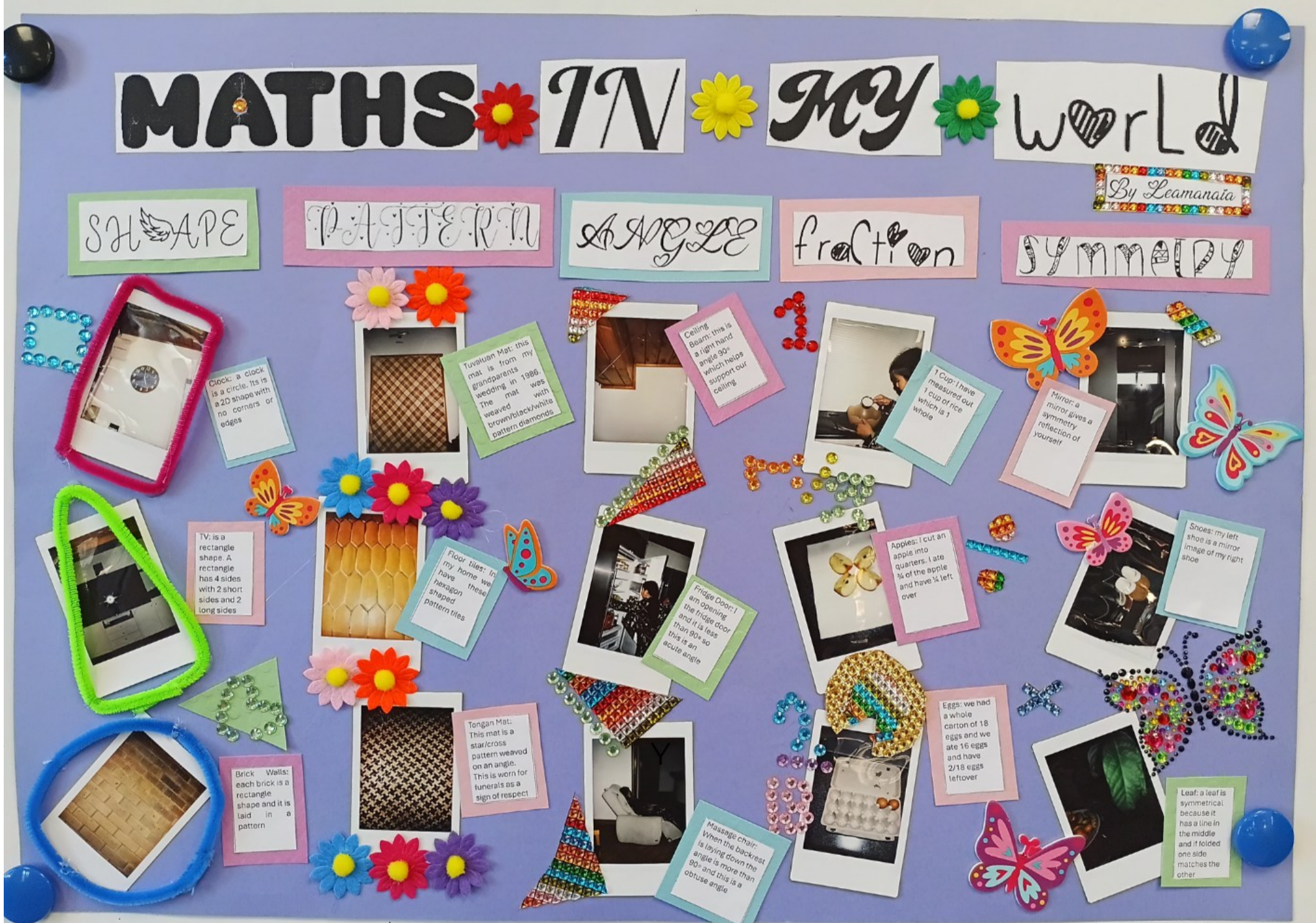


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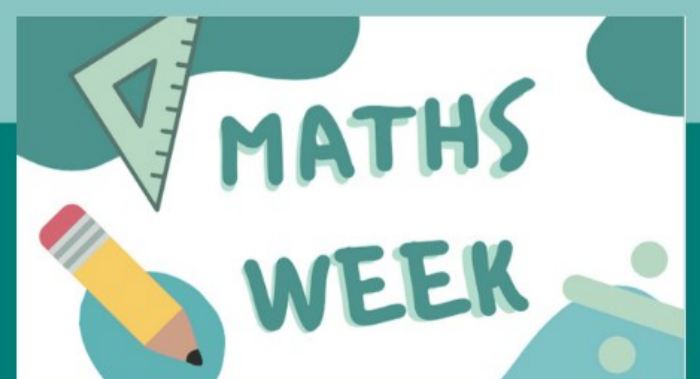
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## Tēnā koutou whānau,

