



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



**Waihi East Primary School Newsletter**  
**Term 1      Week 9**  
**2 April 2026**



Student Leaders at E Tu Tangata

**UPCOMING DATES**

2 Apr	Last Day of Term 1 2026.
3 Apr	Easter Good Friday. School Closed.
5 Apr	Day Light Savings Ends.
<b>TERM 2</b>	
20 Apr	First Day back Term 2 2026.
21 Apr	Netball Starts. 3.30pm at Waihi Netball courts. Baker Street.
27 April	ANZAC Day Public holiday. School Closed.
30 April	EPro8 Interschool competition. Parawai.
4 May	NZ Sign Language Week.
14 May	East School Cross Country Race Day.
15 May	East School Cross Country Race Day. Pp.
20 May	Waihi Cluster Cross Country.
22 May	Waihi Cluster Cross Country. Pp.
26 May	National Young Leaders Day.

Kia ora whānau

It is hard to believe that just like that we are at the end of the first term, a short one as we brace for an 11 week term in Term 2.

It has been an action packed Term 1 highlighted by so many different activities, events and of course our ERO review.

Thank you for your support and involvement in all things Waihi East, "We succeed together"

### ***Celebration of Learning***

What an amazing showcase we had at this this terms celebration of learning, a focus around our E Tū Tāngata work. Proud students, proud staff and it was simply special to see our young people stand proud of themselves and understanding how much value they have! I hope you enjoyed the visits to the classrooms, please do pass on any feedback to any of our staff, we want to continue to grow these celebrations and partnerships with you all.

### ***Rippa Rugby***

Well, well, well, what a day out we had yesterday at the Thames Valley Rippa Rugby finals. Two teams from each region qualified for the final dance. Our girls were outstanding, involved in many close battles, they managed to finish 3rd overall. Our boys, they were champions before we got to the tournament and they were champions when we left, official champions that is, our boys are officially the best Rippa Rugby team in the whole of Thames Valley, a massive achievement, they played their hearts out and came away with the title.



### ***Western Bay Of Plenty Swimming Competition***

We had many of our students qualify for the North Cluster events and then 5 students went on to take on the best of the best at the Western Bay of Plenty competition yesterday.

Huge shoutout to Jayda Young, Marika Whatarau, Isla Whaanga and Chloe Wharry for getting to this stage.

### ***Attendance***

We have started to make calls home around attendance. If students are not at school, they do not make as much progress as we would like, put simply. We do understand that a times there are very genuine reasons for absence and staff will use their discretion here. Please remember, we are all in this together, we are here to support not judge. Reach out if there is anything we can do to support you or your whānau.

### ***Junior trips***

Recently our juniors have been out and about with visits to Gilmour Lake and the Butterfly garden, we are so lucky to have these resources within walking distance from our school.

### ***Hero***

The first round of Hero comments have been shared with you. These are based around oral language. If you are reading this you are probably engaged with Hero but please ensure that you are as this is our one stop shop for communication. This is our second year of Hero and we will continue to add over time. We also shared a one pager to outline what you will see across 2026. If you need support setting this up, please just pop into the office and we will be more than happy to help :-)

I wish you a happy Easter and a restful break. I am already looking forward to seeing everyone back on Monday April 20th for the first day of Term 2.

Kindest regards

Andrew

# Meet the Student Leaders



## Emersyn Pentecost

Hi everyone! My name is Emersyn and I am so excited to be one of your student leaders for 2026.

I've been at this school since 2020 and you'll usually find me in the library, on the football field or in the year 6 tree. I wanted to be a leader because it feels like everyone is family here, and I want to make sure everyone is included.

I like sports like rugby, soccer, netball, swimming, Kapa haka, touch and I like playing handball sometimes.

My main goal this year is to support DC with their reading and to help do arts and crafts. If you ever have a cool idea for the school or if you just need someone to talk to please come say hi! I'm always happy to help.



## Dylan Van Der Hulst

Hi! I am Dylan, one of your friendly student leaders of 2026. If you don't know what I look like, I am a red head with a mullet. I am interested in stories. One thing I want to see before I go to year 7 is for everyone to achieve their goals. One fact about me is that I love sports. If you don't know how to approach me don't worry, I won't bite. To find me I will most likely be on the rugby field. If not I will be walking around school. If you need help let a leader or teacher know. Have a great year.

## CHOCOLATE BAR FUNDRAISER

Thank You for the amazing response we have had to our chocolate fundraiser. We have had a lot of \$\$ returned from fully sold boxes. Awesome work kids!!

The bars are \$2 each.  
There are 36 bars in each box. The whole box is worth \$72



Cadbury BLOCKS BOX 36 Pack 45g - 60g \$2.00 RRP x 6 Carry Packs

This Blocks Box includes the best sellers from the Cadbury Dairy Milk Range 45g-60g! At 52 these make selling easy with just one coin required!



Thames Valley Preliminary Waihi Tourment for Rippa Rugby Both teams have qualified for the Thames Valley Regional Tournament in Ngatea.

