are marked as Truant?

ORDER IN 6 STEPS:

-  Goto: nzschoolshop.co.nz
-  Enter your school name in the search bar.
-  Find your year, class or subjects & add to cart.
You can repeat this process for multiple children.
-  Need anything else? Browse our online shop & check out our featured products.
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Enter your details, choose how to pay & select the delivery method.
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STATIONERY 2025

Stationery lists will be going home this week with reports and class placements for 2025.

Waihi Stationery and Paper Plus have copies of all our list as well.

Also our stationery packs are available to order online through

nzschoolshop.co.nz

Instructions are to the left in blue.

December 2024

Kia ora e te Whanau.

The Mobile Dental Unit that services your School and Community is located at Waihi, Beach School and will be there until March 2025. We have appointments available in the school holidays if your child needs a dental appointment at those times.

Students are entitled to regular free dental check-ups from for 0 to 17 year olds. Students to year 8 are seen by the Mobile Dental Service.

From year 9 they continue to be seen and treated for free by a private dentist until they are 17 years old – please ensure you follow this up with your local dentist.

If you have an urgent dental concern for your child, or wish to make an appointment for your child's routine examination, please phone or text us direct on 021 359 798, or phone 0800 825 583, or email

AdminDental@waikatodhb.health.nz.

Nгаа mihi nui.



Music Lesson 2025

Music tuition will once again be available at Waihi East School during 2025.

These are held during the school day and payment is responsibility of the parents.

Lessons are held weekly for Piano/keyboard, guitar, ukulele and vocals(singing). Lessons may be group or individual .

Meryl Bennett has been teaching with New Zealand Modern School of Music for 17 years. She can take your child through practical and theory exams and prepare them to participate in our Counties Coromandel Area Competitions, held in Pukekohe each June.

If you would like to know more about lessons please contact Meryl ASAP as spaces will fill quickly.

Mobile 021 234 1721

Email blackbirdmusicnest@gmail.com





By Onix P, Room 8, age 6.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

\$30
Per Day
Trips extra

Katikids Summer Programme 2025

KATIKATI Primary School

Held at Katikati Primary School
enrol online - www.katikaticommunity.nz
Phone 07 549 0399

OSCAR Subsidy Available

January 8th-10th
Swimming, Crafts, Sports, Rock Painting, Cheese rolls

January 13th-17th
Swimming, Crafts, The Amazing Race, Burgers, Movies, Sports

January 20th-24th
Swimming, Crafts, Rail Tunnel and Rocket Park, Magic Man, Sports, Pizzas

January 27th-31st
Katikati Museum, Te Puna Quarry Park & Omokoroa Swim, Crafts, Scarecrow Comp, Swimming, Sports

February 3rd-5th
Swimming, Crafts, Fruit Kebabs, Sports

Before care from 8am and After care till 5pm available for extra fee

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Katikati Community Centre

HOLIDAY CODING ACTIVITIES



CODINGNZ

- Learn coding languages online with help from expert live tutors.
- Ages 9 to 10, 11 & 12, 13 to 15, 16+
- 1 hour online at either 4pm, 5pm or 6pm. Sessions available between Jan 6 & Feb 9 2025.

Sign up for free at
codingnz.com/freeactivity

Holiday Programme - January 2025

We will have 4 days of swimming lessons during the summer holiday break from Monday 20th January-Thursday 23rd January 2025 and this will give you 4 x half hour lessons on each day. To register your interest please reply to this email OR email waihiswimmingclub@gmail.com with swimmers names.

Regarding pricing we have got funding from the wonderful Harcourts Waihi and Waihi Beach who have once again come forward and funded 50% of the costs - thank you Harcourts!! The cost will be \$15 per child for the 4 lessons with this generous funding.