Well done to the seven tamariki who represented Waitoki so well at the **North West Schools cluster cross country** on Tuesday 12th August. Congratulations to Piper Stubbs who came 2nd in the Y8 girls competition. Piper is off to Pukekohe on Friday 22nd August to compete against other Y8's from across the whole Auckland. Piper is also heading down to Tauranga on 31st August to compete in surfing and cross country at **AIMs Games**, an annual sporting competition involving over 400 Intermediate Schools from all over New Zealand. Well done for qualifying Piper and good luck with all of these events.



Congratulations to the **Waitoki Diamonds** netball team. They finished 3rd in A grade after winning a very exciting last game of the season, 10 goals to 9. Thank you to Taylor Dunn for her commitment to coaching the team throughout the season. The **Waitoki Gems** finished 9th and put in a great effort this season. Well done girls, a great achievement.

Thank you all so much for your support with **Book Week**. Our commission for selling Scholastic books has enabled us to purchase 4 sets of class novels, which will be used by students in Y4 - Y8 as part of their structured literacy learning programme. Many thanks to Becky, Serena and Jess for their organisation of various book related events throughout the week.

Congratulations to the Maths detectives in **Rūma Waru**. They had to complete 2 daily puzzles and use the answers to solve the **Kāhui Ako Maths Week Challenge**. Rūma Waru were the first class to complete the challenge out of all the classes from the eight schools in the cluster and their prize was a Maths logic puzzle for their classroom. Thank you Becky for organising a fun week of maths related activities and for sharing your enthusiasm for Maths learning.

Last week, two individuals were caught on our security cameras stealing plants from our school grounds. The thieves drove into the carpark around 11pm and stole about \$300 worth of plants. We have provided the police with footage of the car and the perpetrators' faces and we hope they will be caught soon. We have had plant donations from some kind members of our community and we are working with **Pete Reelick Landscaping** to plant them. In the meantime, if you see anything suspicious please let us know.

Thank you to everyone who participated recently in the **Cultural Capabilities survey**. We received valuable perspectives on diversity and inclusion, with suggestions for new ways to celebrate our community. Your thoughtful input will help us to ensure every family feels understood and valued at our school.

Due to an unforeseen change, our Y7 & Y8 information evening had to be re-scheduled. The new date for the Whānau Hui is **Thursday 21st August at 6:00pm in Ruma Iwa**. Come and hear from our students and staff about our Y7 & Y8 programme and learn what makes Waitoki School a great choice for your child's intermediate years.

Many thanks to the six candidates who have put themselves forward to be parent elected Board representatives for the Waitoki School Board. We appreciate your commitment to the strategic governance of our school by working collaboratively to set the school's direction, ensuring effective management, and upholding our school values. You should already have received your electronic voting papers for parent elected Board representatives as voting closes at **4:00pm on Wednesday 10th September**, counting is completed by 16th September when the declaration will be made, and board members will take office on 17th September.

Ngā mihi nui

Jules McCourt

## Important Information:

### Term dates 2025:

Term 3—Mon 14th July 2025—Fri 19th September 2025

Term 4—Mon 6th October 2025—Tues 16th December 2025

### Term Dates 2026:

The Board has set the term dates for 2026.

**Term 1 2026** will once again begin with one to one family connection meetings on **Tuesday 3rd February 2026**, followed by all children learning in class on **Wednesday 4th February 2026**.

**Term 4 2026** will end on **Tuesday 15th December 2026**.

### Upcoming events to add to your diary:

**21 August:** Y7/8 Information Evening

**25 August:** School Closed for Teacher Only Day

**29 August:** Daffodil Day

**29 August:** Whole School Assembly at 1.15pm

**5 September:** Sip, swap, shop at 7pm

**13 September:** Working Bee 7.30am to 3.30pm

**17 September:** Kaipara Kāhui ako inter School speech competition

**11 October:** AG Day and Country Fair

**28 October:** **Date Changed:** School Now Open

**3 November:** New date for Teacher Only Day



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## Triennial Board Elections

Staff Representative Election Results Declaration (No voting election required)

At the close of nominations there was only one valid nomination received.

I hereby declare the staff representative as elected - unopposed.

Name: **Sharon Hartley**

**Alan Curtis - Returning Officer**

**7 August 2025**

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## Welcome:

We are so excited to welcome new families to our kura! Please give a warm Waitoki welcome if you see any of our new students and parents.

