



WAIHI EAST SCHOOL
TE KURA RAWHITI O WAIHI



Waihi East Primary School Newsletter
Term 3 Week 6
27 August 2026



Year 6 Leavers Hoodies
'Once an Eastie, Always an Eastie'

UPCOMING DATES

28 August	Teacher Only Day. School closed.
1 Sept	Job/Careers Day.
2 Sept	Yr 5/6 Mine Education Visit.
2 Sept	BSLA/SL Whānau Day.
3 Sept	Year 5/6 Basketball Blitz tournament.
3 Sept	Iti Pounamu Farm Visit.
4 Sept	Father's Day Bake Sale Fundraiser.
8 Sept	Mine Education Visit.
9 Sept	Mine Education Visit.
10 Sept	Mine Education Visit.
10 Sept	Lift Off to Learning. 9.30am
11 Sept	Year 1/2 Football tournament. Waihi Beach School.
15 Sept	Tipuārangi Farm Visit.
16 Sept	Waihi College Nga Waka Open Afternoon for Year 6 students.
17 Sept	Lift Off to Learning. 9.30am
18 Sept	Photolife Class and Individual Photos.
22 Sept	Celebration of learning.
24 Sept	BOT Hui.
25 Sept	Last Day Term 3.

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

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

Ayla K
Cohan K
Aisha-Reign K
Hudson M

Kia ora Whānau,

Bikes- Massive Thank You Shout Out

As you know we were lucky enough to purchase 55 brand new bikes earlier this year. The bikes are no longer brand new! We have had many bikes needing bits and pieces of work and I am very grateful that recently **Josh Tobin, Paul Vlaming, Nathan Bjerring and Ants Gerring** all stepped up and helped sort these for us. It was very generous to give your time and energy and as a result our students are better off, thank you!

Trail Ride

Last term our school was lucky enough to be the benefactor of a Trail ride on the Stanaway farm. Thank you to Louise and Peter for allowing us to use the farm and also to the Thames Valley Motorcycle club for all of their support and organisation to make this event a success, we are lucky to have such amazing community members.

Student Leaders

Our student leaders continue their great work around the school, they have lots of awesome ideas and we look forward to continuing to see them out and around providing opportunities for others. The Art Attack room is back up and running this week, how good! They are currently deciding what activity for the students v adults challenge!

Farm Visit for Tipuārangi

Tipuārangi were lucky enough to visit the Bjerring farm last week and it was a truly memorable occasion! Their timing was so perfect they even saw a calf being born! Such a rich experience and thanks to the Bjerrings for hosting.

Basketball

Last week we had two teams take part in the Waihi cluster basketball tournament. Both teams had a great day and performed admirably with the East Hawks managing to finish in second place.

Literacy

Next week on Wednesday the 2nd of September we are offering a "Structured Literacy tour". You, our whānau, are invited to come along and have a walk through the classes to see Structured Literacy in action. Please meet in the staffroom at 9am, it will run until 10.30am.

TOD

Tomorrow, Friday we have our final Teacher Only Day for the year. Thank you for your support with this. Waihi Beach kids are running a day out for students at Waimata school. If interested let us know and we can help introduce you.

Community Shoutout

Jayda attended the Te Puke Gymsport Competition on Friday and received a Silver medal overall for Artistic (Beam, Floor, Vault).

She also competed in Trampoline for the First time and took out first place receiving a Gold medal.

After placing earlier in the term in Thames she has also qualified and will be attending the Waikato Regional Gymnastics Competition later this month.

Amazing effort Jayda, we will be cheering you on for the regionals! Rose Stevens also competed and achieved a fantastic third place. We are very proud of you both!

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.

Waihi East School Board of Trustees
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Year 6 Leavers Hoodies
 'Once an Eastie, Always an Eastie'
 Thanks to the Whānau Roopu Group who helped make these hoodies possible.
 They look amazing!

16 SEPTEMBER 2026

NGĀ WAKA

Open Afternoon



WAIHĪ COLLEGE
 KEI KONEI TĀTOU E TŪ ANA
 HERE WE STAND

 From **3 pm to 6 pm**, all Year 6, 7 & 8 ākonga and their whānau are welcome to come and explore our Waka.

 *Followed by*
INFORMATION EVENING
5.15 pm – opportunity for Year 6 whānau and whānau of any new Year 7&8 students to our kura to learn more about Waihi College

 *Term 4:*
COLLEGE TOUR
 More information to follow



Year 3-6 World Cup Rippa Day 2026

Just a reminder if you would like your child to participate in the Thames Valley Rippa Rugby World Cup Day in Term 4 that you need to register your child on the google form link below. Please copy the link into your browser and fill out the form. If you have more than one child, you will need to fill out the form for each child. Students need to be registered by 31st August.

