



**WAIHI EAST SCHOOL**  
**TE KURA RAWHITI O WAIHI**



**Waihi East Primary School Newsletter**  
**Term 4      Week 10**  
**11 Dec 2025**



Year 6 End of Year Waimarino Trip

**UPCOMNG DATES**

Dec 12  
Dec 17

Prizegiving Day. 9.30am.  
Last Day of Term 4.  
School Closes at 12.30pm.

*Happy Holidays*

**2026**

Jan 30  
Feb 2 & 3  
Feb 4 & 5  
Feb 6  
Feb 9

Office Open for uniform sales and enrolments.  
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Goal Setting Discussion Days.  
Waitangi Day. School Closed  
All Students Back at School.

Kia ora whānau

Welcome to the final newsletter for 2025, what a year!

So many highlights over the year and I am looking forward to celebrating them tomorrow at our Prize giving. I hope to see you there!

Students will find out their class placements for next year tomorrow, thank you for your support with these. As mentioned, a lot of time and thinking is put into these but if you have concerns, please raise these next week, we don't want to be making changes in January when classes are set and numbers are balanced etc.

### **Museum exhibition**

If you haven't checked this out yet, add it to your diary. It is a great exhibition and showcases schools in the area over their history, there are some very interesting facts!

### **Bikes**

We may have a few spare bikes as we are upgrading our current set. If you don't have one at home and this would help out your whānau, please pop in and let us know.

School finishes for the year next Wednesday at 12.30pm.

Thank you for all your contributions over 2025, have an amazing Xmas and I look forward to working with you all again next year.

Merry Xmas!

Andrew



### **ABSENTEE NOTIFICATION**

There are still some whānau who are using the old cell phone number and the old eTap app for absentee reporting.

Please send your absentee notification **to the HERO parent app** and not the school phone or the old eTap app.

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



## COMMUNITY NOTICES

Term 4 Programme	Week 1 07 Oct	Week 2 14 Oct	Week 3 21 Oct	Week 4 28 Oct	Week 5 04 Nov
	Snack n Chill	Snack n Chill	Snack n Chill	Snack n Chill	Snack n Chill
	HQ Activity: Hokey Pokey making Origami String games Table Tennis	HQ Activity: Baking, Craft activity, Board games	HQ Activity: Movie & snacks	HQ Activity: Halloween treats & crafts	HQ Activity: Flow weaving. Make a hat.
	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner 	Dinner
	Week 6 11 Nov	Week 7 18 Nov	Week 8 25 Nov	Week 9 02 Dec	Week 10 09 Dec
	Snack n Chill	Snack n Chill	Snack n Chill	Snack n Chill	Snack n Chill
	Everyone Activity: World Kindness Day Celebration	HQ Activity: Baking, Board games.	Everyone Activity: Touch Capture the Flag Swimming.	Everyone Activity: Karangahaka George Adventure	Everyone Activity: Sapphire Springs Christmas Party
	Fun food challenges & Games. 	Pit Scavenger Hunt.			
	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner - BBQ	Dinner	Christmas Dinner

## AFTER SCHOOL KIDS CLUB

Every Tuesday  
3:00 – 6:00PM

@ WCRC

Got nothing to do?!  
Come hang with us!

**IT'S FREE!**

FOR KIDS  
YEARS 4-6  
@ school.

**DINNER INCLUDED**

**PRE-REGISTRATION ESSENTIAL  
LIMITED NUMBERS**

**RING US TO BOOK 863 7555**



## After School Kids Club @ WCRC

REGISTRATIONS  
OPEN TO ALL  
SCHOOL AGED  
CHILDREN IN  
YEARS  
4, 5, & 6.

RING WCRC  
TO ENROL.

LOOKING FOR  
SOMETHING TO DO  
AFTER SCHOOL?

**TUESDAY'S**

3:00 – 6:00pm

**FREE**

**DINNER INCLUDED**

REGISTRATIONS ESSENTIAL LIMITED  
SPACE AVAILABLE

CALL US TO SECURE YOUR SPOT

**07 863 7555**

OUT THERE  
DOING IT!