Our new students are: Aaron Prouting in Rūma Ono and Mila Harkin in Rūma Rima.

Also welcome back to Arlo and Heidi Dykman.



## **Enrolments for 2026**

Do you have a child turning 5 in 2026.

Please contact the school office to arrange a school tour with the Principal, Jules McCourt and pick up an enrolment pack.

We also have a limited number of out of zone places still available for 2025.

Please contact the school office for further information:

Phone: 09 4205244 or email: admin@waitoki.school.nz

## AG Day Information

### • Radish Seeds

Radish seeds are available for collection from the office from 18th August.



### • Lamb/Calf/Goat

Please remember that your new animal must be born between the 1st of July and 15th September if you are planning to start your training during the school holidays. Please pop in and pick up an information pack from the office which will give you all the information you require on rearing and training your animal.

If you decide to rear an animal for Ag day this year, **you must register all animals as soon as you get them or use the form sent out on skool loop.** Please also complete the lamb day care registration on skool loop if you wish to use this service.



## **Silverdale Junior Schools Touch Rugby 2025**

Thank you to everyone that has signed up to play touch. If your child would like to play, this is a reminder that we need your registrations soon please, preferably by the end of this month.

All details are in Skool Loop notices, and the season starts in Term 4 on Wednesday 22nd October. We would greatly appreciate more parent & caregiver coaches, as we need a few more to make our season happen.

**Thank you.**

## Yummy Stickers

Don't forget to collect your yummy stickers which earn us points to purchase sports equipment at the end of the year. The office have collection pages for the stickers.



## Country Fair:

### Lolly Bag Donation

We would love your support for our school Country Fair! We kindly ask each family to send along a bag of lollies this week to contribute to our lolly stall. Your donation will help make the fair extra fun and successful for everyone.



### Clean Jars:

We would love some clean jars with labels removed if possible to be delivered to Ruma Ono. Many Thanks!

## Year 0-2 Literacy Information Session:

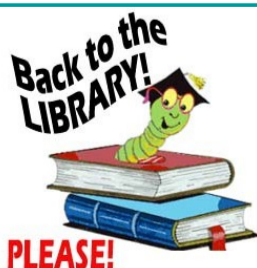
We would like to invite you to join us for a **Literacy Information Session** on **Thursday 28 August, from 2:30-3:30pm**. This session is especially for parents of children in **Years 0-2** and will give you an insight into how we teach reading and spelling here at Waitoki School. Following a short presentation, you'll have the chance to join your child for some fun literacy games. Our aim is for you to leave with practical ideas and strategies to support your child's reading and spelling at home.

**We look forward to seeing you there.**

## Library books

If you have any overdue library books from last term, please endeavour to return these soon, so that other children can enjoy them.

Thank you



WAITOKI SCHOOL

2025 AG DAY &

COUNTRY FAIR

10:30AM - 2PM

SATURDAY 11TH OCTOBER

AG DAY BEGINS AT 9AM  
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Coming Up Soon:

# Sip, Swap, Shop

Friday 5th September  
7pm | Waitoki School

\$30 each

## Tickets are ON SALE NOW

The first 50 Tickets sold receive a **GOODY BAG** on the night. Be quick ladies!

<https://SipSwapShopWaitoki.eventbrite.com>

What does your ticket get you?  
A glass of bubbles on arrival.  
A graze table of delicious food to nibble at.  
A minimum of 3 'new to you' items to take home.  
Guest Speakers, Stalls and more!

We would still appreciate clothing donations even if you are not coming along.

Please drop off 3 or more gently worn and washed ladies clothing items to the School Office and we will see you there.. It's that easy!  
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### KAUKAPAKAPA PONY CLUB PRESENTS INTRODUCTION TO EQUINE SKILLS

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Through 10 fun, practical sessions, you'll explore:

- U Knowing your club, your gear and horses
- U Understanding horse behaviour and welfare
- U Safe catching, leading, and tying
- U Grooming and hoof care
- U Saddling, covers and checking gear
- U Spotting health problems early
- U Feeding your horse
- U Daily care for where horses live
- U What it means to own a horse
- U Pony Club pathways
- U Earn Achievement Badges

Details: 10 weekly sessions  
Cost: \$225  
Starts: Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2025  
Ends: Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2025  
Where: Kaukapakapa Pony Club Grounds  
Henley Rd, Kaukapakapa

Time: 5:30-7pm  
Coach: Lou Lou Deehan-Owen

\*Please note children must be accompanied by an adult during the sessions.

\*For children aged 7+ years.