<https://forms.gle/VhCfSYQ1kk7vWQb87>





WAIHI EAST



ROOPU



Fathersday BAKE SALE

ONLINE AUCTION



ONLINE AUCTION ON
THE 4TH OF SEPTEMBER
ON THE
WAIHI EAST FACEBOOK PAGE.



DROP OFF YOUR
BAKING BEFORE **9AM**
IN THE OFFICE.



AUCTION CLOSING
AT **2.30PM.**



WINNING BID CAN
BE PAID VIA
EFTPOS OR CASH.

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Let's make
Fathersday
special!

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(bags need to be in clean reuseable condition)

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!

WAIHI INTERSCHOOL AGRICULTURAL DAY

— 22/10/2026 —



CALF, LAMB & GOAT SECTIONS

OPEN TO ALL WAIHI CHILDREN PRESCHOOL – YEAR 8

SPECTATORS WELCOME AND THERE WILL BE A FOOD AND DRINK STALL ON SITE.

📍 10AM AT WAIHI EAST SCHOOL

➡ REGISTER ON LINK BELOW, ENTRIES CLOSE SEPTEMBER 22ND



<https://forms.gle/EE2yv77TrzQmijEh9>



MONTY THE MONSTAR FUN RUN

6 Nov 2026

Green Reference in Fundraising & Event Checklist



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COMMUNITY NOTICES

BOOK LAUNCH and Signing

Saturday 22 August 2026
10-11am

Waihi Library



How Wishbone Got His Name
from local author and artist Robyn Tucker
Prequel to Who Saved the Hens?

We are super excited to announce the launch of a wonderful new picture book by local author and illustrator, Robyn Tucker!

Join us at Waihi Library on **Saturday 22 August** from **10am** for the launch of 'How Wishbone Got His Name', the sequel to 'Who Saved the Hens?'.

Enjoy a reading of the book, grab yourself a copy and get it signed by Robyn herself!

We hope you can join us for a fun morning.

DONATE BLOOD in Waihi

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WHERE
Waihi Events Centre

WHEN
Monday 7th September
9:30am-1:30pm
Monday 21st December
10:30am-2:30pm

Appointments are preferred as spaces are limited.
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COMMUNITY & CONNECTION
 Active in local and community events
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 Safe and supportive van service

TRANSITION & SUPPORT
 Leadership Opportunities
 Peer Mentoring
 Transition to Secondary School






EVER FAITHFUL LIFELONG LEARNERS

**2027
ENROLMENTS
NOW OPEN**

Preference & Non-Preference
Enrolments

VISIT OUR SCHOOL
 Phone the office to book a
 personal tour with Principal
 Teresa Rush
 07 863 8653
 20 Mueller Street, Waihi
 www.wsj.school.nz
 office@wsj.school.nz

JUNIOR SURF AT WAIHI BEACH

REGISTRATIONS ARE OPEN!

Learn more and register at:
www.waihibeachlifeguards.co.nz/junior-surf

 **Ages 5-13**
  **Sundays, 10am-12pm**
  **Starts 15 November**



“The best thing about Junior Surf is catching waves — and making mates from all over the Eastern Region.”

GRAYSON (TE AROHA)
SACRED HEART COLLEGE AUCKLAND

**#shareyour
SLSNZstory**

Start your surf lifesaving story at Waihi Beach

Waihi Beach
LIFEGUARD SERVICES INC.

KIDS CLUB 2026






WHEN:
 Tuesday's
 3.00pm - 5.00pm

WHERE:
 Waihi Community
 Resource Centre

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

**REGISTRATIONS ESSENTIAL
AND LIMITED SPACES ONLY**

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School Holiday INTENSIVE

BLOCK COURSE

**5 DAYS
OF FUN,
FOCUS &
CONFIDENCE!**



**SKILLS
THAT LAST
A LIFETIME!**

28TH SEPTEMBER TO 2ND OCTOBER 2026

**PRESCHOOLERS
AND SCHOOL
AGE ONLY**

Tailored lessons for
little learners and
school age swimmers.

LESSON TIME

LESSON TIME DEPENDS
ON SWIMMING LEVEL
BETWEEN 9:00AM
AND 12:00PM EACH DAY

Your lesson time will be
confirmed prior to the course.

**SAME TIME
Each Day!**

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kids learn, progress
and build confidence.

BUILD SKILLS

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and water confidence

HAVE FUN

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