**\$30**

Per Day

## **Katikids Summer Programme 2026**

Held at Katikati Primary School

enrol online - [www.katikaticommunity.nz](http://www.katikaticommunity.nz)

Phone 07 549 0399

**OSCAR  
Subsidy  
Available**

### Week 1

12th Jan-16th Jan

- Sports mornings
- Craftanoons
- Event Cinemas Memorial Park
- Pirates Day
- Free play time
- Cultural Day



### Week 2

19th Jan - 23rd Jan

- Sport mornings
- Craftanoons
- Free play time
- Puzzle Hunt Afternoon



### Week 3

27th Jan - 30th Jan

- Sport mornings
- Craftanoons
- Shelley Bay Anzac Bay
- Swimming
- Free play time
- Spy Day



### Week 4

2nd Feb - 5th Feb

- Sports Morning
- Craftanoons
- Swimming
- Free play time
- Water Play Day
- Omokoroa Skatepark
- Omokoroa playground



Before care 7:30am

After care till 5pm

available for extra fee



**Harcourts Waihi**



# **Learn to Swim Holiday Programme**

**Monday 19th January – Thursday 22nd January, 2026**

**Four 30-minute lessons (one each morning)**

**Only \$15 per child for four lessons**



To register, email [waihiswimmingclub@gmail.com](mailto:waihiswimmingclub@gmail.com)



# Seasons of Art & More

## Week 1

### Sat 6th Dec

Crochet is My Therapy – Hand Craft  
Sharing White Tea  
Living Zen  
Wisdom of Heart

### Sun 7th Dec

Medical Team – Breast & Bowel Screening  
Feng Shui  
Living Zen  
Wisdom of Heart

## Week 4

### Sat 27th Dec

Living Zen  
Singing Bowl Healing  
Crochet is My Therapy – Hand Craft  
Wisdom of Heart

### Sun 28th Dec

Living Zen  
Singing Bowl Healing  
Tea & Tai Chi  
Wisdom of Heart

## Week 2

### Sat 13th Dec

Bonsai  
Paper Cutting  
Crochet is My Therapy – Hand Craft  
Wisdom of Heart

### Sun 14th Dec

Bonsai  
Paper Cutting  
Moving Zen – Tai Chi  
Wisdom of Heart

## Week 5

### Sat 3rd Jan

Bonsai  
Singing Bowl Healing  
Sharing White Tea  
Wisdom of Heart  
Crochet is My Therapy – Hand Craft

### Sun 4th Jan

Bonsai  
Singing Bowl Healing  
Tea & Tai Chi  
Wisdom of Heart

## Week 3

### Sat 20th Dec

Botanical Dye Art  
Singing Bowl Healing  
Crochet is My Therapy – Hand Craft  
Wisdom of Heart

### Sun 21st Dec

Botanical Dye Art  
Feng Shui  
Moving Zen – Tai Chi  
Wisdom of Heart

## Week 6

### Sat 10th Jan

Botanical Dye Art  
Calligraphy  
Crochet is My Therapy – Hand Craft  
Wisdom of Heart

### Sun 11th Jan

Botanical Dye Art  
Living Zen  
Singing Bowl Healing  
Wisdom of Heart



## WISDOM OF HEART

In every human heart lies an unfinished painting, shaped by our faith, sharpened by our wisdom, and coloured by the lessons of inspirational figures like Buddha, Gaudin, and Confucius

### Why attend?

This experience invites you to connect with timeless wisdom and reflect on your own journey. Through art, stories, and creative expression, you'll discover inner peace, compassion, and clarity, leaving with renewed insight and guidance for your heart.

### What will you gain?

You will gain inner peace, clarity, and a deeper understanding of compassion and wisdom. You'll also experience mindfulness through creative expression and leave with personal insights and guidance to carry with you.

