

# Waitoki School NEWSLETTER

TERM 3

5 AUGUST 2025



**TOUGH GUY AND GAL  
CHALLENGE**  
EXTREME OFF ROAD RUNNING EVENT



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# Waitoki School

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## Tēnā koutou whānau,

On Thursday 24th July our Year 0-3 students had an exciting visit from local firefighters as part of the **Firewise programme**. They learned vital fire safety tips directly from the experts and even got an up-close look at a real fire engine. It was a fantastic opportunity for our youngest learners to understand fire prevention in a fun and interactive way. We are very grateful to Michael Upton and our community firefighters for sharing their time and knowledge with our tamariki.

We were so lucky with the weather for our **school cross country** on Monday 28th July. Our ākonga showed 'grit' completing the course and the top placers in Y5 - Y8 went on to represent Waitoki at the Kaipara Kāhui ako inter School competition on Monday 4th August. Well done to all our tamariki who represented us.

Despite the wet, wild, windy weather, the **Tough Guy & Gal Challenge** went ahead on Tuesday 29th July. Our competitors had to dig deep, support each other, but they had so much fun conquering those obstacles in all that mud. We are proud of you all for taking on this very wet and muddy challenge.

Our talented Year 5 & 6 students had fun representing Waitoki at the **Mathex competition** at Kaipara College last Wednesday. Mrs. Minton led three fantastic teams who showcased their lightning-fast maths skills. Out of 16 challenging teams, our students achieved 7th, 9th, and 11th place. What an outstanding effort by all our mathematicians – we are proud of their hard work and teamwork.

**Book Week** is underway and as well as selling books from the scholastic book fair, there are plenty of things happening throughout the week. I am sure you will have noticed the colourful classroom doors around the school and we hope that you will be able to join us for the Book character parade on Friday morning. Our aim is that Book Week will help to promote a love of reading as well as raise funds to purchase new books, which will be used by our tamariki as part of their literacy learning programmes.



Hot on the heels of Book Week will be **Maths Week**, which is from Monday 11th - Friday 15th August. ASB will be visiting Waitoki School to help our students build essential financial literacy skills. They will be bringing their expertise to make learning about money engaging and practical for our tamariki. Becky is excited to be able to encourage our learners to share her enthusiasm for all things Maths!

We are currently seeking parent elected **Board representatives** for the Waitoki School Board. To meet our quorum of five Board members, we require at least three parent elected Board representatives to serve alongside the principal and staff representative. Joining the Board is a commitment to the strategic governance of our school. Board members play a crucial role in setting the school's direction, ensuring effective management, and upholding our school values. Nominations close on Wednesday 6th August. To nominate yourself or someone else, please use this link: <https://myschoolelection.nz/mynomination/> by tomorrow.

The Waitoki School Board would like the community to share their insights on how well we understand and celebrate our diverse cultures within our community. Your feedback on belonging, supported traditions, and inclusion is crucial to help us build a stronger, more culturally capable community for everyone. If you would like to have your say, please could you complete this short survey by Friday 8th August 2025.  
Survey link: <https://forms.gle/A4fBc3xuLLZoL2Qq6>

Unfortunately, due to circumstances beyond our control, we have had to change the date of our planned Teacher only date from **Tuesday 28th October 2025** to **Monday 3rd November 2025**.

This is so that teachers can attend Day 3 of the Ministry provided Maths curriculum professional learning and development. We apologise for any inconvenience this date change may cause. Day 2 of the Ministry provided Maths curriculum professional learning and development will go ahead as planned on **Monday 25th August 2025**.

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:

- 4 August:** Book Week starts. Book Fair Mon to Thurs.
- 5 August:** Grandparents and Whānau day 1.30pm
- 6 August:** Year 7 & 8 Information Evening - Postponed –Date TBC
- 8 August:** Book Character dress up and parade : 8.40am
- 11 August:** Maths Week
- 25 August:** School Closed for Teacher Only Day
- 5 September:** Sip, swap, shop at 7pm
- 17 September:** Kaipara Kāhui ako inter School speech competition
- 11 October:** AG Day and Country Fair
- 28 October:** **Date Changed:** School Closed for Teacher Only Day
- 3 November:** New date for Teacher Only Day



## Waitoki School Board Elections 2025

Nominations are invited for the election of 5 board members to the Waitoki School Board.

