



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



**Waihi East Primary School Newsletter**  
**Term 2                      Week 4**  
**15 May 2026**



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**UPCOMING DATES**

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| 20 May  | Waihi Cluster Cross Country.              |
| 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.          |
| 3 July  | Last Day of Term 2.                       |
| 10 July | Matariki Public Holiday.                  |
| 20 July | First Day of Term 3.                      |
| 25 Sept | Last Day Term 3.                          |
| 12 Oct  | First Day Term 4.                         |
| 26 Oct  | Labour Day Public Holiday. School Closed. |
| 16 Dec  | Last Day Term 4.                          |

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

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

Jireh de O  
Matthew W

Kia ora whānau

### ***Mother's Day***

Thank you so much to everyone who came and joined us for Mother's day celebrations last week. We have received a lot of positive feedback and we hope you felt special!

### ***Sign language week***

Last week was also Sign language week and we all had some fun learning some sign. I was very proud to be able to sign my name to go along with good morning and thank you. I know classes had some fun learning as well. Sign language is an official language of New Zealand and of course our beautiful Karmady uses this as well.

### ***Support staff week***

This week is Support staff week. We are celebrating our wonderful cleaners- Rian and Stuart, our caretaker- Susanne, teacher aides- Naomi, Paige, Sina, Nikita, Sarah, Liana and Charlize Kim in Te Wahi O Rangimarie and our Executive officer Sharon. Our Support staff are incredible, their job changes daily, the timetable forever being tweaked and adapted and our crew roll their sleeves up and do what is needed with the best interests of children at the centre. If you get the chance, join me in thanking them for all they do.

### ***Cross Country***

Yesterday we ran our Cross Country on, over and around the Bjerring farm! Amazing. It was so cool to see the students enjoying the outdoors and being challenged on a true "Cross Country" course. A massive thank you to Susanne and whānau for allowing us to run the event there and also for all the organising behind the scenes.



### ***Pink Ribbon breakfast***

Just a reminder that next Friday, May 22nd, we are hosting a Pink Ribbon Breakfast in Kotahitanga at 8 am. We would love to see you there, help us raise some money for an incredibly worthy cause. If you would like to donate but can't make breakfast, please feel free to send a donation to the office on Friday.

### ***Teacher Only Days***

I posted earlier this week about our 2 Teacher Only Days for 2026. These will be held on Friday June 19th and Friday August 28th. All schools in Waihi including the college will be having a Teacher Only Day on Friday August 28th. School will be closed on these days so that staff can undertake professional learning around the new Mathematic's Curriculum.

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.**  
(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.

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## Waihi East School Cross Country Results 2026

<b>Yr 5 Girls</b>	<b>Yr 5 Boys</b>	<b>Yr 6 Girls</b>	<b>Yr 6 Boys</b>
1. Lucy Coleman	1. Braxton Hewlett	1. Mārika Whatarau	1. Patrick Ramos-Crowe
2. Jenica Sealie	2. Rhythm McAlister	2. Armani Cave	2. Carter Wild
3. Brylee Munn	3. Austin Wild	3. Penelope Kelly	3. Isaac Rasch
4. Chloe Wharry	4. Kobe Nilsson	4. Ursula Gomez	4. Bryson Munn
5. Empria Khoury	5. Levi Vlamming	5. Ambre Sealie	5. Connor Burton
6. Cynthia Liang	6. Mason Mackie	6. Holly Coleman	6. Max Stewart
7. Tahlia Manukau	7. Eli Bjerring	7. Emersyn Pentecost	7. Charlie Hone
			7. Dylan Van Der Hulst

<b>Yr 2 Girls</b>	<b>Yr 2 Boys</b>	<b>Yr 1 Girls</b>	<b>Yr 1 Boys</b>
1. Piper Kingsford	1. Dre Carlisle	1. Te Ahorangi O'Brien	1. Blake Wood
2. Amellia Brown	2. Sean Negus	2. Tia Whatarau	2. Levi Elliott
3. Zoey Honey	3. Kobi Mackie	3. Willow Melville	3. Lewis Garrett
4. Grace Menefy	4. Hudson Bjerring	4. Piper Besamusca	4. Leo Meares
5. Delyn-Grace Mandawala	5. Robbie Cave	5. Isla Gardner	5. Jireh deOcampo
6. Maddison Turley	6. Brock Nilsson	6. Maia Maerean	6. Cohen McDonald
7. Hana Gardiner	7. Reid Edwards	7. Jeewoo Kim	7. Max Mann