**Location:** Waihi Academy C2 - 4  
**When:** December 6<sup>th</sup> to January 11<sup>th</sup>  
(Saturday & Sunday)  
**Time:** 10:30 am to 3:00 pm

**FREE ENTRY**  
**NO TIME RESTRICTION**  
**\$5 FOR CANVAS AND PAINT**

## Hand Craft—Crochet is my therapy

## Every Sat. from 6/12/25-10/01/26

## Free entry





## Seasons of Art & More

Join us every weekend  
**6 Dec - 11 Jan**  
10:30-3pm

A weekend journey through creativity, calm, and connection

**Free Entry**  
Some hands-on activities may have a small materials cost

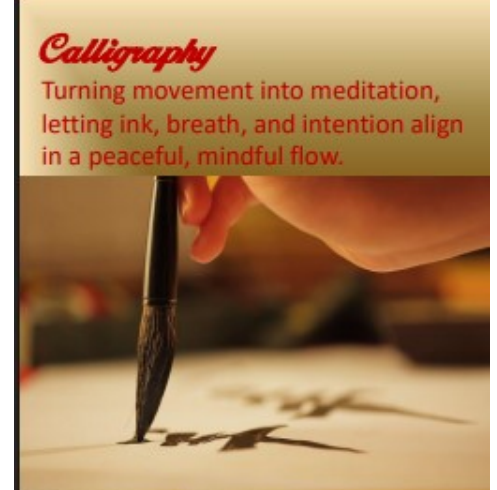
See you at  
**132 Landlyst Road, Waihi**



## Bonsai meet up

You're invited to join us!  
Bring your own plants and we'll show you how to make it in to a Bonsai tree.

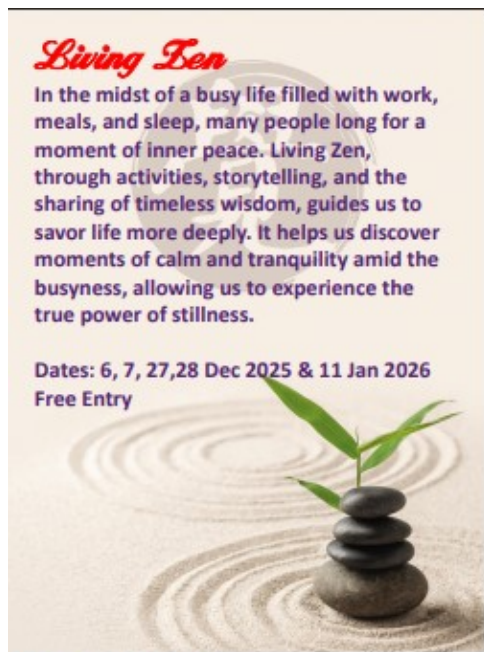
**When: Available on two weekends**  
Sat 13 Dec & Sun 14 Dec 2025  
Sat 3 Jan & Sun 4 Jan 2026  
**Time: 10:30am-3pm**  
**Location: Waihi Academy - C2**



## Calligraphy

Turning movement into meditation, letting ink, breath, and intention align in a peaceful, mindful flow.

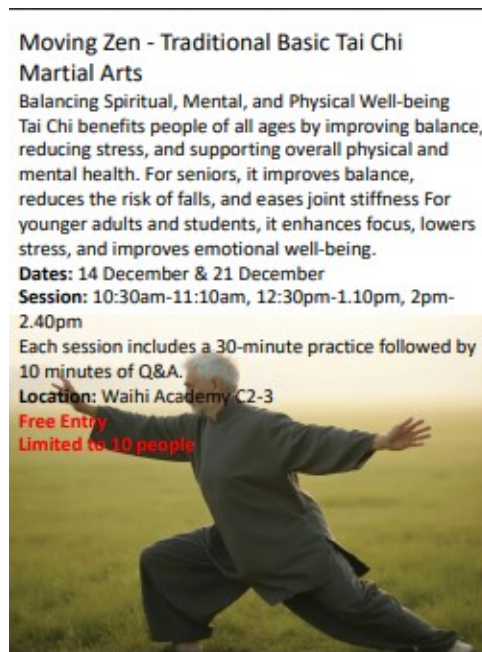
**Date: 10/01/26**  
**Time: 10:30-3:00pm**  
**Free entry**