Nominations can be made online at any time, or forms are available from the school office. Go to [www.myschoolelection.nz](http://www.myschoolelection.nz)

Anyone can be nominated to stand as a candidate and you can also nominate yourself. The link is: [www.myschoolelection.nz/mynomination](http://www.myschoolelection.nz/mynomination)

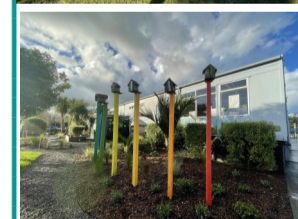
Nominations close at noon on Wednesday 6th August 2025.

The electoral roll will be open for inspection at the school office during normal school hours. The names of candidates will also be displayed as they come to hand. This is an online ballot, and you will be sent an invitation to vote via email after nominations close.

If you wish, you can request a postal vote be sent to you.

Voting closes at 4:00pm on Wednesday 10th September 2025.

Alan Curtis - Returning Officer



## 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](mailto:admin@waitoki.school.nz)

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# Grit Ownership Aroha Teamwork

### 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: Barrett Good in Rūma Ono and Mymy Ngo in Ruma Whitu.



### Waitoki school cross country Results:

Well done to all our Cross Country runners .

### 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 at the office 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.



### Junior Cross Country

#### Rūma Ono

##### Girls

- 1st - Rōisin Wilmot
- 2nd - Maeve Patterson
- 3rd - Prynn Thompson

##### Boys

- 1st - Leo Mann
- 2nd - Oakley Beaver
- 3rd - Hudson Blakeman

#### Rūma Toru

##### Girls

- 1st - Summer Freeman
- 2nd - Charlotte Driscoll
- 3rd - Eva Pearce

##### Boys

- 1st - Malachai Iti
- 2nd - Harrison Fulks
- 3rd - Ollie Perry

#### Rūma Wha

##### Girls

- 1st - Brianna McAlister
- 2nd - Layla Branch
- 3rd - Allie Smith

##### Boys

- 1st - Aidan Bateman
- 2nd - Bodhi Hollier
- 3rd - Hudson Grey

#### Rūma Rua

##### Girls

- 1st - Scarlett Wallace
- 2nd - Emmy Reay
- 3rd - Sadie Robertson

##### Boys

- 1st - Blake Botica
- 2nd - Ben Joubert
- 3rd - Thane Delpert

### Senior Cross Country

#### Year 4 Girls

- 1st - Brooke Upton
- 2nd - Esme Davidson
- 3rd - Mila Needham

#### Boys

- 1st - Emi Ashley
- 2nd - Charlie Penny
- 3rd - Max Pilley

#### Year 5

##### Girls

- 1st - Emily Mason
- 2nd - Erin Hefer
- 3rd - Ellah De Wet

##### Boys

- 1st - Finlay McDowell
- 2nd - Arlo Thomas
- 3rd - Nathan Bateman

#### Year 6

##### Girls

- 1st - Jordan Hefer
- 2nd - Isla Eagleson
- 3rd - Leni Coogan

##### Boys

- 1st - Riley Branch
- 2nd - Braxton Botica
- 3rd - Remy Bibbie

#### Year 7

##### Boys

- 1st - Theo McDowell
- 2nd - Oliver Penny
- 3rd - Raoul Sparke

#### Year 8

##### Girls

- 1st - Piper Stubbs
- 2nd - Stella Robertson
- 3rd - Delphi Smith



### Firewise Programme

The new entrants celebrated being at school for 100 days.

We also had the fire truck visit last Thursday as part of our Firewise learning.



### Mathex

Year 5 & 6 students had fun representing Waitoki at the **Mathex** competition at Kaipara College last Wednesday.



### Tough Guy and Gal Challenge:

A wet and muddy challenge !



### Notice: Piano Stool Needed

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Thank you.



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