



WAIHI EAST SCHOOL
TE KURA RAWHITI O WAIHI



Waihi East Primary School Newsletter
Term 3 Week 8
10 September 2026



Year 5/6 Basketball Blitz Teams

UPCOMING DATES

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.
25 Sept	Last Year5/6 Football games.
12 Oct	First Day Term 4.
15 Oct	East School Ag Day.
22 Oct	Waihi Interschool Ag Day.
26 Oct	Labour Day Public Holiday. School Closed.
28 Oct	East School Athletics.
29 Oct	East School Athletics p/p day.
6 Nov	Colour Run Fundraiser.
16 Nov	North Cluster Athletics. Bethlehem College.
11 Dec	End of Year Prizegiving.
16 Dec	Last Day Term 4. 12.30pm finish.

Kia ora whānau, it has been a busy few weeks with plenty to celebrate and share!

Pool key/Hoodie Survey

Thank you to those who completed the pool/hoodie survey recently. We had 85 responses which is fantastic. We had very positive feedback towards pool keys and will move forward with the organisation of this. The pool will be ready during Term 4, we will keep you up to date with progress.

84% of whānau supported hoodies being introduced, there were some valid comments around keeping some current options, ensuring our Year 6 hoodies are unique and other points that we will certainly take on board and consider. I am going to bring some samples to our Roopu whānau event early next term...watch this space!

TOD

Recently we had our second Teacher Only day, staff across Waihi all met at Central school to look at moderation of the new curriculum across the schools. This was a valuable day and we do appreciate your support with this.

Careers Day

Wow! This was an amazing day and what a wonderful opportunity for our students to learn and think about their future! Thank you so much to Libby, Ferg, Susanne, Michael, Angela and Aaron who were all generous with their time and came and spoke to the students about their various occupations. I saw massive engagement, focused students and a lot of great learning.

Structured Literacy Whānau Session

We had an outstanding group of around 20-25 whānau who attended our recent Structured Literacy tour. I hope you all found this valuable. This was a wonderful chance to gain insight into our structured Literacy programme. A huge thank you also to all of our staff who were observed in their classrooms and also to Dorette who leads this work and explained the programme and processes so well.

Mine Visits

Our mine visits are in full swing and I had the pleasure of attending with Puanga earlier this week. I loved the visit and thought the activities and information was intriguing, another brilliant opportunity for our students to learn more about the massive organisation that is Oceana Gold. Thanks to Phillip Salmon for running the educational programmes for us. I'm going to keep working on getting that \$8 million dollars for picking up the gold bar with one hand!

Lads and Dads

Father's day gives us the perfect excuse to put on another breakfast and create a small window for some quality time with Dad, or Grandad or someone filling the Dad role! Thanks to those who took the time to come along, we always love seeing you and know your children love having you here!

Waikato Gymnastics champs!

Jayda has been busy again and attended the Waikato Regional Gymsport Festival last week.

This is a massive competition with over 50 qualifying from around the region. She had some amazing results with a 3rd, 4th and two 5th places in single Apparatus covering Rhythmic, Artistic and Trampoline. She also took out 4th overall in Trampoline for the year 5/6 Grade. We are very proud of your efforts Jayda!

Jaysen Williams out and about!

Jaysen recently attended the Counties Shotokan Karate tournament with the Waihi Shotokan club, Jaysen was outstanding finishing 1st for Kumite and 3rd in Kata, a great effort by Jaysen. Huge effort also by Heath Brown who was in attendance, keep it up lads!

Please remember if you, your child or someone in your whānau has done something cool out there, we would love to know and celebrate! Keep the stories coming :-)

We have our next Celebration of Learning coming up on Tuesday September 22nd at 2pm. There will be an assembly at 2pm hosted by our junior school - Iti Pounamu. I hope to see you there.

Have a great weekend!

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 5/6 Basketball Blitz



MONSTAR FUN RUN

The Monty the Monstar Fun Run is on the way! 6th Nov. Get ready to run, support your school and have a blast! Fundraising kicks off next week- let's smash our goal together! 🦄

#MontytheMonstar #MontytheMonstarFunRun
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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



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MONTY THE MONSTAR FUN RUN

6 Nov 2026

Green Reference in Fundraising & Event Checklist



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COMMUNITY NOTICES

16 SEPTEMBER 2026

NGĀ WAKA

Open Afternoon



WAIHI 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



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WHERE
Waihi Events Centre

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

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**2027
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Enrolments

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JUNIOR SURF AT WAIHI BEACH

REGISTRATIONS ARE OPEN!

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 Ages 5-13

 Sundays, 10am-12pm

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 **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! Consistency helps kids learn, progress and build confidence.
 BUILD SKILLS Improve technique and water confidence.	 HAVE FUN Engaging lessons in a supportive environment.	 MAKE PROGRESS Fast-track your swimming goals.
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 **THURSDAY
1ST OCTOBER**

 **9AM - 2PM**

 **8-12
YEAR OLDS**

 **REGISTRATIONS LIMITED
- GET IN FAST!**

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ROCKTOPIA - TAURANGA

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

 **WEDNESDAY
7TH OCTOBER**

 **9AM - 2PM**

 **8-12
YEAR OLDS**

 **TRANSPORT
PROVIDED**

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Ellerslie School is turning 150 years old in 2027!

Are you a former student or staff member of Ellerslie School? We welcome you to be a part of our Alumni community!

Please join us in celebrating our history - share your memories with us and connect with past whānau of Ellerslie School.

If you would like to be kept up to date on all the festivities to celebrate our special 150th birthday occasion to be held in 2027, please sign up to our database by completing this form:

<https://forms.gle/X1QTFxnRcNGpPyfK9>

Please sign up to our Ellerslie School Alumni Facebook page with an Instagram page coming soon:

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If you have any queries please email: alumni@ellerslie.school.nz.

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