## Living Zen

In the midst of a busy life filled with work, meals, and sleep, many people long for a moment of inner peace. Living Zen, through activities, storytelling, and the sharing of timeless wisdom, guides us to savor life more deeply. It helps us discover moments of calm and tranquility amid the busyness, allowing us to experience the true power of stillness.


**Dates: 6, 7, 27, 28 Dec 2025 & 11 Jan 2026**  
**Free Entry**



## Moving Zen - Traditional Basic Tai Chi Martial Arts

Balancing Spiritual, Mental, and Physical Well-being  
Tai Chi benefits people of all ages by improving balance, reducing stress, and supporting overall physical and mental health. For seniors, it improves balance, reduces the risk of falls, and eases joint stiffness. For younger adults and students, it enhances focus, lowers stress, and improves emotional well-being.

**Dates: 14 December & 21 December**  
**Session: 10:30am-11:10am, 12:30pm-1:10pm, 2pm-2:40pm**  
Each session includes a 30-minute practice followed by 10 minutes of Q&A.  
**Location: Waihi Academy C2-3**  
**Free Entry**  
**Limited to 10 people**



## Singing Bowl Season

A Journey into Deep Relaxation  
*Relax. Rebalance. Realign.*

**WALK-IN FREE ENTRY**

**Dates: December 20, 27, 28 January 3, 4, 11**  
**Times: 10:30 AM 11:30 AM 12:30 PM 1:30 PM 2:30 PM**  
Each Session: 30-minute guided relaxation  
Small groups + Peaceful environment  
**Location: 132 Landlyst Rd, Waihi (Next building this place)**



## Feng Shui Workshop

Join Feng Shui consultant Eric Wang for an insightful workshop exploring how energy flows within your home. Learn how to create a harmonious and peaceful living environment through practical Feng Shui adjustments. Participants are welcome to bring their own floor plan for personalised guidance. Eric will show you how to identify negative influences in your home layout and ways to reduce their impact.

**Dates: 7 December & 21 December**  
**Session: 10:30am-11:15am, 12:30pm-1:15pm, 2pm-2:45pm**  
**Location: Waihi Academy C2-2**  
**Free Entry**  
Each session includes a 30-minute talk followed by 15 minutes of Q&A.



## Paper-cutting

Everything begins with just a pair of scissors and a sheet of paper.  
Paper-cutting can be a fun parent-child activity, a soothing way to heal your mind, and a craft full of charm and artistic expression!  
You can take your finished artwork home to decorate your space.

**Dates: 13-14 Dec**  
**Location: Waihi Academy C2-2**  
**Free Entry**



## Find Stillness in Motion

A Journey through  
**Tai Chi & Tea Ceremony**

Join us to discover tranquility and joy through ancient Eastern practices

**Date: 28/12/2025 & 4/1/2026**  
**Time: 30mins per session**  
**Location: C2-3**  
**Seats: 10 participants**  
**Fee: Free Entry**

Relaxed, gentle, and slow movements unblock the meridians and stimulate internal energy. Find inner peace within movement, achieving harmony and tranquility of body and mind.

Savor a sip of tea, savor a moment of life. Through the art of tea, purify your soul, share joy with others, and feel the warmth of life.





# HAURAKI DISTRICT LIBRARIES SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Hauraki District Libraries have some exciting things to choose from to keep tamariki reading and writing over the holidays, as well as getting out and about and staying creative!

**Mystery Reading Bags** – take a chance with some mystery books for summer reading! Our Mystery Bags are available for all levels of readers from picture books, first readers and chapter books. The due dates have been extended to cover the Christmas and New Year period so any bags taken out now are not due back until Monday 12 January. Bags will be available right up until the end of January.

