



WAIHI EAST SCHOOL
TE KURA RAWHITI O WAIHI



Waihi East Primary School Newsletter
Term 2 Week 2
30 April 2026



Year 5 & 6 Rippa Teams

UPCOMING DATES

- 4 May NZ Sign Language Week.
- 7 May Mothers Day Celebration/afternoon tea. 2.30pm.
- 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 Pink Ribbon Breakfast fundraiser.8.15am-9am.
- 22 May Waihi Cluster Cross Country. Pp.
- 26 May National Young Leaders Day.
- 1 June King's Birthday. School Closed
- 2 June North Cluster Cross Country.
- 3 June FIREWISE Programme.
- 4 June North Cluster Cross Country. Pp.
- 30 June Celebration of Learning. 9am.
- 3 July Last Day of Term 2.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW STUDENTS!
NAU MAI, HAERE MAI

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

Aidan K
 Kyrin T

Kia ora Whānau

It is great to be back and Term 2 is well and truly underway, we have a heap of Netball teams who have begun playing on Tuesdays and the Saturday winter sport season is up and running for many of our students. We had our Mihi Whakatautu to welcome new whānau and staff last week which, as always, was a great experience. There is a bit happening this term, including the new reporting to parents requirements which will be coming out at the end of the term.

ANZAC Day

I hope you enjoyed the long weekend, I also hope that you spent some time with your family, understanding and respecting why it was a long weekend. I was very proud of both our own in school acknowledgements and also our students who were in attendance at services around Waihi. It is crucial that history is not lost on the future generation and we continue to educate around the importance of this.

Outdoor Education

I have developed a survey to get some feedback from you around this. We love to offer a range of outdoor experiences but these do come at significant cost, overnight stays can be a positive experience for some but not everyone. Please complete the survey as this helps our planning. As an example if you do not want overnight stays for Year 4 students, we won't plan to make it happen. The survey is relevant for all areas of the school as many of you will reach these milestones in future years.

Cross Country 2026

As mentioned, this will be happening at the Bjerring family farm, permission to attend will come home soon, please return this to school to help with our planning. We do expect most students to attend, those who do not will continue learning (or running) at school.

Reporting to Whānau

We are working hard to keep up with all the legal requirements and at the end of this term, you will receive information on where your child is at in relation to the expectation for their age, in terms of Reading, Writing and Mathematics. There will be ways you can help at home and also some next learning steps. Early next term, we will host learning conferences to help unpack and explain this information.

SMART(Student monitoring, Assessment and Reporting tool)

Alongside the new reporting to whānau requirements, the government is also introducing new assessment options. All students in Year 3-6 will undergo these new assessments. Students will find this challenging, especially as it is new to them but confidence will develop over time. The results from these will eventually be available via Hero. This is a legal requirement from 2027 but we have decided to use it immediately so that students and staff can be familiarised before it is a requirement. This will also help when making judgements about where a child is working at, in terms of the New Curriculum.

Pink Ribbon Breakfast

On Friday the 22nd of May, I am hosting a Pink Ribbon Breakfast to help raise money for Breast Cancer. This is an incredibly important topic with 10 women diagnosed with Breast cancer each day in New Zealand. The breakfast will be from 8.00am-9am with the idea being that you can pop into school, enjoy some Kai and donate to this worthy cause. Please keep the date free and I hope to see you there. I am looking for some male volunteers to help on the day, please let me know if you are keen to help out. It would be great to look after our ladies on this day!

Mothers Day

Mothers are amazing, the amount of time, energy and effort that Mum's put into their children (and their partners) is huge and it is very important that at least once a year, we stop and acknowledge this! Mother's day is next Sunday the 10th of May.

We would love to welcome all Mums/Nana's who are Mum's etc. into our school, next **Thursday May 7th at 2.30pm**. Visit your child's class, enjoy some kai and a special message from them!

Celebration of Learning

Save the date and time for our Term 2 Celebration of Learning. This will be held at a different time of 9.00am. We are mindful of hosting these at the same time and hope that people that can't make it at 2pm might be able to make it in the morning. All classes will be presenting information about their Matariki star (class name) and what it means to them. We do hope to see many of you there :-)
Tuesday June 30th at 9am.

