



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



**Waihi East Primary School Newsletter**  
**Term 1      Week 7**  
**19 March 2026**

**CELEBRATE DIVERSITY**  
**ROCK YOUR SOCKS**

wear your most colourful, mismatched  
 and unique socks to celebrate  
**WORLD DOWN SYNDROME DAY**  
**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March**  
 #rockyoursocks #adsaorgnz #wdsd26



<b>UPCOMING DATES</b>	
18-19 Mar	Surf n Turf Camp Yr 3&4.
20 Mar	Rock Your Socks Day.
24 Mar	Bot Hui.
25 Mar	Best Start Programme.
26 Mar	E Tu Tangata—Student Leaders.
27 Mar	Year 2 Gilmour Lake Trip.
30 Mar	Year 2 Gilmour Lake Trip.pp.
1 Apr	WBOP Swimming Champs.
1 Apr	Yr 5&6 Rippa Tournament Finals.

**WELCOME TO OUR NEW STUDENTS!**  
**NAU MAI, HAERE MAI**

We would like to warmly welcome our newest students and their whānau.

Max S  
 Delyn-Grace M

Kia ora whānau, I trust this finds you well. We have had another outstanding fortnight as we head into the back end of this term.

### **ERO**

Phew! Our review is complete and we are pretty stoked with the feedback from this. The reviewers were incredibly impressed with our school. From the amazing warm welcome, to the quality of lessons being taught, interwoven with a positive school culture that is serving its community well. We have taken a lot from the review and are using this as an opportunity to set strong goals and targets moving forward, we are well placed to do this. ERO spoke with a lot of students, staff and whānau to help gain a better understanding of how things work at Waihi East School.

### **Attendance**

One of our areas to improve is attendance, we need your support with this. Currently we have 60% of students attending regularly, regularly is determined by students at school 90% of the time. This means that students can miss 5 days of school each term before moving into the next threshold. For all students that have missed 5 days of school, you can expect a phone call from the classroom teacher. If things do not improve, there will be further contact. Rest assured that our contact with you comes from a place of support. E waka eke noa, we are in this together! If there are things we can do at school to support this, we are always willing! Staff will also use their discretion as we know there are some circumstances beyond your control that impact attendance.

### **SwimSafe**

The swimming season has now concluded, all classes have had their swim safe lessons and of course the temperatures are dropping slightly, the Board of Trustees are discussing the potential of offering pool keys for whānau next summer, if you would be keen on this, please let us know so we can measure interest.

### **Surf nTurf**

As I write this our surf and turf campers are waking up here at school. They have had an incredibly rich two days out and about. Waihi Beach for beach education, Athenree Homestead and Gilmour Lake have been the highlights this year and the students have had a ball. Another amazing group of parent help which is greatly appreciated, the lasagne for dinner was delicious! Thank you also to the staff who have worked hard to plan such a great experience for our young people :-)

### **Swimming**

*I had the privilege of taking our North Cluster swimmers to Katikati for the North Cluster event this week. Wow, we were impressive! Taking on swimmers from Bethlehem to Waihi includes a lot of students and our squad were outstanding, 6 students have qualified for the Western bay of Plenty championships- presenting a tough decision for some as many also qualified for the next Rippa Rugby event on the same day! A huge well done to Mārika, Penelope, Jack, Holly, Lucy, Jayda, Chloe, Willem, Braxton, Isla, Connor, Carter and Levi for qualifying for this event via our Waihi Cluster competition.*

### **Rippa Rugby**

It's been a great week, Swimming Tuesday and Rippa rugby Wednesday. Every day I am proud of our students for so many different reasons. Both our boys and girls rippa teams won and qualified for the Thames tournament at the end of the term, this is a great achievement. We had a large number of teams compete and it was great to see them all giving their best. A constant challenge with sports is whether you send top teams or mix them up and keep even, a conversation held in many sports committees and organisations throughout the country. My opinion is that we want students to want to play the game, keeping interest, motivation and the passion alive so that the numbers maintain or grow. That said, we also acknowledge times to be competitive, when there is a tournament that offers top teams qualification to another tournament, it is important to ensure we have the best opportunity to succeed. We are also blessed with some incredibly talented sports people and it is important that they also get their chance to perform with the best.

2 weeks until Easter and the end of the term, go well and I hope to see you soon.

Andrew

## **BEST START PROGRAMME FOR NEW ENTRANTS**

If your New Entrant child has enrolled this term, or will be enrolling this term, please contact Carol about securing your place in our awesome workshops.

18 March 9.30am –10.30am

25 March 9.30am –10.30am

Contact Carol on [cchristie@east.school.nz](mailto:cchristie@east.school.nz) or 863 8693.

# Meet the Student Leaders



## Nevaeh de Ocampo

Hi everyone! My name is Nevaeh de Ocampo and I am ten years old. I am so excited to be one of your Student leaders for 2026.

I started at Waihi East School at the end of 2020.

I am a proud Eastie and have enjoyed my schooling years here. You will usually find me on the back field with my friend, catching butterflies or in Sharon's office helping with jobs.

I like to play netball, ride horses and coloring.

I hope to be a great school leader and role model, displaying our school values of Whakarangatiratanga, Tutika and Manakitanga.

Showing that others matter, we all succeed together and that we are all valued.

If you ever have a cool idea for the school or just need someone to talk to, please come and say hi.

I'm always happy to help.