**Pen Pals** – parent/caregiver registration required for this programme. Registration closes on Friday 19 December and forms can be completed at your local branch. Pen Pals will be paired between library branches and all letters will be screened to safe guard participants.

**Art Swap** – make a piece, take a piece! Bring in some art you've made over the summer (or come in to make your masterpiece) and swap it with someone else's creation on the whiteboard!

**Scavenger Hunt** - grab a scavenger hunt form from your local branch, take a trip around your town and answer the questions to go in the draw to win a prize!

We hope to see you in our libraries over the summer break!

# Mystery Reading Bags

**PAEROA, WAIHĪ & NGĀTEA LIBRARIES**

Children's Mystery Book Bags

From Early Readers to Chapter Books

Take a chance and discover something new!

**8 December - 30 January**

**VISIT YOUR LOCAL LIBRARY TO CHOOSE YOUR BAG**



# Summer Pen Pals

**PAEROA, WAIHĪ & NGĀTEA LIBRARIES**

- ✓ Keep up your reading, writing & drawing over the school holidays
- ✓ Pair up with someone from one of our District branches
- ✓ For children aged 5-12
- ✓ Visit us every week to collect your letter and write back to your new friend!

**From December - February**

**VISIT YOUR LOCAL LIBRARY TO SIGN UP**

**REGISTRATIONS OPEN  
MONDAY 8 DECEMBER  
REGISTRATIONS CLOSE  
FRIDAY 19 DECEMBER**



# Summer Art Swap

**PAEROA & WAIHĪ LIBRARIES**

**MAKE A PIECE - TAKE A PIECE**

- ✓ Use your artistic flair at home or come in and use our art station to create magical art pieces
- ✓ Bring your creation to the library and trade it for another
- ✓ For children aged 5-12

**8 December - 30 January**

**VISIT YOUR LOCAL LIBRARY TO SWAP YOUR CREATIONS**



# Hauraki Scavenger Hunt

**PAEROA, WAIHĪ & NGĀTEA LIBRARIES**

Test your sleuthing skills!  
Take part in the Hauraki District Libraries' scavenger hunt around each township

Collect your scavenger form from each individual Library and go on an adventure around town

Discover landmarks and special areas in each town  
Fun for all the family!

Bring your completed form to the Library for a sweet treat

**8 December - 30 January**





# school fuel

lunch that ticks all the boxes

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|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
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Once downloaded, click 'Sign In'

SELECT "NEW USER"

Your account will be set up by your school using the email address that you provided when you enrolled your children. use this address to request a password.

CHECK YOUR EMAIL

You should receive an email within five minutes.

If you encounter problems logging in, please check with your school to make sure they have the correct details for you.

# READY, SET, SIGN IN!

How to sign in to the Hero app

ADD YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS

Select 'Next'

SELECT "SUBMIT"

Hero will send you an email with a link to follow.

FOLLOW THE LINK

This will take you to a secure page to enter your chosen password.



Instructions above for our Student Management System. Please sign up if you haven't already.

# BAGs for FRUIT



MAKE YOUR BAGS GO  
ANOTHER ROUND



We have teamed up with  
Beach Road Garden Centre  
to help recycle packaging  
bags in return for Free Fruit

For every 10KGs of paper supermarket bag s we supply, they will donate to us 10KG of yummy, healthy fruit to share amongst our students.

IT'S A WIN WIN!

you can drop any bags off to  
the East School Office

(bags need to be in clean reouseable condition)

**THANKS TO OUR GREAT DUFFY BOOKS SUPPORTERS.**  
**Your donations mean more books for kids.**



**Travelling  
overseas in the  
school holidays?**

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

**TravellerDeclaration.govt.nz**

**Te Kāwanatanga o Aotearoa**  
New Zealand Government

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Tangata Haere ki  
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**Absentees: HERO parent app**

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