WAIHI EAST SCHOOL
TE KURA RAWHITI O WAIHI

Waihī East Primary School Te Kura Rawhiti o Waihī

Newsletter/Pānui

Term 4 Week 4

5 November 2026



Upcoming Dates

6 Nov Monstar Colour Fun Run. Wear a white t-shirt to maximise your colour!
7 Nov Monstar Colour Run Prize Ordering Opens.
13 Nov Book Character Day.
14 Nov Monstar Colour Run Prize Ordering Closes.
16 Nov North Cluster Athletics.
20 Nov Hauraki Festival.
25 Nov Kapahaka Trip/Celebration.
26 Nov Lift Off to Learning Programme. 9.30am.
26 Nov Road Patrol Training for 2027 students.
2 Dec Year 6 Dinner.
3 Dec Lift Off to Learning Programme. 9.30am.
10 Dec Year 6 Trip.
11 Dec Class letters for 2027 issued.
11 Dec Prizegiving.
16 Dec Last Day of Term 4 & 2026.
17 Dec Holidays!

2027

28 Jan Office open for new enrolments and uniform sales.
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Principal's Message

Kia ora whānau

I trust this finds you well and you have moved on from Halloween and the sugar hit it brings us all!

Term 4 has continued to roll on with event after event.

Kī o Rahi

We have been really lucky to have students and staff from Te Wharekura o te Waitangi ō Hinemuri coming to visit and teach our students the traditional Māori game of Ki o rahi. **Kī o Rahi** is a traditional, fast-paced Māori ball game played on a circular field divided into concentric zones. It combines elements of rugby, touch football and dodgeball, emphasizing speed, strategy, and teamwork. The students have had a lot of fun and there is a tournament coming up to test their skills against other schools.(Date is still to be confirmed.)

Athletics Day

Last week we held our school Athletics day. This was an amazing day and I really treasure the fact that our whole school does it together. It can be challenging when the numbers increase but to have everyone together makes the day special.

We had many students head up to College for the cluster day and we have 16 students qualify for North Cluster which is very exciting. Good luck on the 16th to all of our athletes. Thanks to Neroli who does so well at running these events for us.

Touch Rugby

The Waihi touch association does an incredible job of pulling together the touch competition held at the College. I am very grateful that two of our star whānau Jazz and Jessie O'Brien are a critical part of this. Jazz has also come into school to help upskill our teams, providing some great feedback to improve their performance. Legends!

Rippa World Cup

Just this week, we had over 50 students head to Thames for the Ripper World Cup. Once we got over representing Australia it was an amazing day. Our students always represent us with great pride and they showed this again. Strong competitors and strong sportsmanship- What more could we want? A huge thank you to all of the whānau who drove students to Rhodes Park and back, we simply can't do these activities without you.

Pool

Exciting news that the school pool will be open to you, our school community over summer. The cost will be $75 but $25 returned when the key comes back, so $50. This will be open for the duration of the summer holidays, we are finalising keys and contracts at the moment, these will be available in the last week of term. Keep an eye on this space.

Teacher's Day/Assembly

Tomorrow is a big day, we are celebrating our wonderful teachers and also handing out trophies from Ag day and certificates for Athletics, as always, we would love to see you! 9.05 @ the Kia shelter

Keep up the great work out there and sing out if I can help!

Also tomorrow we have our Colour Fun Run. 1.40pm start. Please read the Hero post for all information about the Run.

Andrew

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 1 will 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; Oli B (Waitā)**

Week 4—Students who raise $100 or more will go in the draw for a 3D printed object of their choice. **Winner; Holly C (Hiwa-i-te-rangi)**

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**. Please wear a white T-shirt for the Fun Run so the colour stands out!!



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)

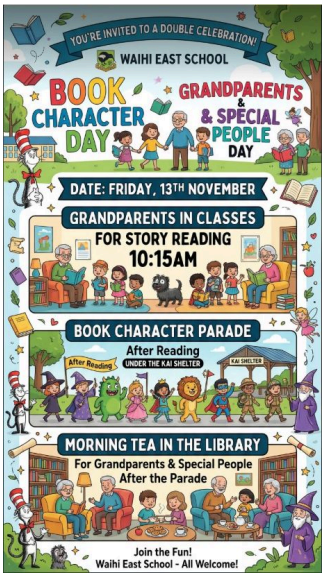
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