



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



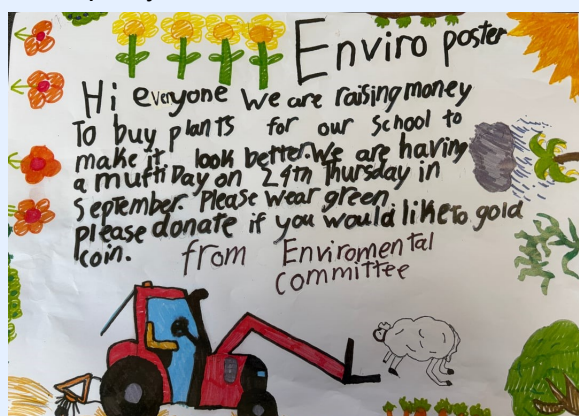
**Waihi East Primary School Newsletter**  
**Term 3      Week 10**  
**24 September 2026**



Ururangi enjoying spring

**UPCOMING DATES**

|         |                                                 |
|---------|-------------------------------------------------|
| 24 Sept | Green Mufti Day. Gold coin donation please.     |
| 24 Sept | BOT Hui.                                        |
| 25 Sept | Last Day Term 3.                                |
| 25 Sept | Last Year 5/6 Football games.                   |
| 12 Oct  | First Day Term 4.                               |
| 15 Oct  | East School Ag Day.                             |
| 19 Oct  | Book Character Dress up day.                    |
| 22 Oct  | Waihi Inter school Ag Day.                      |
| 26 Oct  | Labour Day<br>Public Holiday.<br>School Closed. |
| 28 Oct  | East School Athletics.                          |
| 29 Oct  | East School Athletics p/p                       |
| 6 Nov   | Colour Run Fundraiser.                          |
| 16 Nov  | North Cluster Athletics.                        |



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

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

Sylvie T

Kia ora whānau

### **Enrolment Zone**

As you know our school has been growing steadily, there is now pressure on the roll and capacity in the classrooms. In the most recent ballot we did not accept any year 1, 2 or 3 students and this will be the case until the final ballot for the year. It is positive that people want to come here but we also need to balance that with learning conditions, particularly trying to avoid class sizes becoming too large. Thank you for your support with this.

### **Lunch Out**

Monday saw another 7 lads all head out for lunch for collecting 50 tokens, very well saved! Sushi, KFC and a trip to Gilmour Lake made for a great start to the week! We have now added a chance to print from the 3D printer for 30 tokens and there has been some talk about adding Ninja Valley for 2027... watch this space and keep the ideas coming!

### **Celebration of Learning**

Thank you to everyone who came and saw our junior superstars share their assembly on Tuesday. A lot of great learning and cute factor taking the stage, the school is in great stead with the number of junior students and how capable they are! It has been a great term full of learning.

### **Ki O Rahi**

We have been fortunate to have students from Te Wharekura o Te Waitangi ō Hinemuri in over the last few weeks teaching and supporting our students to learn Ki O Rahi, a traditional Māori game, they have been loving it and we look forward to future games and tournaments!

### **Year 5 /6 Football**

We have had 3 teams playing in the year 5 and 6 football competition this term, it has run very well and our students have enjoyed the opportunity. I don't think there is a threat to the rugby club but it is great to see students getting involved with all opportunities. Two of our teams played in a semi final at school this week and the Breakers are now off to the final this Friday. Good luck team, bring home the trophy!

### **Duffy Role Model**

Last we we hosted a Duffy Role Model Assembly with **Alistair (Mr Mac) McIntyre** author of the Doug the Digger books which was a amazing and inspiring visit. The children listened to a Doug the Digger story and enjoyed his quirky sense of humour.

Thanks everyone for all of your support this term, it has been another busy term, mixed in with Term 3 sickness which is becoming a trend. I hope you enjoy the next two weeks with your child! See you on October 12th ready for Term 4 :-)

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  
**020472 0084492-00**





# Super - Zanne

Thanks for letting us visit your farm,  
you didn't have to twist our arm.  
Lambs and chickens and pigs and eggs,  
at the end of the day we had tired  
legs.

Susanne you are a Superstar  
As a volunteer you raise the bar!

You bring your tractor to our school,  
we think you are really cool.

You clean our pool and fields and too

You even fix our class door too!

every time we need a hand

You help us out and understand!

Thanks Susanne for all you do,

A Super HERO - that is true!

Poem written by Tipuārangi Students.

## Tipuārangi 2nd Farm Visit







## MONSTAR FUN RUN

The Monty the Monstar Fun Run is on the way! 6th November.

Get ready to run, support your school and have a blast!

Fundraising kicks off next week- let's smash our goal together!

#MontytheMonstar #MontytheMonstarFunRun

#NewZealandFundraising

Week 1—the class with the most online profiles by the end of week 1 will receives Monty scented pencils.

Week 2—Students who raise \$20 or more will go in the draw to win 2 Duffy books .

Week 3—Students who raise \$50 for more will go in the draw for a Ice cream sundae

Week 4—Students who raise \$100 or more will go in the draw for a 3D printed object of their choice.

