

Waitoki School NEWSLETTER

TERM 4

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Kaipara Kāhui ako Kapa
Haka Festival

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Tēnā koutou whānau,

A massive well done to our **Senior Kapa Haka group!** They represented our school with mana and pride, giving an absolutely outstanding performance at the **Kaipara Kāhui ako Kapa Haka festival** on Saturday 18th October. Their incredible talent, dedication, and unity on stage made us all incredibly proud. The group showcased the strength of their culture and their hard work paid off, leaving a lasting impression on the audience.



**Tino pai, Kapa Haka!
(Excellent, Kapa Haka!)**

Unfortunately, we had to postpone our **school athletics** due to be held on **Tuesday 28th October** at Sinclair Park because of the rainy weather forecast. I have my fingers crossed for our save day, tomorrow, **Wednesday 29th October**. Our top athletes from school athletics will go on to represent us at the Kaipara Schools cluster athletics event, which is due to be held on **Monday 10th November**.

The last few weeks of term are going to be busy. Teachers are currently assessing all students in reading, writing, and maths as well as writing end of year reports. Individual student data and reports will be shared with you at the end of Term 4.

We are also beginning to prepare for our end of year celebrations and have planned two end of year events to celebrate student success. **Whole school prize giving** will be on **Monday 15th December** from **8.45am**, where we will be acknowledging students from all year levels and presenting them with certificates, medals and cups. There will be a second ceremony later that day at **6pm**, the **Y8 graduation**, to acknowledge our oldest learners as they leave us for college. We will also present the **Y6 completion certificates** at the Y8 graduation ceremony.

We have begun the process for **2026 class placements**. This is a huge piece of organisation that involves all the teaching staff. To create classes, we take a large number of factors into consideration including, student's personal attributes, academic strengths, individual learning needs, friendships, personality clashes, class size, gender, age, along with parent requests. With so many aspects to consider, it is not possible for every single parent to hand select their child's classroom, the teacher, or the other students who will be with them next year. We therefore ask that you please trust our robust process as we piece together this complex jigsaw puzzle.

We will be able to organise our 2026 classes more effectively if we have accurate numbers. Therefore, please could you email either Sarah (admin@waitoki.school.nz) or Jess (office@waitoki.school.nz) if your child/children are **NOT** returning to Waitoki School in 2026. If you have already informed us, then you do not need to email us again. Many thanks.

Next week, on **Monday 3rd November**, Waitoki School will be closed for a **Teacher Only Day**. The staff will all be on site receiving professional learning and development (PLD) about the refreshed Maths curriculum. This day of Ministry led PLD, which is Day 3 of a four-day sequence of learning, aims to give teachers a deeper understanding of how to use *assessment for learning within the context of the revised Mathematics and Statistics curriculum*.

Good luck to all our competitors at **Group Day on Friday 7 November**. Bring home those cups!!

Have a fabulous week.

**Ngā mihi nui
Jules McCourt**

Important Information:

Term dates 2025:

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

Term Dates 2026:

Term 1 2026: **3rd February** : Family Connection Meetings.

Wednesday 4th February : All children attending.

Thursday 2 April: End of term 1.

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

Upcoming events to add to your diary:

- 29 October:** Whole School Athletics: Sinclair Park.
- 3 November:** Teacher Only Day -School Closed.
- 5 November:** New Board Meeting at 6.30pm.
- 7 November:** Group Day—Helensville A & P Showgrounds.
- 10 November:** Kaipara Schools Cluster Athletics.
- 20 November:** North West Athletics.
- 9 December:** Piano Concert: 8.30am to 12.30pm.
- 11 December:** Helpers Morning Tea.
- 12 December:** Christmas in the Country 4.30pm to 7pm.
- 15 December:** Prizegiving: 8.45am.
- 15 December:** Year 8 Graduation: 6pm to 8pm.
- 16 December:** Term ends at 12pm.

Ag Day T-Shirt and Tea Towels

Hi everyone, we still have a few T-shirts \$25 and tea towels \$12.50 or 2 for \$20 for sale from the school office.

We also have some bracelets, key chains and magnets for \$3.



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School Pool:

The days are getting warmer and our wonderful school pool is ready to open for class swimming.

Pool Keys are now available to hire for school families.

The official Pool Opening dates for this season will be:

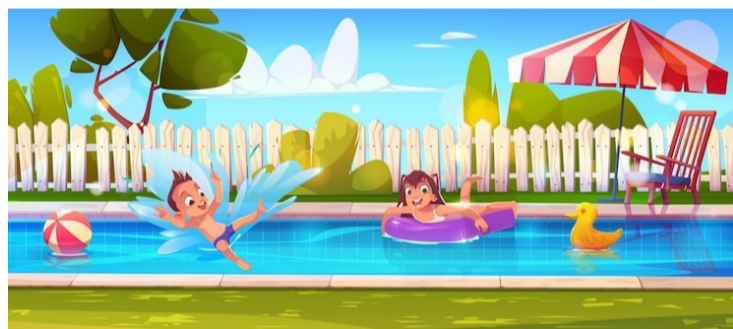
Friday 7th November until Sunday 19th April 2026.

