



Waihī East Primary School Newsletter Term 4 Week 9 12 December 2024

Waihi East School Prizegiving

Friday 13th of December 2024, 9:30am

Part 1 (Whole school)

Kapahaka performance

Student Welcome, Oceana presentation, Message from the Principal & Board of Trustees Chairperson

Class Awards

Whole School Singing Performance

Morning Tea Break @ 10.30-ish

Junior students leave for a fun session at the pool, hall & playground.

Part 2 (Kotuku students) starts at 10:45

Year 6 Leaving Speeches & Year 6 Song

Special Prizes and Trophies

UPCOMING DATES

- **Dec 13** Prizegiving. 9.30am. **Dec 19** Last day Term 4. 12.30pm finish. 2025 Office open for uniform sales and enrolments. Jan 31 Feb 3 Office open for uniform sales and enrolments. Feb 4 Goal setting discussion day. Feb 5 Goal setting discussion day.
- Feb 6 Waitangi Day. School closed.
- First day back for all students. Feb 7

Kia ora whānau,

Well whānau, the Xmas shopping is underway (for some) decorations are being made at a rate of knots and we are closing in on the end of another school year.

Since our last newsletter, we have been busy! I had an amazing time joining our year 6 students for their trip to Waimarino, so good to see the smiles on faces, manus, trampolines and fast slides. It was a great day out!

We held our Waihi East Triathlon, another event meticulously planned by Mrs. Matautia, with some huge efforts, especially by the individuals!

We had a huge turnout for Piwakawaka's picnic under the tree, amazing to see so many whānau join us, including some of our new recruits to start with us in 2025!

Our very own Tanya Giles became a fully registered teacher recently, a significant milestone. Tanya is such a wonderful person and teacher and we are very lucky to have her as part of our staff :-) Congratulations on this milestone, Tanya.

Last week Carter, Piri and Eden attended the Western Bay Of Plenty athletics championships and did us all very proud. It takes an enormous effort to simply qualify for this event so well done to these three.

Our Year 6 students had their leavers dinner last Wednesday and this was a truly beautiful occasion. To see our graduates with their whānau was special, we really will miss you guys but wish you well for the next step on your journey.

Hero- in 2025 we are introducing Hero, a new Student management system that will replace E-Tap. Hero is amazing and was designed by educators. It is capable of heaps! Hero is an app that goes on your phone. You can click a button to record if your child is absent, you can give permission for a trip, see your child's learning via samples of work, you can monitor their academic progress and see the goals they are currently working on. On Friday instructions will come home with how to sign up. You will see a limited amount initially but this will grow across 2025 as we introduce more and more.

2025 Classes- I am well aware that the placement of students and who their teacher will be is always a big moment for students and whānau. Staff put a lot of effort into the class lists and a lot of factors are considered, particularly relationships with teachers and students. There are usually only 2 options available given the year groups and structure. These will come home after prize giving along with a whole host of information. Please reach out if you have genuine concerns.

Important dates and info

Friday 13th December - Prize giving. 9.30am start, likely 11.30am finish. We will have a short break at 10.30 (approx) to allow our youngest students to leave. Senior trophies will all be given out in the second half of the prize giving.

Thursday 19th December - Last day for the year. School finishes at 12.30pm on this day.

Tuesday 4th February/Wednesday 5th February is the beginning of our school year. On these days we will host "Goal setting discussions". A chance for you to meet the class teacher, chat about goals for the year, share relevant information and come into the school before everyone arrives. Instructions for how to book a time via "School interviews" on these days will also be in the information pack coming home on Friday. One 20 minute slot per student. Please make the most of this valuable time.

Friday 7th February - School starts for all students as normal.

If I don't see you before the end of the year have a great holiday!!

Andrew

NOTICES AND REMINDERS

Bank Account details for any and all online payments. Please use your surname as a reference.

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ABSENTEE NOTIFICATION

Just a reminder that you can send your absentee notification **to the eTap parent app.**

Did you know that if you don't contact the school when your child is absent they are marked as Truant?





STATIONERY 2025

Stationery lists will be going home this week with reports and class placements for 2025.

Waihi Stationery and Paper Plus have copies of all our list as well.

Also our stationery packs are available to order online through

nzschoolshop.co.nz

Instructions are to the left in blue.

December 2024

Kia ora e te Whanau. The Mobile Dental Unit that services your School and Community is located at Waihī, Beach School and will be there until March 2025. We have appointments available in the school holidays if your child needs a dental appointment at those times.

Students are entitled to regular free dental check-ups from for 0 to 17 year olds. Students to year 8 are seen by the Mobile Dental Service. From year 9 they continue to be seen and treated for free by a private dentist until they are 17 years old – please ensure you follow this up with your local dentist.