East Diamonds



East Eels



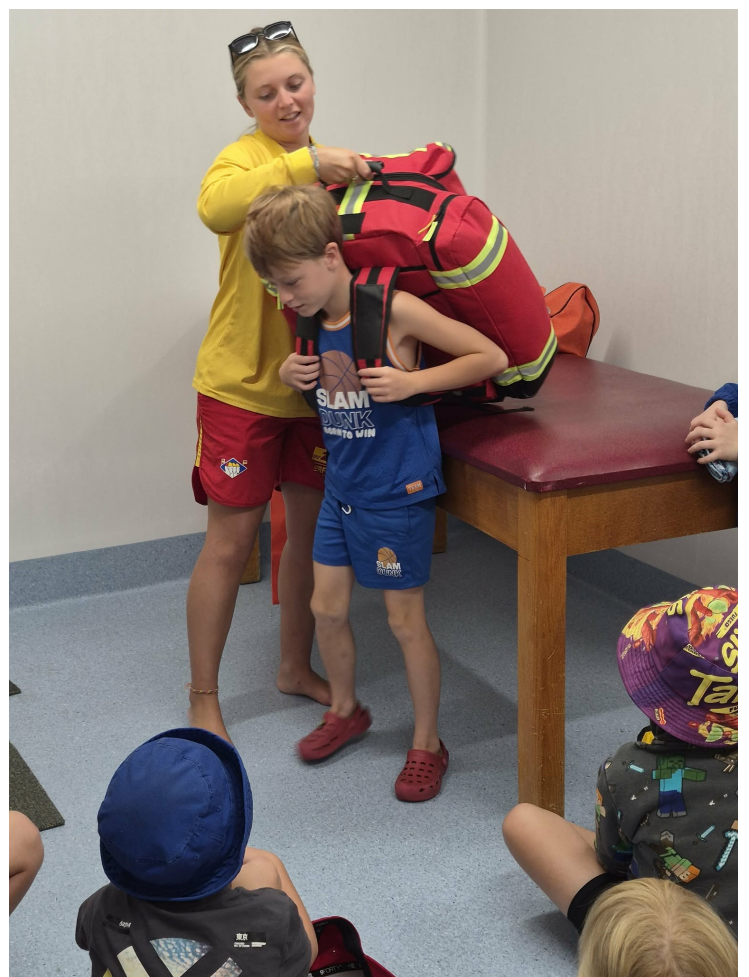
Ururangi class puzzle completed!

# Year 3 & 4 Surf n Turf





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# Autumn School Holiday Programme

Join us at **Paeroa** and **Waihi** Libraries from  
**Tuesday 7 April - Friday 17 April** for  
 Crafting and 3D Printing for  
**5 - 12 year olds**

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# Autumn School Holiday Programme

## WAIHI LIBRARY

WEEK 1	Monday 6 April	Tuesday 7 April	Wednesday 8 April	Thursday 9 April	Friday 10 April
10:30am - 12 noon	CLOSED	Bookmarks & Door Hanger Creations	Cardboard Roll Creations	Collage	LEGO - Games - Playstation
WEEK 2	Monday 13 April	Tuesday 14 April	Wednesday 15 April	Thursday 16 April	Friday 17 April
10:30am - 12 noon	LEGO - Games - Playstation	3D Printing (bookings required)	Art Station	Card Making	Movie

Please book your 3D Printing & Playstation sessions by phoning us on 07 862 8609 or in person at your local branch.

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## 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.



On bags of apples, cut out and collect these labels



## 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

REGISTRATION:

Email  
[waihibeachkc@gmail.com](mailto:waihibeachkc@gmail.com)  
or check out our Face  
book page

Outdoor play  
Arts & Crafts  
Board games  
Afternoon tea provided

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

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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 reuseable condition)

**ARTS in TOWN**

ART AND CRAFT GROUPS,  
WORKSHOPS, DEMOS

← Scan here for details about the workshops

WAIHI MEMORIAL HALL  
11<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2026  
LIVE MUSIC

STEEL'N BEATS STEELBAND

FREE ADMISSION

10 AM TO 4 PM

LIONS CLUB INTERNATIONAL

**WB KIDS CLUB**

APRIL 2026

HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

7 TO 17 APRIL 2026

LOCATED AT WAIHI BEACH SCHOOL  
OPEN TO ANY SCHOOL STUDENT  
AGED 5 - 13 YEARS

## ACTIVITIES

9AM TILL 3PM  
(LIMITED PLACES)  
\$34.50 PER CHILD  
3-5.30PM  
17.50 PER CHILD

ARTS & CRAFT  
OUT DOOR GAMES  
FREE PLAY  
SPORTS SESSIONS

Email  
[waihibeachkc@gmail.com](mailto:waihibeachkc@gmail.com)  
to enrol  
Or Book via our  
facebook page

# COMMUNITY NOTICES



**KIDS  
CLOTHING  
SWAP**

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**

**HRS**  
WORLD WAR TWO  
HISTORICAL RE-ENACTMENT SOCIETY  
NEW ZEALAND INC.

**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**  
[www.waihirsa.co.nz](http://www.waihirsa.co.nz)

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