## Harley Featherstone

Hi I'm Harley. I have been at this school since 2023. I like hunting, fishing and helping my dad work on the farm. I wanted to be a student leader because I like to help out with the junior classes and be a role model in front of them. I also like to help out with assembly and Paepae. My goal for this year is to start up P.E at lunch and hold a rippa rugby game and a tackle rugby game. You will find me playing on the rugby field at the back of the school and at the bike track. If anyone needs help you can come talk to us student leaders.

### NORTH CLUSTER SWIMMING RESULTS

Year 5 Girls

Isla W; 2nd 100m freestyle

Jayda Y; 2nd 25m butterfly

Chloe W; 3rd 50m backstroke

Year 5 Boys

Jack G; 3rd 35m butterfly

### NORTH CLUSTER SWIMMING RESULTS

Year 6 Girls

Penelope K; 3rd 25m Breaststroke

Marika W; 2nd 100m freestyle, 3rd, 25m freestyle, 50m freestyle, 3rd 25m backstroke, 50m backstroke.

3rd 25m butterfly

3rd 100 medley.

Chosen to race in the North cluster team relay for 100m freestyle.

### CHOCOLATE BAR FUNDRAISER

We will be sending home boxes of chocolate bars next week with Year 3-6 students to help fundraiser for our camps.

The bars are \$2 each.

There are 36 bars in each box. The whole box is worth \$72

Please let the school know if you do not want a box sent home.

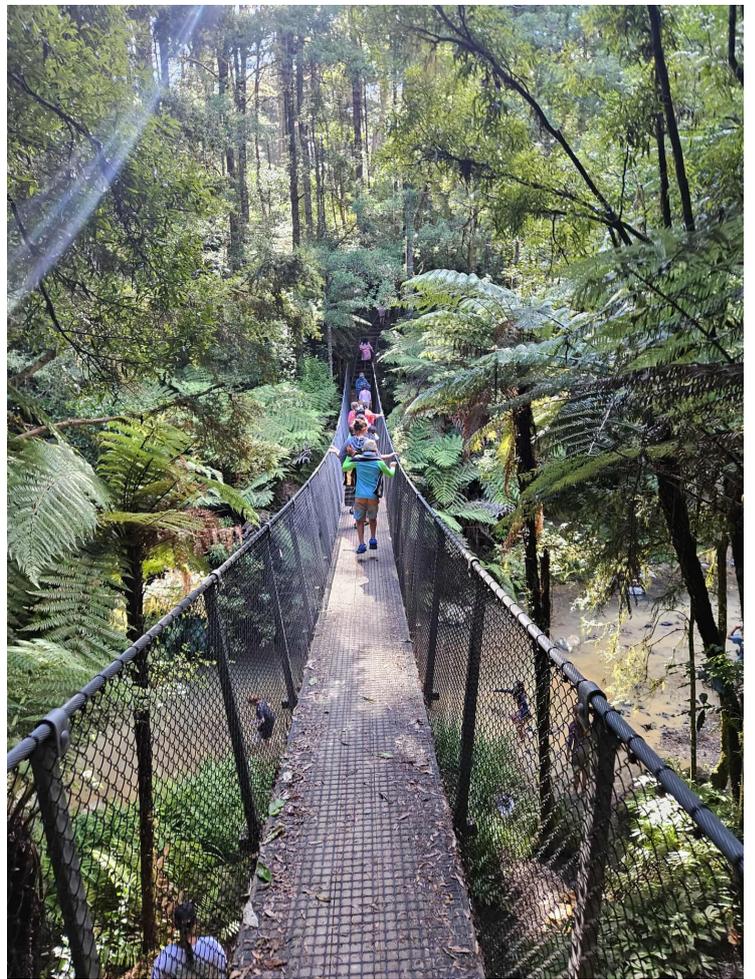
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# Year 5 & 6 Camp—Hunua





## WAIHI NETBALL CENTRE

REGISTER YOUR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

### DUTY - FUNDRAISER OPPORTUNITY



**FRIDAY 27TH MARCH 2026**

Email: [admin@waihinetball.co.nz](mailto:admin@waihinetball.co.nz)

#### YUMMY APPLES

We are still collecting Yummy apple stickers and the apple bag cut outs.

In Term three we swap these stickers for free sports gear.

Please bring all your apple stickers to school and place on our charts in the office.

Alternatively we can supply you with your own chart to have at home.



#### 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?



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

**REGISTRATION:**

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# 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 bags 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 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](mailto:hdc-library@hauraki-dc.govt.nz)



HAURAKI  
DISTRICT COUNCIL



Donate your preloved children's clothing that your kids  
have outgrown or no longer need. These items are then  
available for others in the community to take for free.

It's a sustainable way to upcycle and refresh your kids'  
wardrobes without spending money.

All sizes welcome from newborn to teenagers

Little Tykes to Teens will be open from 1-3pm.

First drop in space is the 12<sup>th</sup> of March 2026 and then every second  
Thursday.

Feel free to come and drop off any donations to reception at the Waihi  
Community Resource Centre.

If you have any enquiries, please contact kiri 0272064368

Initially this was planned as a clothing swap but, as they've had  
a large amount of quality clothing donated, they're happy for  
families to just come and see if anything would be suitable -  
theirs to take home at no cost  
The next session will be Thursday 26th March and will  
continue fortnightly.

WAIHI CLUB - WAIHI RSA



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

RSA

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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