<b>Yr 3 Girls</b>	<b>Yr 3 Boys</b>	<b>Yr 4 Girls</b>	<b>Yr 4 Boys</b>
1. Sienna Menefy	1. Kahu McAlister	1. Sadie Bjerring	1. Arlo Cochrane
2. Lily Meares	2. Akau Carrington	2. Freya Tenni	2. Judah Tobin
3. Amaya Hewlett	3. Jackson Tausilia	3. Haven Knight	3. Jaxon Bowden
4. Edith Rasch	4. Micah deOcampo	4. Ella Skelton	4. Ngatai Whatarau
5. Lola Tapper	5. Anders Bjerring	5. Addison Bryant	5. Elliyus Phillips
6. Charlotte Featherstone	6. Aarush Nahar	6. Georgia Chapman	6. Carter Mullan
7. Frankie Woodhouse	6. Marley Baker		7. Levi Poulter
	7. Coen Wood		



# Meet the Student Leaders



## Carter Wild

Hi my name is Carter Wild I am ten years old. I have been at Waihi East School for six years now. Last year I did my best to become a student leader. Now I am one. I really like playing all sports. I will give anything a go. I also like hunting and fishing.

This year I really want to help all the junior students learn in the classroom and on the field.

Please come say hi I want to hear your ideas this year or just say hello if you need me i will probably be on the rugby field if not maybe in Matariki.



## Priya Ranchhod

Hi my name is Priya. I am ten years old and I have been at this school since 2020. My favourite colour is light purple and my favourite food is doughnuts. Plus I love dancing.

I wanted to be a leader so I could help the teachers plus students and because I love our school. I would like to campaign to bring back the art room and I just want to help any time any day.

In our school you will find me in the library, by the kindergarten or in my class and I am free at any time.

## 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!

## PULSE



### Welcome to 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.



Artwork from Matariki and Hiwa-i-te-rangi





Artwork from Matariki and Hiwa-i-te-rangi



## Waihi Community Forum Community Representative Positions available!

Are you passionate about living in Waihi and making it a great place to live?

Expressions of interest are now being sought for two Community Representatives to join the Waihi Community Forum!

The purpose of our Forum is to contribute towards a thriving and sustainable community for Waihi residents.

We're most keen to find new members who are:

- community-minded
- confident communicators
- constructive problem solvers
- Waihi residents
- Have some knowledge of mining activities in Waihi

You will need the flexibility and commitment to attend monthly meetings (on Thursday at 5pm in Waihi, where you will receive an attendance fee) and to spend at least 2 hours a week on Forum matters. Further information on the Forum, its purpose and projects can be found at [www.waihicommunityforum.co.nz](http://www.waihicommunityforum.co.nz)

If you are interested in joining our team or have any questions, please message us on Facebook or email us at [wcfinformation@gmail.com](mailto:wcfinformation@gmail.com)



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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

you can drop any bags off to  
the East School Office

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

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!



**WAIHI EAST SCHOOL presents...**

**Lift Off to Learning WORKSHOPS**

Come along and find out about practical ways you can help your child's start to school. Get to know staff and parents.

**Term Two 2026**

4th June 2026

9.30am-10.30pm—How We Roll

11th June 2026

9.30am-10.30pm—Numeracy & Literacy

RSVP to secure your spot to : [cchristie@east.school.nz](mailto:cchristie@east.school.nz)

Waihi East School & Waimata School Fundraiser

# TRAILRIDE

**17<sup>th</sup> MAY**

**Start 10am, Sign in 8.30am**

Motorbike boots and proper helmet required.

More details on [www.silverbullet.co.nz](http://www.silverbullet.co.nz)

**SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOLS. HITTING THE TRAILS TOGETHER!**

## Junior Girls Rugby tackle clinic & games

**COME AND ENJOY A MORNING OF TACKLE SKILLS AND GAMES.**

**DETAILS**

**WHEN: THIS SUNDAY MAY 10TH**

**TIME: 9.30AM - 10.45AM**

**WHERE: HUGH HAYWARD DOMAIN (NGATEA RUGBY CLUB)**

**WHO: YEAR 3-8 GIRLS**

**FOR ANY FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

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## 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**

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COMMUNITIES

# KIDS CLUB 2026



**WHEN:**  
Tuesday's  
3.00pm - 5.00pm



**WHERE:**  
Waihi Community  
Resource Centre



**CONTACT:**  
Matt Wallace - 07 863 7555  
or [matt@wrc.org.nz](mailto:matt@wrc.org.nz)

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