If you have an urgent dental concern for your child, or wish to make an appointment for your child's routine examination, please phone or text us direct on 021 359 798, or phone 0800 825 583, or email AdminDental@waikatodhb.health.nz.

Ngaa mihi nui.



Music Lesson 2025

Music tuition will once again be available at Waihi East School during 2025.

These are held during the school day and payment is responsibility of the parents.

Lessons are held weekly for Piano/keyboard, guitar, ukulele and vocals(singing). Lessons may be group or individual .

Meryl Bennett has been teaching with New Zealand Modern School of Music for 17 years. She can take your child through practical and theory exams and prepare them to particpate in our Counties Coromandel Area Competitions, held in Pukekohe each June.

If you would like to know more about lessons please contact Meryl ASAP as spaces will fill quickly.

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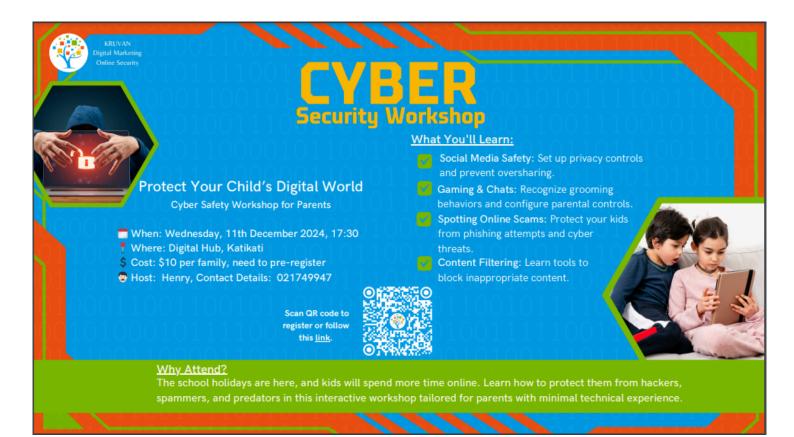
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Holiday Programme - January 2025

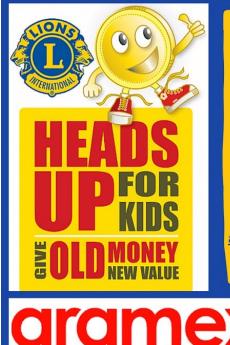
We will have 4 days of swimming lessons during the summer holiday break from Monday 20th January-Thursday 23rd January 2025 and this will give you 4 x half hour lessons on each day. To register your interest please reply to this email OR email <u>waihiswimmingclub@gmail.com</u> with swimmers names.

Regarding pricing we have got funding from the wonderful Harcourts Waihi and Waihi Beach who have once again come forward and funded 50% of the costs - thank you Harcourts!! The cost will be \$15 per child for the 4 lessons with this generous funding.





The Waihi College Leos need your old money and foreign currency to help fund projects supporting our kids!



Bring in your old coins to either Waihi College, the **Lions Club of** Waihi Ecelctic Market or contact Anne **Marie Spicer:** annemariespic er@mac.com.

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St Joseph's Catholic School, Waihi Te Kura Katorika o Hato Hōhepa ki Wai

Year 7 & 8 Intermediate Hub 2025 Enrolments open

St Joseph's is an excellent choice for students in the Intermediate years, providing a safe and supportive transition environment to Secondary School. Outstanding education for both Catholic and non-Catholic students.

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Van service - Katikati and Waihi Beach

Year 7 & 8 Intermediate

- Leadership Opportunities
- Peer mentoring
- Leadership Days
- Digital skills
- Technology classes (offsite) Online Te Reo
- Passion projects
- Financial Literacy
- Camps
- Additional support for English



Kana Haka



Connection to other schools Community events Tuakana - Teina Faith based activities

- Breakfast Club
- Garden to Table EPRO 8

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App

Install the app from the appstore. Tap on 'find your school or library'. Type in 'Hauraki' and tap on 'Hauraki District Libraries'.

Tap on 'sign up' and fill in your information. To add more readers, tap on the settings wheel, tap on readers then tap on 'add a reader'.

Website

Navigate to the Beanstack website. Click on 'find a site' in the top right. Type in 'Hauraki' and tap on 'Hauraki District Libraries'. Click on 'register an individual or family' and fill in your information. To add more readers, click on the red reader bubble in the top right of the screen then on 'add a reader'.

To register your readers for challenges, switch to the correct reader's profile by selecting them at the red bubble. Then go to the 'Discover' tab (on the website they are found in the 'Challenges' tab) tap on the challenge you want to register for and tap on 'join'.

Principal Teresa Rush 07 863 8653

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book a visit with the



HELLERS Sausages for Schools A huge Thank You to Hellers for their donations for Sausages for our Gala through the Sausages for Schools Programme.

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You must do a **New Zealand Traveller Declaration** when you come back.

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