Week 5—the two tops students will win a fun run costume that they can choose to wear on the day.

Week 6—FUN RUN.





**MUSIC LESSONS**  
**@ WAIHI EAST SCHOOL**

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**PIANO/KEYBOARD**  
**VOCALS**

Learn the fun way!  
 Build confidence, focus & creativity  
 Sign up today!

**Contact Music Teacher**  
**MERYL BENNETT**  
 Mobile 021 234 1721  
 blackbirdmusicnest@gmail.com  
 www.nzmsmcounties.co.nz




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

**\$200,000**  
**SPORTS GEAR**

Download extra sticker sheets at [yummyfruit.co.nz](http://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

you can drop any bags off to  
 the East School Office

(bags need to be in clean reuseable 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 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 22<sup>ND</sup>



<https://forms.gle/EE2yv77TrzQmijEh9>



# MONTY THE MONSTAR FUN RUN

6 Nov 2026

 Green Reference in Fundraising & Event Checklist



NEWZEALANDFUNDRAISING.CO.NZ · PHONE 0800 377 170

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

# FREE SPRING ADVENTURE CALENDAR

Perfect for the school holidays



Advents are for any time, not just Christmas.

30 tiny adventures for tamariki and whānau to enjoy together.  
Full colour or colour-it-yourself.

**GET YOUR FREE COPY**

[realparents.nz/collections/printables](https://realparents.nz/collections/printables)

Practical, evidence-informed support to help you understand your child's behaviour and feel more confident in the tricky moments.  
[realparents.org.nz](https://realparents.org.nz)

**real parents**

# ART waikino

everywhere you look!

## ART EXHIBITION

23-26 OCTOBER

### KIDS ENTER A CREATURE

use any materials



the coromandel **artbeat** spring festival

Prizes to be Details on website





**Your Journey Continues:**  
**ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL, WAIHI**  
**TE KURA KATORIKA O HATO HŌHEPA KI WAIHI**

**Year 7 & 8 Intermediate**  
 Your Best Path to Secondary School Transition.

**HOLISTIC DEVELOPMENT**  
 Faith-based learning  
 Specialist Learning Intervention  
 Tuakana-Teina relationships  
 Digital Skills & Offsite Tech Classes

**ACTIVE OPPORTUNITIES**  
 Kapa Haka & Music Specialist  
 Sports Participation  
 Water Safety  
 EPPO 8 Challenge

**COMMUNITY & CONNECTION**  
 Active in local and community events  
 Connection to other schools  
 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](http://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.



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Children can learn at their own pace, and we provide you with practical tools to support their learning at home.

Visit [www.wordwhizz.co.nz](http://www.wordwhizz.co.nz) to find out more.



# 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!**

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

 **FRIENDLY & SUPPORTIVE**  
 Experienced teachers  
who care

★ **ENROL NOW!**     SPACES ARE LIMITED  
DON'T MISS OUT!

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WATER CONFIDENCE • SAFETY • SKILLS FOR LIFE

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Swim  
Love



# SAPPHIRE SPRINGS

## SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

 **THURSDAY  
1<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER**

 **9AM - 2PM**

 **8-12  
YEAR OLDS**

 **REGISTRATIONS LIMITED  
- GET IN FAST!**

 **POP INTO THE  
WAIHI COMMUNITY  
RESOURCE CENTRE**  
OR EMAIL  
[matt@wrc.org.nz](mailto:matt@wrc.org.nz)

 **WEATHER  
DEPENDANT**

 **OCEANA GOLD  
WAIHI**

 **WAIHI COMMUNITY  
RESOURCE CENTRE**

# ROCKTOPIA

## INDOOR ROCK CLIMBING

### ROCKTOPIA - TAURANGA

## SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

 **WEDNESDAY  
7<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER**

 **9AM - 2PM**

 **8-12  
YEAR OLDS**

 **TRANSPORT  
PROVIDED**

 **POP INTO THE  
WAIHI COMMUNITY  
RESOURCE CENTRE**  
OR

 **EMAIL  
[matt@wrc.org.nz](mailto:matt@wrc.org.nz)**

**REGISTRATIONS  
LIMITED -  
GET IN FAST!**

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RESOURCE CENTRE**

## 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:

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61582768932221>

If you have any queries please email: [alumni@ellerslie.school.nz](mailto:alumni@ellerslie.school.nz).

## ELLERSLIE SCHOOL ALUMNI





# 2026 TOUCH SEASON

FUN. FITNESS. FRIENDSHIP. EVERYONE WELCOME!

