



WAIHI EAST SCHOOL
TE KURA RAWHITI O WAIHI



Waihi East Primary School Newsletter
Term 1 Week 3
20 February 2025



UPCOMING DATES

Feb10-21	Swim Safe.
Feb 17-21	Year 5 & 6 Camp.
Feb 25	East School Swimming Sports.
Mar 6	Waihi Cluster Swimming Sports.
Mar 17-18	EPro8 Challenge, Year 5 & 6.
Mar 20	Year 3 & 4 Surf n Turf Tauranga.
Mar 21	Year 3 & 4 Surf n Turf Hamilton.
Mar 26	Waihi Cluster Ripa.
Mar 27	North Cluster Swimming Sports.
Apr 9	Science in a Van. WBOP Swimming Sports.
Apr 10	EPro8 Interschool Competition.
Apr 11	Last day of Term 1.

Kia ora tatou, welcome back to another exciting year for Waihi East. It is wonderful seeing all the staff, students and their whānau settling back into the school routine.

Our Mihi Whakataua last week was a special occasion as we welcomed over 25 new students and staff to our kura. I am always impressed by how our young leaders step up and lead these occasions.

Thank you to all of those whānau who attended our Goal setting discussions, the feedback has been incredibly positive, we had 70% of all whānau attend which is fantastic. A really positive way to start the year.

Our Year 5 and 6 students arrive back from their camp at Aongatete later today having had a great time. I attended Tuesday and Wednesday and it was again great to see our young people trying new things and taking part in new experiences. A huge thank you to Jo and Lynn who plan the camp and bring such a great vibe, they will sleep well this weekend! Can I just say the food has been 5 star as well!

This year we have several exciting projects- we will refurbish many of our classes in the upcoming holidays and I am also working on reestablishing our school library and a well being space, keep an eye out for updates!

Hero is the place to be in 2025, if you have not signed up yet please come in and we can help with this, this is the place to share learning, celebrate success, track progress, give permissions, report sickness and much more.

On Tuesday our swimming sports will take place at the college pool for our year 4, 5 & 6 students, this will run from 9am till about 12.30, parents are welcome to attend.

Again, it is fantastic to see you all again, remember my door is always open, I always love to chat with whānau and continue to see how we can keep Waihi East School, the best around!

Kind regards

Andrew

WELCOME TO OUR NEW STUDENTS! NAU MAI, HAERE MAI

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

Marika W — Kotahitanga
Penelope K— Kotahitanga
Arlo B— Room 3
Hazel M — Room 8
Rudy F —Room 7
Veerfateh C P—Room 8
Zoey H—Room 7
Brock N—Room 7
Amellia B—Room 8
Ava W—Room 7
Malakai YK— Kotahitanga
Storm O — Room 8

Ngatai W — Room 1
Maggie M – Kotahitanga
Beauden O – Room 8
Manaaki QK — Room 7
Nathaniel M— Room 8
Gabriel G—Room 8
Macson H—Room 8
Jake K—Room 8
Alexander S—Room 8
Bella V—Room 7
Quinn B—Room 8
Zareena N—Room 8

ABSENTEE NOTIFICATION

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

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.

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NOTICES AND REMINDERS

CLASS ORGANISATION 2025

Principal	Mr Andrew Wilkinson	
Deputy Principal	Ms Vanessa Maunder	
New Entrants	Mrs Tanya Giles	Room 7
New Entrants	Miss Shawnee Marcroft	Room 6
Year 1	Mr Brendon Carroll	Room 8
Year 2/3	Miss Renee Pennington	Room 5
Year 2/3	Mrs Michelle Burr	Room 4
Year 3/4	Mrs Neroli Matautia	Room 3
Year 4/5	Mr Mathew Carden-Scott	Room 9
Year 5/6	Mrs Lynn James	Room 1
Year 5/6	Mrs Joanna Derham	Room 2
Part time	Miss Caitlin Kneebone	
	Ms Nyah Frew	
	Mr Paul Martin	
	Ms Bianca Hawkes	
	Mrs Tricia Cameron	
Other Staff:		
Office Admin	Mrs Sharon Samson.	
Support Staff	Mrs Lisa Wild, Ms Sina Stowers, Ms Kim Parker	
	Mrs Naomi de Ocampo, Miss Lilly James, Ms Bianca Asma.	
Caretaker	Mr Ernani de Ocampo.	

START/FINISH TIMES

The start time for each school day is 9am. Active supervision by staff from 8.30am. School finishes at 3pm. The school bus leaves at 3.20pm.

EAST SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS FOR 202

The office will be open from
8.30am to 3.00pm Mon– Thurs and
8.30am to 1.00pm Fridays.