Have a great week, and good luck to all of our students out there competing in and around the community!

Andrew

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?

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

020472 0084492-00



Meet the Student Leaders



Rebekah Netana

Hello my name Rebekah and I'm one of many amazing student leaders this year. I am so happy to be a student leader in 2026. I like hanging out with friends and I try my best to lead by example and be a role model. This year I would like my main goal to be just coming together and being like a big community. If you ever want to come and chat you will probably find me all around the place but mainly in the library helping Kim in Te wahi o Rangī Marie. Please come and say hi whether you just want to talk or have a fun new idea for the school I would love to help.



Holly Coleman

Hi, my name is Holly. I've been at Waihi East School since 2020 and you will usually find me on the field talking and playing with my friends. I want to be a leader because, well it sounds fun! My main goal is to be a good leader and to be a good role model to our school. I would love to start gymnastics for the little ones and start the sports shed up again but if you have any other ideas just let me know. If you need to talk or just say hi I wont bite. I'm always happy to listen and help.

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!!

If you are having trouble selling your box then please now start thinking about returning any unsold bars to schools along with any \$\$ from sales.

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

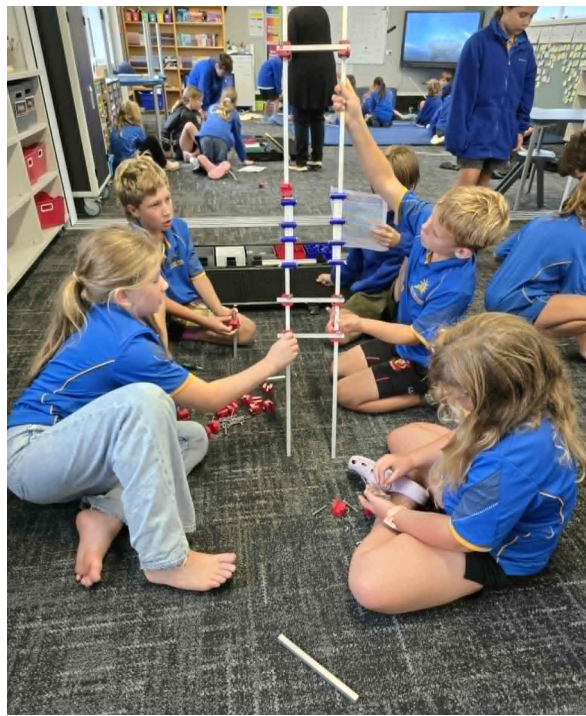
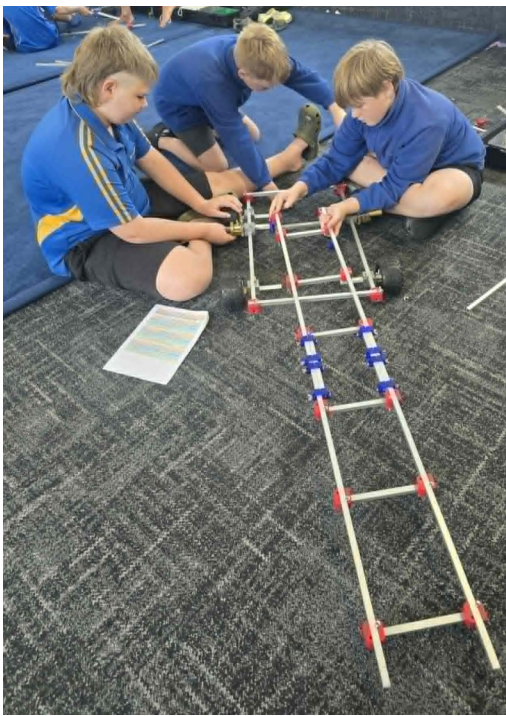
This Blocks Box includes the best sellers from the Cadbury Dairy Milk Range 45g-60g! At \$2 these make selling easy with just one coin required!



Welcome to Pulse

PULSE

We are introducing PULSE to our kura. If you haven't seen the info on HERO the please get in touch with us and we can get you a paper copy.



