



WAIHI EAST SCHOOL
TE KURA RAWHITI O WAIHI



Waihi East Primary School Newsletter
Term 1 Week 5
5 March 2026



UPCOMING DATES	
Mar 4-6	Swim Safe Programme
Mar 6	Enrolment Ballot held
Mar 10-11	ERO Visit
Mar 11	Year 5 & 6 SwimSafe@College Pool.
Mar 12	Surf n Turf Whanau meeting.5.30pm.
Mar 17	North Cluster Swimming Sports
Mar 18-19	Surf n Turf Camp Yr 3&4
Mar 18	Yr 5&6 Rippa @ Waihi College
Mar 18	North Cluster Swimming Sports pp

WELCOME TO OUR NEW STUDENTS!
NAU MAI, HAERE MAI
 We would like to warmly welcome our newest students and their whānau.

Kate K
 Oli B
 Curtis D
 Beauden M

Kia ora whānau

We have had another action packed few weeks as the new school year is now well and truly underway!

Year 5 and 6 Camp

Recently all of our Year 5 and 6 students took off to Kakako Lodge in the Hunua Ranges. What an amazing experience! We are always blessed with incredible students and incredible staff and whānau who provide a fantastic time for our students. The camp involved rock climbing, raft building, team challenges and so much more. The food was outstanding and it was great seeing the smiles on faces alongside the attitudes taken to trying new things- including a nearly 10km walk on Day 1!

A huge thank you to all the parents that took time out of their busy lives to come along and help out, you are all amazing!

Whānau Fun Evening/Bike Track Opening

It was brilliant to see such a big turnout recently for our Whānau fun night and track opening. We love providing opportunities to connect with us as a staff and each other. There were a lot of smiles, giveaways and happy children. Thank you to the Whānau Roopu Group for supporting this event and giving away some cool prizes!

Swimming Sports

Last week we held our swimming sports in much better weather than our previous date! It was a very competitive day and it was great to see so many of our swimmers capable of taking part. The Waihi Cluster sports were held days later where we were very successful and will be sending a big group to the North Cluster Championships in a few weeks time. It is vital that ALL children learn to swim, in a country where water is everywhere we go!

Lockdown Practice

Yesterday we held a lockdown practice so that students know what to do in a real situation. I was impressed at how calm staff and students remained as we trialled this. We were in lockdown for 16 minutes before returning to normal.

ERO

Next week we are lucky enough to have the Education Review Office - ERO visit our school to discuss teaching and learning. This process allows us to reflect on where our strengths are and where we need to move next. We will hold a Mihi Whakatau to welcome ERO at 9.05am Tuesday the 10th March, you are most welcome to come along and join the welcome.

ERO will be with us for 2 days. They would love to speak to some parents at 2.30pm Tuesday if you are available.

Student Achievement Data

At the end of 2025 we assessed all of our students against the new New Zealand Curriculum. This was a big task, especially given the infancy of the new curriculum and the amount of time teachers have had to unpack this and increase their understanding of what is involved.

Our data shows the following :

Reading - 54% of students are at or above age expectation.

Writing- 46% at or above age expectation.

Mathematics- 57% at or above age expectation.

The results show we have work to do, each year we monitor progress very closely, sometimes progress isn't enough to "catch up" or meet the age expectation which is why progress year on year is vital. We also need your support to ensure students are attending school, are focused as much as possible and in some areas, you can support them at home.

What does this mean for my whānau?

If you don't already know, check in with your child's teacher as to where they are at. Have a discussion and see what can be put in place to support your child's progress. We will re assess all students in Term 2, sharing these results with you again.

Ernani Resignation.

Unfortunately for us, I recently received Nani's resignation as he moves to take on a new position with the mine. Nani is an outstanding man and has been a wonderful asset to our school for nearly two years. Nani was the first appointment I made and at the time was also serving as a member of the Board. He has a huge skill set and has made valuable contributions to our school environment. Luckily for us we will still have Nani around as a parent. Please join me in wishing Nani well for his next move. His last day will be Monday 30th March.