CYBER Security Workshop

Protect Your Child's Digital World
Cyber Safety Workshop for Parents

When: Wednesday, 11th December 2024, 17:30
Where: Digital Hub, Katikati
Cost: \$10 per family, need to pre-register
Host: Henry, Contact Details: 021749947

What You'll Learn:

- ✓ Social Media Safety: Set up privacy controls and prevent oversharing.
- ✓ Gaming & Chats: Recognize grooming behaviors and configure parental controls.
- ✓ Spotting Online Scams: Protect your kids from phishing attempts and cyber threats.
- ✓ Content Filtering: Learn tools to block inappropriate content.

Scan QR code to register or follow [this link](#).



Why Attend?
The school holidays are here, and kids will spend more time online. Learn how to protect them from hackers, spammers, and predators in this interactive workshop tailored for parents with minimal technical experience.



The Waihi College Leos need your old money and foreign currency to help fund projects supporting our kids!



HEADS UP FOR KIDS
GIVE OLD MONEY NEW VALUE

Bring in your old coins to either Waihi College, the Lions Club of Waihi Ecelctic Market or contact Anne Marie Spicer: annemariespicer@mac.com.

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St Joseph's Catholic School, Waihi
Te Kura Katorika o Hato Hōhepa ki Waihi

Year 7 & 8 Intermediate Hub 2025 Enrolments open

St Joseph's is an excellent choice for students in the Intermediate years, providing a safe and supportive transition environment to Secondary School. Outstanding education for both Catholic and non-Catholic students.

Van service - Katikati and Waihi Beach



EVER FAITHFUL

Year 7 & 8 Intermediate

- Leadership Opportunities
- Peer mentoring
- Leadership Days
- Digital skills
- Technology classes (offsite)
- Online Te Reo
- Passion projects
- Financial Literacy
- Camps
- Additional support for English Language Learners



LIFELONG LEARNERS

Phone the school office to book a visit with the Principal
Teresa Rush
07 863 8653



- Kapa Haka
- Music specialist
- Specialist learning intervention
- Teacher-aid support
- Participation in local events
- Sports
- Connection to other schools
- Community events
- Tuakana - Teina
- Faith based activities
- Breakfast Club
- Garden to Table
- EPRO 8

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Waihi 3610
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office@wsj.school.nz

beanstack SUMMER READING CHALLENGE



*This year we are playing Bingo! Earn badges to complete rows and columns. The more you read the better your prize!
For ages 5-14*

**16th December 2024 -
31st January 2025**

Collect your prizes from the
7th of February



App

Install the app from the appstore.
Tap on 'find your school or library'.
Type in 'Hauraki' and tap on 'Hauraki District Libraries'.

Tap on 'sign up' and fill in your information.
To add more readers, tap on the settings wheel, tap on readers then tap on 'add a reader'.

Website

Navigate to the Beanstack website.
Click on 'find a site' in the top right.
Type in 'Hauraki' and tap on 'Hauraki District Libraries'.
Click on 'register an individual or family' and fill in your information.
To add more readers, click on the red reader bubble in the top right of the screen then on 'add a reader'.

To register your readers for challenges, switch to the correct reader's profile by selecting them at the red bubble. Then go to the 'Discover' tab (on the website they are found in the 'Challenges' tab) tap on the challenge you want to register for and tap on 'join'.



WAIHI BEACH JUNIOR SURF

SUNDAY MORNINGS FROM 10AM

- BEACH SAFETY**
A fun way to develop surf and beach safety awareness
- CONFIDENCE**
Build confidence, gain knowledge and learn new skills
- MAKE NEW FRIENDS**
Meet people who love being at the beach – be part of a group that promotes positive teamwork and friendships
- HAVE FUN**
Every week there are fun activities for all age groups
- STAY ACTIVE**
Swimming, boarding, beach sprints and much more
- JOIN UP**
Come along and try it out for three sessions. Everyone welcome between the age of 5-13 years

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 A huge Thank You to Hellers for their donations for Sausages for our Gala through the Sausages for Schools Programme.



 **Travelling overseas soon?**

You must do a **New Zealand Traveller Declaration** when you come back.

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