EPro 8
Challenge





Time to COLLECT Yummy stickers for our School's share of

\$200,000
SPORTS GEAR

Download extra sticker sheets at yummyfruit.co.nz



EAT YUMMY APPLES & BRING YOUR STICKERS TO SCHOOL!

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

KATIKATI COLLEGE QUIZ NIGHT
FOR THE TONGA TRIP STUDENTS



Tropic
Like It's
Hot!

FRIDAY 1ST MAY

DOORS OPEN 6PM - QUIZ STARTS 6:30PM

FOOD WILL BE INCLUDED - BAR WILL BE OPEN!

LOCATION: KATIKATI COLLEGE / R18

\$260 PER TEAM
OF UP TO 8 MEMBERS

CASH & EFTPOS AVAILABLE –
SILENT & LIVE AUCTIONS!

1ST PRIZE \$120 2ND PRIZE \$80

CONTACT avakasiuola@katikaticollege.school.nz
IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS

**JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF
FUN IN THE TROPICS!**




KIDS CLUB 2026

WHEN:
Tuesday's
3.00pm - 5.00pm

WHERE:
Waihi Community
Resource Centre

CONTACT:
Matt Wallace - 07 863 7555
or matt@wcr.org.nz

**REGISTRATIONS ESSENTIAL
AND LIMITED SPACES ONLY**

Proudly supported by **Oceana Gold**
WAIHI

**THESE
VIOLENT DELIGHTS...**

A Piano Recital Inspired by *Romeo and Juliet*

Camila de Oliveira
PIANIST

A magical, story-driven concert designed especially for young audiences

During the performance, children are invited to draw while they listen, creating their own visual interpretations of the music and story.

24 May 2026
3:00 PM
Waihi Baptist Church

FREE ENTRY



creative COMMUNITIES NZ



JUNIOR COACHING WITH OUR PROFESSIONAL COACH MATT RILEY

**FRIDAYS FROM 24TH APRIL TO FRIDAY 26TH JUNE INCLUSIVE,
9 WEEKS (THERE WILL BE A COUPLE OF WEEKS OF UNAVAILABILITY
WHICH I WILL REMIND YOU OF LATER. (STILL 9 WEEKS PLAY)**

**CHARGES - \$5 PER LESSON, PAID IN FULL BEFORE COACHING
STARTS = \$45
PLUS, A JUNIOR SUB FOR THE YEAR IS REQUIRED OF \$50, UNLESS
ALREADY PAID FOR THIS YEAR.
INVOICES WILL BE FORWARDED FOR COACHING PAYMENTS. PLEASE
VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR THE YEARLY SUB.
<https://clubspark.kiwi/WaihiTennisClubInc/Membership/Join>**

**CAN YOU PLEASE EMAIL SUE AT
sueden@xtra.co.nz
TO REGISTER**

**PLEASE REMEMBER, HATS, WATER AND SUNSCREEN.
PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR CHILDREN START THEIR LESSON BEFORE
YOU LEAVE.**

**IF IT RAINS THE LESSONS WILL MOVE INSIDE THE BUILDING AND
NOT CALLED OFF.**



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

**ADD
DESIGN**
AND PRINT

**SIGNAGE
STICKERS
LOGO
DESIGN**

Ph. 0274 545 051
addesign@xtra.co.nz
www.addesignandprint.co.nz

**HICKSON
MOTORS**

**SERVICE
WORX**


PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CENTRE

11a Baber Street | Waihi
hicksonmotors@xtra.co.nz
PHONE **07 863 6826**



Brydon Hickson - Director

Now offering heat pumps



**MEARES
ELECTRICAL**

REUBEN MEARES

Registered Electrician
Covering Waihi, Waihi Beach,
Whangamata, Paeroa
Friendly local service

027 662 8282
meareselectricialwaihi@gmail.com

Principal: Andrew Wilkinson
Ph:07 863 8693

Absentees: HERO parent app

Email Office for general enquires: office@east.school.nz
Email: principal@east.school.nz

www.waihieast.school.nz

**Waihi East Primary School,
8 Donnelly Street, WAIHI 3610
PO Box 129, WAIHI 3641**

*Copyright © 2016 WAIHI EAST SCHOOL.
All rights reserved.*