School Docs

All of our school policies and procedures are available via "School docs" This is accessible online and is used by hundreds of schools across New Zealand. Each term there are policies that are reviewed.

Please check the site out and get involved in reviewing these policies so that we can ensure they are fit for purpose and meeting the need.

Username: waihieast

Password: eastpolicy

Have a great weekend, keep being brilliant!

Andrew



CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS				
		Points	Points	
1	Ngatai Whatarau	60	1 Freya Tenni	18
2	Jaxton Owen	32	2 Izabella Capper	10
3	Arlo Brown	18	3 Leliana Torrington	8
4	Levi-Rayne Lloyd	10	4	

CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS				
		Points	Points	
1	Lucy Coleman	52	1 Jack Goodwin	68
2	Isla Whaanga	48	2 Levi Vlamming	50
3	Chloe Wharry	40	3 Austin Wild	18
4	Jayda Young	26	4 Kobe Nilsson	14
5	Tijleigh Dean Wilson	12	5 Rhythm McAlister	12

CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS				
		Points	Points	
1	Connor Burton	34	1 Mārika Whatarau	86
2	Bryson Munn	28	2 Penelope Kelly	56
3=	Dylan Van Der Hulst	24	3 Holly Coleman	34
3=	Carter Wild	24	4 Emersyn Pentecost	22
5	Patrick Crowe	20	5 Amarni Cave	12



BIKE TRACK OPENING



Year 5/6 Camp at Hunua



CELEBRATE DIVERSITY ROCK YOUR SOCKS

wear your most colourful, mismatched
and unique socks to celebrate
WORLD DOWN SYNDROME DAY

Friday 20th March

#rockyoursocks #adsaorgnz #wdsd26



ABSENTEE NOTIFICATION

Just a reminder that you can send your absentee notification **to the HERO parent app**.
Please do NOT use the old eTap app. (I'm still getting notifications from there!)
Please do NOT use the school Cell Phone.

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

WB KIDS CLUB
AGES 5-13

AFTER SCHOOL CARE
MONDAY TO FRIDAY

WAIHI EAST SCHOOL

\$15
(PLUS GST)
3.00-5.30PM

OSCAR
ACCREDITED

Outdoor play
Arts & Crafts
Board games
Afternoon tea provided

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to help recycle packaging
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fruit to share amongst our students.**

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you can drop any bags off to
the East School Office

(bags need to be in clean re-useable condition)

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Hauraki District Libraries'

Creative Writing Challenge

"The World with One Big Change"

Open to
all ages

Write a Story...

...with no more than 1000 words.
Judging criteria include originality,
clarity, structure and adherence to
the theme.

Dates

Entries open on the **2 March 2026**.
Hand in your completed story and
attached entry form in by **30 March 2026**
to go into the prize draw!

Drop your entry off at one of our
libraries or email it to:
hdc-library@hauraki-dc.govt.nz



HAURAKI PLAINS
COMMUNITY HUB

Presents



Junior Swim • Bike • Run Event

A fun confidence-building triathlon for ages 5-13
Hugh Hayward Domain • Ngatea
Goodie Bags • Spot Prizes • Medals

Grab your \$5 ticket - Scan the QR code

or visit



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THE MILITARY RE-ENACTMENT SOCIETY N.Z.



MILITARY DISPLAY - SATURDAY 18TH APRIL 2026
9am till 3pm

Get ready for an action-packed day at the Waihi RSA!

Come and experience an exciting Military Display with incredible
items on show - all set up in the carpark for everyone to enjoy!

- Restaurant open 9am - 8pm
- Breakfast, lunch & dinner available
- FREE entry for all

Bring the family, bring your friends, and don't miss this fantastic community event
it's going to be a great day out! 🌟

WAIHI CLUB



ANZAC DAY

SATURDAY, 25TH APRIL

DAWN SERVICE

6am

BREAKFAST

STRAIGHT AFTER DAWN SERVICE

CEMETERY

8am

Schedule coming soon!!

MARCH TO HALL

AT THE CLUB AT 10.30AM

LUNCH AT THE RSA

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