

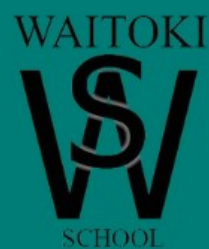
# Waitoki School NEWSLETTER

Ruma Ono

TERM 3

Milo Monkey's Birthday

22 JULY 2025



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## Tēnā koutou whānau,

I hope you have all enjoyed the school holidays and made the most of the few dry, sunny days that we had. It was great to see everyone return to school last Monday morning with smiles on their faces.

A big thank you to all the parents who joined us for the **three-way conferences** last week. It was fantastic to see so many of you actively engage in your child's learning journey. We have received some good feedback from staff, parents, and students alike, all highlighting the value of these discussions and how they have helped strengthen our home-school partnership.

Last week Ruma Ono (new entrants) celebrated completing all their letter sounds with Milo Monkey. They had a fantastic day of fun and celebrations including dressing up as their favourite character from Milo's Birthday Surprise book, playing with a gigantic parachute, making masks, playing birthday games and eating cake.

I am excited about all the enriching activities and initiatives we have lined up to spark your child's curiosity and brighten their learning journey during this winter. Term 3 is going to be a busy one with a lot of activities planned for our tamariki, beginning with **school cross country on Monday 28th July**. The first race for the senior students (Y4 - Y8) starts at 10.45am and will aim to start the races quite quickly after each other to keep it interesting for our spectators. The Junior races (Y0 - Y3) will run in the afternoon. There will be ice blocks available to buy and probably a lot of mud! The top placers in Y5 - Y8 will go on to represent Waitoki at the **Kaipara Kāhui ako** inter School competition on **Monday 4th August**.

This term, alongside an hour a day of reading, writing and mathematics, our major learning focus will be related to the **science and technology curriculum** areas as we prepare for Ag day and Country Fair, which will be held at the beginning of Term 4. Each class will be designing, making and creating things to sell at the Country Fair and I am looking forward to seeing the products our young entrepreneurs create.

We are looking forward to our bi-annual **Book Week**, which starts on **Monday 4th August**. As well as selling books from the scholastic book fair, there will be various events during the week, including decorate a door, Grandparent Reading ( 1.30pm ,Tues 5 Aug), whānau day, a book character parade (8.45am, Friday 8 Aug), and book related quizzes. The aim of book week is to promote reading and raise funds to purchase new books for our library.

**Maths Week** is from **Monday 11th - Friday 15th August**. We have arranged for ASB to come into school and work with students to develop financial literacy skills. Becky Minton, our passionate lead Maths teacher, will be organising lots of fun Maths activities throughout the week to encourage our learners to share her passion for all things Maths.

Term 3 will see our Y5 - Y8 students preparing their speeches for the Waitoki School **Speech competition**. This will be followed by the **Kaipara Kāhui ako** inter School speech competition on **Wednesday 17th September**, which will once again be hosted by Waitoki. Last year this was won by two Waitoki students, Jordan Hefer (Y5/6) and Charlyze Taylor (Y7/8).

The final week of Term 3 will be dedicated to "**Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori**," a wonderful opportunity for our entire Waitoki School community to celebrate and champion the Māori language. We will have special activities and learning experiences across the school, encouraging everyone to "give it a go" and incorporate more te reo into our daily school lives.

While our main **Ag Day** and **Country Fair** won't be until Term 4, the buzz has already begun for this year's event. A huge shout-out to Serena Bateman, Becky Minton, and Melissa Neville who are hard at work behind the scenes. They are busy lining up a range of fun Ag Day challenges to be both completed throughout Term 3 and on Ag day. This means every child can get involved, even if they are not able to raise an animal. You should have received the AG Day booklet last week, outlining how you can be involved. Please note that the Radish Seeds will be available from the office from 18 August. This year's Ag Day will be held on **Saturday 11th October**. Last year was a fantastic success, and we are really hoping to see the whole community come together again for this wonderful day that makes the most of our rural location. I was so excited this morning at the arrival of our first two lambs for lamb daycare!

Thank you to Melissa Neville and her team for a fun **Quiz Night** on Friday 18th July. Also a huge thankyou to our sponsors, Tracey Howe Real Estate, Ifor Williams trailers—NZ Towlab and GJ Gardener homes, Orewa. So far we have raised \$1207, final figure to be confirmed which will be used to purchase additional structured literacy resources. Congratulations to the G Spot Minors team who were the winning quiz team on the night and are now the proud recipients of the "Cottrall Cup." The next fundraising event is "**Sip, Swap, Shop**" on **Friday 5th September**.

