WAIHI EAST SCHOOL
TE KURA RAWHITI O WAIHI

Waihī East Primary School Newsletter
Term 4 Week 10
22 October 2026

Upcoming Dates

23 Oct Mihi Whakatau. 10.30am.
26 Oct Labour Day. Public Holiday. School Closed.
27 Oct Waihī College Transition Visit for Year 6 students.
28 Oct East School Athletics.
29 Oct East School Athletics ppday.
29 Oct Whānau Roopu Dinks and Nibbles. All Welcome.
29 Oct BOT Meeting.
2 Nov Waihi Cluster Athletics.
4 Nov World Cup Rippa Rugby Day. Thames.
6 Nov Monstar Colour Fun Run.
7 Nov Monstar Colour Run Prize Ordering Opens.
13 Nov Book Character Day.

Principal's Message

Agriculture Day (Ag day)

Last Thursday we held our annual Waihi East Ag day. This is always a highlight for the calendar and I continue to be impressed by the care, dedication, resilience and perseverance by our students when preparing for these days. It is quite a process but well worth it when the day arrives. We are also blessed that several families open up their farms so that other students have this opportunity which is a testament to our parent community. It is above and beyond and for that, I thank you. This week, we host the Waihi Cluster Ag day, so a chance to rise above and shine again and against mates from other schools.

Kotahitanga hit the big smoke of Auckland!

On Friday Kotahitanga had a very special trip to Auckland. For those of you that are not aware, our very own Neroli Matautia is the youngest ever athlete to make their international debut for the All Blacks or Black Ferns. Neroli made her debut at 15 years old! It was August 26th 1990! We thought it fitting to take the senior school to see her jersey, which is currently on display at the All Blacks experience in Auckland. Unfortunately the gorge was shut so we are also forced to visit a local pool for a few hours. It was an amazing day and special to be part of it.

Teachers Day

On Friday October 30th, NZ celebrates "Teacher's day". We will celebrate this within our school but I do also encourage you to reach out to your child's teacher and pass on thanks and celebrate them with us :-)

Complaints

I just wanted to provide some context around behaviour management processes.

When you have 232 students at a school, there will be times when incidents occur or mistakes are made. We also do not see or hear everything that goes on at school. We are incredibly committed to providing a safe environment, this is challenging at times with funding and support that is given to schools. If you or your child have concerns or worries, or something happens at school, please let us know. We also pride ourselves on taking action when we know things that have happened. Schools are a cross section of society and we all have our challenges but we are here and in this together. If you need any help or support, please reach out.

At times, I hear " they are doing nothing" I can confidently say that this is NEVER the case. Due to privacy, each child's own needs and support looks different and it is not appropriate to share this with others. The biggest challenge is that every child has the right to attend school, often people are looking for consequences like stand

down or suspension. Consequences can be having a restorative conversation, apologizing to a friend, connecting with an external agency, being restricted to an area of the playground, having an alternative break time etc…. But above anything, maintaining mana, keeping the relationship positive and constructive, staying the course and being consistent around safe and trusted adults have the biggest impact on improving behaviour. You will know from your own experience that routines and consistency have a major impact.

Farewells and appointments

We have 3 classroom teachers who will not be with us next year.

Matthew Carden-Scott is moving on and will be taking up a position at Bay Pathways.

Carol Christie will be returning home to Auckland.

Dorette Hartley will be taking one year's leave, she will return in 2028.

We have interviewed and made new appointments this week. Once the new recruits have informed their schools and community, we will announce who they are. We are very excited at the calibre of staff we will be bringing in.

We will thank and farewell our staff at the end of the year.

On that note, we are looking at classes for next year, teacher placements etc… If your child is leaving school or you wish to contribute anything to this discussion, please reach out.

E Tu Tangata says Others matter, we agree! Let's celebrate our whānau out and about in the community!

Jujitsu- Whatarau

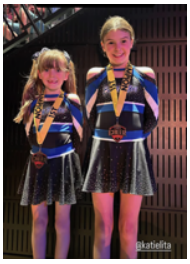
A huge congratulations to the Whatarau whānau who recently competed in a JuJitsu competition in Tauranga, it was a family affair with Mārika, Ngatai and Tia all getting involved and taking part! All 3 took away a medal! Well done team.

Cheerleading

Riley C & Maddison T went to Hamilton to the Super Nationals Cheerleading Competition to compete with their teams. Both teams came away with the win and gold medals and have qualified to compete at the Pan Pacific Cup at the Gold Coast in 2027. Congratulations to you both.

Levi Vlaming has been carving up on the mountain bike tracks and is breathing down the neck of some of the top riders around, keep working hard Levi!

Shout to ***Dean Cochrane*** who recently completed the Whangamata marathon! Huge achievement mate, top effort from a top man!



Monstar Colour Fun Run Fundraiser

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

Get ready to run, support your school and have a blast !Fundraising kicked off last term- let's smash our goal together!#MontytheMonstar #MontytheMonstarFunRun#NewZealandFundraising

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

Week 2—Students who raise $20 or more will go in the draw to win 2 Duffy books. **Winner; Hudson M (Waipuna-a rangi).**

Week 3—Students who raise $50 for more will go in the draw for a Ice cream sundae. **Winner;** announced tomorrow.

Week 4—Students who raise $100 or more will go in the draw for a 3D printed object of their choice. **Winner;** announced next week

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.

Duffy Books and Homes 2026 Summer Reading $5 Parent Offer

Order forms for the Summer Reading $5 book offer went home earlier this week.

All completed forms and $$ to the office please.
Offer closes 20th November and books will be back at school by 4th December.
Reminder; PLEASE name your order.

Duffy Books in Homes are celebrating the Rugby League World Cup 2026 by sharing these amazing books. (see photo)
Please share with all families and friends as these books are available to anyone who would like to purchase these books for their league-obsessed children.
Easy Process:

1. Scan the QR code
2. Select book or books(choose from paperback of eBook)
3. Select pay option.

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