\*Course does not involve riding lessons

If you have any questions, please get in touch [kaukapakapaponyclub@gmail.com](mailto:kaukapakapaponyclub@gmail.com)



### KAUKAPAKAPA PONY CLUB REGISTRATION DAY Sunday 24 August 1pm

Come along to our Registration Day to meet our team and find out all about our dynamic, supportive, fun and event-filled club!

Just some of the opportunities our club offers

- Ribbon Days
- Showjumping Have-a-Go Series
- ShowCross Have-a-Go Series
- Riding Certificates
- Casual Entry and Key Holders
- Cross Country course
- Supportive Environment

- Weekly Rallies for all levels
- Equine Skills for persons without horses
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- Pony Club Camps
- Top level Coaching
- Adult Ride Lessons
- Use of the Grounds

### HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

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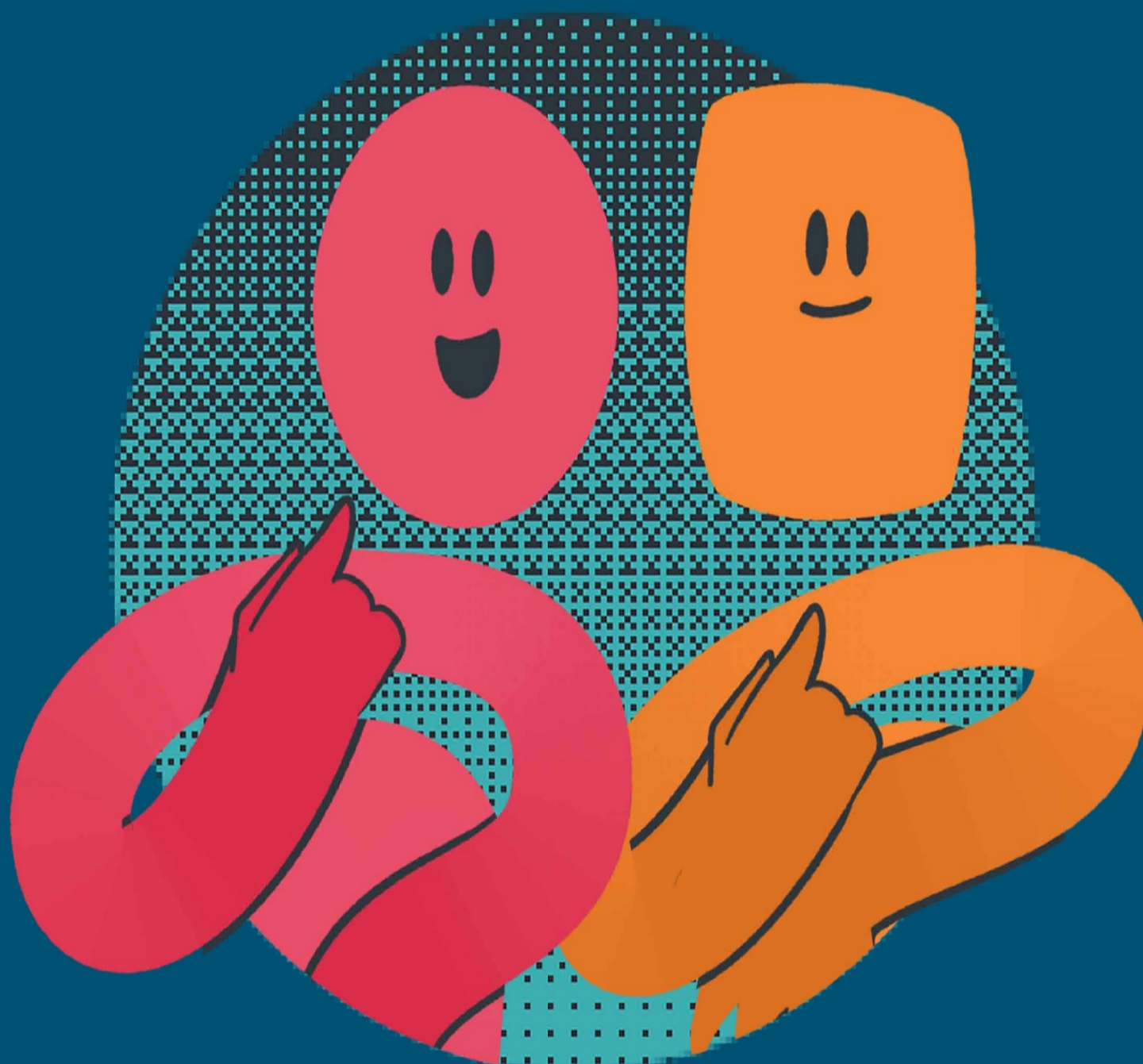
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