If you would like to Hire a Key for the 2025/2026 season please see Skool loop or your email for the information and form. Please note that the keys will not be issued until Friday 7 November but you are able to book and pay in advance.

Please also note if you have friends in the community who wish to get a key we are not opening the pool up to the community outside of school families for another few weeks, to give our families a chance to get a key first. They are welcome to put their name down on a waiting list and we will contact them after 1 December as we only have a limited number of keys.

If you have any questions about the pool use or pool keys please come into the office to speak with Sarah or Jessica.

We are happy to help!



CONGRATULATIONS!



If you received a red, blue, yellow or green ribbon with your animal at Ag Day, you are eligible to represent your school at the **South Kaipara Schools Group Day**

When: Friday 7th November 2025
Where: Helensville A&P Showgrounds (if ground conditions are not suitable, you will be advised of your school of a shift to the Kumeu Showgrounds)
Time: Registration checks close at 9am. Judging begins at 9.30am
How: To enter, please advise your school office no later than Monday 3rd November

ALL CHILDREN MUST BE SUPERVISED BY AN ADULT

Four families from each school are requested to donate either a cake, slice or muffins (unsliced) to be sold at the café. Please let your school admin team know if you can help with this.

We welcome any extended family and/or friends to come along to support you. It is recommended spectators bring their own seating/chairs.

There will be refreshments, sausage sizzle, coffee and raffles up for grabs, so please bring cash. There are no EFTPOS facilities on site.

See You There!!



Enrolments for 2026

Have you recently moved into the **Waitoki School** zone and have a child due to start school in 2026? or have a sibling of a child already attending school 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.

Please contact the school office for further information.

Phone 09 420 5244 or email: admin@waitoki.school.nz

Welcome:

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

Our new students : Violet Adair and Mylah Dunn
Rūma Ono Knox Dunn Rūma Rua.



Congratulations

We love to celebrate our tamariki's achievements! If your child has done something awesome outside of school, please let us know by emailing : admin@waitoki.school.nz



No hat, no play

Please ensure that your child brings a clearly labelled hat each day to school so that they can play outside.



Ice block Day Freezy Thursdays

Just a reminder that each Thursday we will be holding Ice block day.

Children can purchase either \$2 or \$1 ice blocks. Save yourself time and pre-purchase ice blocks at the office! You can either pay by eftpos or direct credit. Otherwise, children can bring cash on the day.



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COMMUNITY NEWS

SHORT STORY COMPETITION

Open to all Primary, Intermediate, Secondary Students

Are you Kāhui Ako o Kaipara's next big Author?

Opens - Monday 13 October
Closes - Friday 21 November

EVENT RULES

- Open to all Kāhui Ako o Kaipara students - Primary, Intermediate, and Secondary categories
- Stories must be original. Plagiarism is not allowed. AI is not allowed.
- Entries will be judged on creativity, originality, and writing style.
- Stories must not exceed 1000 words.
- Winning stories will be published online.

Prompt:
One ordinary day in Kaipara, something unexpected happens - something that changes everything.
"One Moment. One Choice. One Story That Could Change Everything."

How to Register?
Click on this link for more details and to Enter

Contact Information
For more information, contact Megan Matia (Kaipara Kāhui Ako Across School Leader) at megan@waioneke.school.nz

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INTRODUCTION TO EQUINE SKILLS

Got a Horse-mad child but don't have a pony?

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- Daily care for where horses live
- What it means to own a horse
- Pony Club pathways
- Earn Achievement Badges

Details: 10 weekly sessions
Cost: \$225
Starts: Tuesday 7th October 2025
Ends: Tuesday 9th December 2025
Where: Kaukapakapa Pony Club Grounds
Henley Rd, Kaukapakapa
8.30-7pm
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

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Enrolling for Term 3

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SATURDAY MORNING HARBALL CRICKET AGES 9+

AGES 5 & UP
REGISTER NOW

HIBISCUS COAST CRICKET
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Tāwharanui Snorkel Day

Anchor Bay **FREE EVENT**
Saturday November 8th, 10am-3pm
*Further details upon registration

- Free guided snorkel in the marine reserve
- Ages 4+ welcome
- Free mask, snorkel, wetsuit and fin hire
- See event details via QR code
- On the day walk up's welcome but registration recommended

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Call for art work: FIGHT THE TIP FUNDRAISER

A fundraising **Art Fair** for the Fight the Tip Campaign
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