## YEAR 7 & 8 UPWARDS

**STARTS** WEDNESDAY 14 OCTOBER 2026

**FINISHES** WEDNESDAY 2 DECEMBER 2026

**8 WEEKS**

INTERMEDIATE GRADES COMMENCE: 4:30PM

SOCIAL MIXED & ABOVE COMMENCE: 5:30PM

## PRIMARY SCHOOLS (YEAR 3 & 4, 5 & 6)

**STARTS** WEDNESDAY 21 OCTOBER 2026

**FINISHES** WEDNESDAY 25 NOVEMBER 2026

**6 WEEKS**

PRIMARY SCHOOL GAMES COMMENCE: 3:30PM

### GRADES

- YEAR 3 & 4
- YEAR 5 & 6
- INTERMEDIATE (YEAR 7 & 8)
- SOCIAL MIXED
- COMPETITIVE MIXED

### FEES

INTERMEDIATE & UPWARDS \$140 PER TEAM

PRIMARY SCHOOLS \$10 PER PLAYER

TEAMS MUST BE REGISTERED WITH A PLAYING UNIFORM COLOUR AND HAVE NUMBERED UNIFORMS OR BIBS.

TEAMS MUST BE REGISTERED WITH A REFEREE. REFEREES WILL UMPIRE EITHER THE ROUND BEFORE OR AFTER THEIR GAME IS SCHEDULED FOR.

ALL PLAYERS MUST BE REGISTERED TO THEIR TEAM.

IN THE MIXED (YEAR 7 & 8 UPWARDS), THERE MUST BE A MINIMUM THREE FEMALE PLAYERS.

TEAMS MUST BE REGISTERED WITH A PLAYING UNIFORM COLOUR AND HAVE NUMBERED UNIFORMS OR BIBS.

A \$20 DEFAULT FEE WILL APPLY WHERE NO NOTIFICATION IS PROVIDED WITHIN 24 HOURS OF THE GAME. THIS FEE MUST BE PAID PRIOR TO THE TEAM'S NEXT PLAYING NIGHT.

TEAMS MUST HAVE A MINIMUM OF FIVE REGISTERED PLAYERS ON THE FIELD.

PLAYERS MUST ONLY BE REGISTERED TO ONE TEAM.

FEMALE PLAYERS: ALLOCATION WILL BE ONE POINT ONLY FOR ONE TRY.

**ROUND TIMES**

PRIMARY SCHOOLS: 3:30PM

INTERMEDIATE GRADES: 4:30PM

SOCIAL MIXED & ABOVE: 5:30PM

**GET OUT. GET ACTIVE. PLAY TOUCH!**

PLEASE NOTE: WAIHI COLLEGE IS SMOKE AND VAPE FREE

VENUE: WAIHI COLLEGE FIELDS (TOP FIELDS) - RATA STREET ENTRANCE

# WAIHI TOUCH ASSOCIATION

# CANTEEN OPEN!

## OPERATING HOURS

3:30PM – 5:30PM

## MENU

### LOLLY BAGS

\$3

### DRINKS

\$3

### POWERADES

\$5

### CHOCOLATE BARS

\$3

### SAUSAGE SIZZLE

\$3

### CASH OR BANK TRANSFERS available!

**From time to time:**  
This menu may change from time to time and will be updated on a regular basis.

**FUEL UP. PLAY ON!**

# Waihi Netball Centre

# Spring NETBALL

PLAY • CONNECT • ENJOY

**COMMENCING** Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> October

**FINISHING** Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> November

**TIME** Games from 5:30 p.m.

**DURATION** 6 weeks

**GRADES** Mixed grades & Walking Netball

**TEAM REQUIREMENTS**  
Teams must have their own match ball, bibs and umpire.

**FEES** \$140 per team

**AT** Waihi Netball Centre  
2 Baker Street, Waihi

### Our Vision

To create a welcoming, inclusive and well-run netball community. Where players, coaches, umpires, volunteers and whānau can belong, develop and thrive.

### Our Netball Slogan

Stronger Together,  
Growing Our Game,  
Growing Our People.

# Hauraki District Libraries

## Waihi Library

|                 | Monday                                           | Tuesday                                          | Wednesday                                        | Thursday     | Friday         |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|--------------|----------------|
| <b>Week One</b> | Virtual Reality<br>Bookings Required<br>Age: 10+ | Virtual Reality<br>Bookings Required<br>Age: 10+ | Virtual Reality<br>Bookings Required<br>Age: 10+ | Craft Corner | Lego and Games |
|                 | Monday                                           | Tuesday                                          | Wednesday                                        | Thursday     | Friday         |
| <b>Week Two</b> | Zany Zines                                       | Craft Corner                                     | Craft Corner                                     | Amazing Art  | Lego and Games |

# SAVE THE DATE

## SUNDAY 11 OCTOBER 2026

### NO CODE EVENTS

CARVED, NOT CURATED.

# TRAIL TRILOGY

FLAT-OUT FUN





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Scan the QR code to pre-order now and support Hospice Waikato.

**hospice waikato**

# DONATE BLOOD in Waihi

Visit our mobile blood drive and help save three lives.



**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.  
Scan QR Code to book.



**Book now**  
**0800 448 325**  
**nzblood.co.nz**

**GIVE BLOOD. GIVE HOPE.**

**NZBLOOD**  
the national blood donor programme

# HICKSON MOTORS



## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CENTRE

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

**Brydon Hickson - Director**



**Principal: Andrew Wilkinson**  
**Ph:07 863 8693**

**Absentees: HERO parent app**

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