SCHOOL DONATION

Following the government initiative we won't be asking for school donations again this year.

PARKING AND ROAD CROSSING

Lots of us are getting back into school and the routine and rhythm of this - this is a timely reminder to please help us keep our kids safe. Please don't park in the middle of the road and beckon your child to get in the car, or cross in random places...lots of our little ones are watching and learning how to use the crossing properly.

NP means No Parking. Please do not park in any **NP** zones around the school. Often we are expecting deliveries or rubbish pick up and need the space kept clear. Please **DO NOT** park in the staff carpark as this creates dangers for kids walking along the footpath after school.

Thanks for your cooperation in this matter.

PB4L

Our school is proud to be part of the nationwide PB4L initiative. PB4L stands for Positive Behaviour for Learning and encompasses a pro-active, information driven and restorative approach designed to uphold whanau values.

PUPIL ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL

So there are no doubts as to a child's whereabouts, parents are asked to inform the school whenever their child is going to be absent. If your child is away for several days it is only necessary to let the school know on the first day of absence. It is still appropriate to send a note of explanation or make contact with the teacher after a lengthy absence. On the first day of absence the school can be notified in either of the following ways:

- 1) by using the HERO parent app.
- 2) sending a text to 021 0258 4817.
- 3) by telephoning - 863 8693
- 4) by sending a note to the office via another child.

Sharon or another staff member will take the message and note it on a form that is circulated to all classes by 9.30am each day.

Note: It is a legal requirement for schools to be advised of children's absences. If no contact is made, your child is marked as truant.

UNIFORM

Please name **ALL** uniform, togs, towels, shoes, drink bottles and lunch boxes for ease of returning items to the correct student. Thanks.☺

HATS

Children need to wear school uniform hats when outside in Terms 1 & 4. These are available from the office and are \$10.50 each. The hats are kept at school but sent home at the end of term for cleaning. No hat, means the child does not go out in the sun at morning tea and lunchtime. No other hats are allowed at school.

INFORMATION ON YOUR CHILDREN

The school keeps certain information on your children and it is most important that we are updated if any of the following details change: Phone no's, address, email, doctor, medical problems, change of caregivers, emergency contact (which we use if we cannot get anyone at home). Please email the office with any changes.

PAYMENTS

We realise that money can be a wee bit tight at this time of year. Auto payments for part amounts can be set up to pay off any fees. Our bank account number for all payments is 020472 0084492-00. Eft-pos is also available. **NO** cash is accepted.

UP AND COMING EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Most students are going to be attending some form of extra curricular activity in the coming weeks. E.g. camp. Please make sure you have paid your contribution for these as soon as possible or contacted the office to let us know how you will pay. Part payments every week are a good idea. As you will be aware the government DOES NOT fund at high enough levels to cover all the costs of extra curricular activities. However as a school we do budget and fundraise to subsidise most excursions and trips. This does mean we ask parents for a contribution towards the activities. We are aware that this is an expensive time of year for everyone right on the back of Christmas and summer holidaying, however we love to see all students taking part, so if you are having trouble making ends meet, please contact us at school so we can make arrangements.

HEALTH MATTERS AND ALLERGIES

Parents are asked to write a note or speak with the child's teacher if there are health matters or allergies such as bee stings that may seriously affect your child. Wherever necessary, medication, named and with full instructions affixed, will be kept in the locked medical cupboard at school. The school needs a medication consent form for any child that staff may have to administer medication to. If your child is one of these, see Sharon in the office. Parents of children who have grommets in their ears or who have ear infection problems are asked to discuss problems associated with swimming with the teacher. In such cases tight fitting bathing caps can be a partial solution. [Any wounds should be covered for swimming].

SUSHI LUNCHES

We have sushi bought lunch available every week on Fridays only. 4 pieces of sushi for \$6.00. Order forms are available at the office.

UNIFORMS

At Waihi East our expectation is school uniform is to be worn. Clothing may be supplied if your child is often out of uniform. Remember our bottoms are to be **plain black, navy or denim**, minimum of mid thigh in length. **Please name ALL uniform, togs, towels, shoes and lunch boxes for ease of returning to the correct student.**

SCHOOL NEWSLETTERS—THURSDAYS

Thursday is school newsletter day. Newsletters will be on your hero app. These newsletters are one of the means of communicating with parents and I would ask that parents read them carefully. Many thanks! We appreciate the support of those who pay for adverts on the newsletter. Please support them with your patronage if you can.

FACEBOOK

We have a Facebook page that all notices will go up on. Please follow '**Waihi East Primary School**' FB page.