Our first **school assembly for Term 3** will be held at **1:15pm on Friday 1st August**. Tea and coffee will be available, so please come along, make yourself a cuppa, and celebrate our tamariki's successes.

Good luck to all our Waitoki students taking on the **Tough Guy & Gal Challenge** on **Tuesday 29th July**. Remember to dig deep, support each other, and most importantly, have an absolute blast conquering those obstacles. We are proud of you for taking on this challenge.

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

### Upcoming events to add to your diary:

<b>28 July:</b>	Cross Country from 10.45am
<b>29 July:</b>	Auckland (Kumeu) Junior Tough Guy and Gal Challenge (Kumeu Showgrounds)
<b>1 August:</b>	Full School Assembly—All Welcome at 1.15pm.
<b>4 August:</b>	Kaipara Inter Schools Cross Country
<b>4 August:</b>	Book Week
<b>6 August:</b>	Year 7 & 8 Information Evening - Postponed –Date TBC
<b>11 August:</b>	Maths Week
<b>25 August:</b>	School Closed for Teacher Only Day
<b>5 September:</b>	Sip, swap, shop at 7pm
<b>17 September:</b>	Kaipara Kāhui ako inter School speech competition
<b>11 October:</b>	AG Day and Country Fair
<b>28 October:</b>	School Closed for Teacher Only Day



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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: Hudson Blakeman, Ellie Coogan and Maeve Patterson all in Rūma Ono and Lochlan Allen in Rūma Rua.



## Reminders:

### Cross Country: Y4-8

Waitoki school cross country will be on **Monday 28th July**. The first race for the senior students (Y4 - Y8) starts at 10.45am and we will aim to start the races quite quickly after each other to keep it interesting for our spectators. The Junior races (Y0 - Y3) will run in the afternoon. There will be ice blocks available to buy and probably a lot of mud!

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## Congratulations To Piper

Over the school hols Piper competed in the North Island Cross Country champs at Taupo and came 27th in the U14 girls category. Well Done Piper.



## Notice: Piano Stool Needed

Does anyone have a piano stool they would like to donate to the school. Thank you.

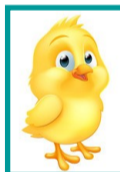
## AG Day Information

### Radish Seeds

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

### Chick Orders and supplies

Thank you for your Chick orders. Chicks will arrive for collection on Wednesday July 30. We will need a named shoebox on the morning of the delivery to safely transport your chick home. If you have chick crumble please have some ready with your collection box.



### 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.

## School Bus service:

Students that live in the Waitoki School zone are entitled to bus transport to and from school if a bus service is available. Bus travel can be arranged at the school office. **Pupils must get on and off at their usual stop. The school must be contacted if there is any variance from the above.**

Wait for your child on the same side of the road that the bus stops.

The school is not responsible for the safety of your child while they are travelling from their house to the bus stop, waiting for a bus to pick them up, or after they have got off the bus on the way home. Someone must see your child both on and off the bus; if not one is there to collect your child, the bus will return the student back to school.

## 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.



## 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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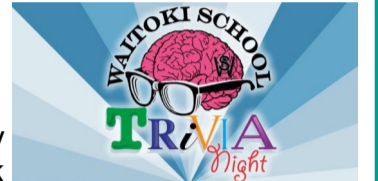
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## Fundraising Team Update:

Our 2025 Cottrill Cup Winners are :  
**G Spot Minors**



Well done! Donna Wallace and Kerry Elizabeth Cottrill. The smallest team took out the win!

A special mention and huge thanks goes out to the team at GJ Gardner Homes Orewa (Ryan Thomas) for winning our Tracey Howe Real Estate Best Dressed category and for their cash injection towards our Structured Literacy Resources. Thank you to Towlab - Ifor Williams Trailers - NZ TowLab- our new local trailer supply business based in Dairy Flat for the Table Talker and for joining us.

And lastly thank you to Tracey Howe and to everyone else who supported this event by coming along It is impossible for our small school to successfully host an event without support from staff and parents so if you laughed, sang, danced and enjoyed a night out with us on Friday, THANK YOU!



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