NITS

Nits are always present at school. If you need some KidsCan spray please see Sharon in the office.

ENVIRO SCHOOLS

Whanau, we are excited to announce that we are part of the Enviroschools initiative. Becoming an Enviroschool is a long term commitment by our Kura, empowering our children to engage in a sustainable future, developing projects for not only our school but also the wider community.

Check out the Enviroschools website for further information - www.enviroschools.org.nz.

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Kia ora e te Whanau.

The Mobile Dental Unit that services your School and Community is located at Waihi, Beach School and will be there for Term 1, 2025.

Pre-schoolers and 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 turn 18 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.



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!



WB KIDS CLUB

AGES 5-13

AFTER SCHOOL CARE
MONDAY TO FRIDAY

WAIHI EAST SCHOOL

\$15
(PLUS GST)
3.00-5.30PM

**OSCAR
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Outdoor play
Arts & Crafts
Board games
Afternoon tea provided

REGISTRATION:

Email
waihibeachkc@gmail.com
or check out our Face
book page

COMMUNITY NOTICES



WAIHI BEACH JUNIOR SURF

SUNDAY MORNINGS FROM 10AM

- BEACH SAFETY**
A fun way to develop surf and beach safety awareness
- CONFIDENCE**
Build confidence, gain knowledge and learn new skills
- MAKE NEW FRIENDS**
Meet people who love being at the beach – be part of a group that promotes positive teamwork and friendships
- HAVE FUN**
Every week there are fun activities for all age groups
- STAY ACTIVE**
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- JOIN UP**
Come along and try it out for three sessions. Everyone welcome between the age of 5–13 years

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MIXED HUB - ALL WELCOME!

TOWN	LOCATION	DAY	AGE	START	END	TIME
Tairua	Tairua School	Mon	Year 1-4	17-Feb	24-Mar	4.00pm
Ngatea	Hugh Hayward Domain	Mon	Year 1-4	17-Feb	24-Mar	4.00pm
Thames	Rhodes Park	Tue	Year 1-4	18-Feb	25-Mar	4.00pm
Te Kauwhata	Te Kauwhata Domain	Tue	Year 1-4	18-Feb	25-Mar	4.00pm
Whangamatā	Whangamatā Area School	Wed	Year 1-4	19-Feb	26-Mar	3.15pm
Waihi	Waihi College	Wed	Year 1-4	19-Feb	26-Mar	4.00pm
Matamata	Pohlen Park	Thu	Year 1-4	20-Feb	27-Mar	4.00pm
Whitianga	Moewai Park	Thu	Year 1-4	20-Feb	27-Mar	3.30pm
Te Aroha	Te Aroha College	Thu	Year 1-4	20-Feb	27-Mar	4.30pm
Morrinsville	Morrinsville Rec Ground	Thu	Year 1-4	20-Feb	27-Mar	3:30pm

TELL YOUR FRIENDS SO THEY CAN REGISTER, TOO! WWW.NDCRICKET.CO.NZ/PLAY



Join ST JOHN YOUTH

Young people developing their potential through leadership, hauora and engaging in their communities.

St John Youth is for all young people aged 5 to 18 years, so come and learn, connect and grow with us.

Waihi Division

Wednesday 4.30pm–6.00pm
 Waihi College Gym Classroom:
 Access via Rata St
 Waihi

youth@stjohn.org.nz | 0800 ST JOHN | youth.stjohn.org.nz

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YOUTH THEATREWORKS WAIHI

DRAMA CLASS

Thursday 4 - 5:30pm during term time
Starts February 20th

Juniors with Victoria Menary
Seniors with Bianca Till

JOIN US TERM 1 FOR PHYSICAL THEATRE:

- Thursdays 4 - 5.30pm
- The Theatre, Boyd Rd, Waihi
- Email to register: theatreworkswaihi@gmail.com
- \$40 for Term 1



AFTER SCHOOL SURFING PROGRAMME


Tuesdays 4-5.30pm
\$240 for 6 weeks
All equipment provided
Beginner - intermediate level

Phone: 0272458593
aidan@beachsurfschool.co.nz

STARTS 18TH FEBRUARY

Register now



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



HEADS UP FOR KIDS

GIVE OLD MONEY NEW VALUE

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


HOCKEY

APRIL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

JOIN US FOR SOME HOCKEY FUN IN THE HOLIDAYS

Come for one or both days. Ideal for those new to the game or experienced players. New skills, games and challenges with great coaches! One day \$45, both days \$80. Suitable for primary school years 3-9.

**WEDNESDAYS 16 & 23
APRIL 2025 9AM - 3PM**

YRS 3-9

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Absentees: HERO parent app

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