

# Waitoki School NEWSLETTER

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# Waitoki School

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Tēnā koutou Whanau,

Welcome back to Term 4 everyone. We have a couple of staff changes. Greg White, started in Rūma Ono last Monday with our youngest learners. He is covering for Sharon Hartley who is now enjoying her refreshment leave. Kirsty Hodd is Acting AP in Sharon's absence and we have appointed Inge Jennett to teach in Rūma Tahī to cover Kirsty's release day each Thursday.

Congratulations to Becky Minton who has been appointed as an Across School Leader (ASL) for the Kaipara Kāhui ako. Becky will still be teaching at Waitoki School Monday - Wednesday and carrying out her ASL role on Thursdays and Fridays. Claire Fisher will be in Rūma Waru every Thursday and Friday from week 4 of this term to release Becky. Welcome to Greg, Inge and Claire, we are looking forward to working with you.

What a wonderful day **Ag Day** and **Country Fair** was last Saturday. The day went smoothly and it was great to see so many of the community actively involved with making it such a success. I loved seeing all the home projects coming into school and I have been really impressed with the standard of students' creations. The fence posts look amazing and are definitely going to brighten up our school. Thank you to all the parents who have volunteered to help, we appreciate all your mahi. Special thanks to Becky, Serena, Melissa, Chantelle and Sara for all your months of hard work behind the scenes to make this day happen. You are all amazing. We are still counting the money, but it looks like we will have made in the region of **\$7,500 profit**, which will be put towards enhancing the play spaces at Waitoki School.

Term 3 also ended on a high note with our production "Go for Gold." As well as getting to see our amazing students shine, together the production ticket sales and pop up cafe raised **over \$5,000**, which will also be put towards enhancing the play spaces at Waitoki School. Once again, thank you to all the staff and members of the community who worked hard to make this show happen. We could not have done this without your support.

We have been reflecting on the feedback from the consultation with students, staff and community about the play spaces at Waitoki School. We have had some great suggestions and are in the process of investigating how we can turn these into reality. Key ideas include reinstating the flying fox, extending the current playground area to include monkey bars and some equipment for older students, cutting back some of the plants in the sensory garden to expose all the balance beams and addressing the drainage issues on the school field. Thank you to everyone who shared their ideas with us as well as offers of help. We will be in touch with you soon.

It is great to see the Waitoki School staff and community supporting one another to get healthy for summer through the "4 to Fit" chal-

lenge, organised by Amy Vincent and Kali Grey. So far this fundraiser has raised over **\$1,800**, which will be used to increase our sports and play equipment. Thank you Amy and Kali for keeping us all motivated with your exercise routines and nutrition tips. I am looking forward to my new summer body!

Special thanks to Gwyn Burton, Archie's Grandpa, who has kindly purchased another New Zealand flag for us as our old one had seen better days. We are looking forward to seeing our new flag flying - it is on its way to us as I write.

Have a fabulous week.

Ngā mihi nui  
Jules McCourt

## Welcome:

Welcome to Harry who started in Ruma Ono last week,. We hope you've had a lovely start to your time with us .



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## Upcoming events to add to your diary:

### **Term dates 2024:**

**Term 4** – Mon 14 October 2024 to Thurs 19 December 2024

**Bi-weekly Assemblies:** Assemblies are every 2nd week. Next assembly is on Fri 25th October.

**Kahui Ako Speech Comp at Waitoki School**—Wed 23rd October

**BOT Meeting**—Wed 23rd October

**National Shakeout Drill**—Thurs 24th October

**Labour Day**—Mon 28th October (school closed)

**Teacher Only Day** — Tues 29th October (school closed)

**Group Day**—Fri 1st November

**Yr 7 & 8 Surfing Trip**—Tues 5th November

**Kaipara Athletics**—Mon 11th November

**Yr 7 & 8 Sustainability Challenge**—Fri 15th November

**Yr 6, 7 & 8 Positive Puberty Talk**— Tues 19th November

**Hearing & Vision Testing**—Fri 22nd November

**Yr 7 & 8 Stem Challenge**—Fri 29th November

**Community Helpers morning tea**—Fri 6th December

**Christmas in the Country**—Fri 13th December

**Last day of school**—Thurs 19th December

## Fundraising & events

### Ice block Fridays

Just a reminder that each Friday we will be holding Ice block Friday. 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 eft-pos or direct credit. Otherwise, children can bring cash on the day.

## In other news

### No hat, no play

Please ensure that your child is bring a clearly labelled hat each day to school.

### Term 4 ezlunch Promotion

Every week for the first **five weeks** of term 4, customers who order ezlunch will be in the draw to win one of two \$50 ezlunch vouchers! Staff can order too!

All ezlunch orders placed for delivery between **Monday 14th October and 15th November** will automatically be entered.

### Halloween Sushi orders

This week and next, you can order special Halloween Sushi for your child through EZ Lunch which also includes a special dessert. Stock is limited so order early this week!

## AG Day & Country Fair Round up

### Ag Day Results

Wow, we are so impressed with every student who participated in AG Day. Whether they participated with rearing animals, Junior Farmer, doing an art project, baking up a storm, or supporting with the running of the events, we are so proud with each and every one of them.

A special congratulations to all of our winners on the day.

### **The results are:**

#### **Animals:**

**Lamb Supreme Champ** - Sophie V

**Calf Supreme Champ**—Mila R

**Junior Chicken Diary winner**— Shiloh C

**Senior Chicken Diary winner**— Samantha S

#### **Junior Farmer:**

**1st Place**—Piper Stubbs

**Runner up**—Hunter Eagleson

#### **Home projects:**

**Junior Fence Paling winner**—Mollie E

**Senior Fence Paling winner**—Phoebe Dent

**Junior Lego Construction winner**—Malachai I

**Senior Lego Construction winner**—Ned M

**Junior Baking winner**—Charlotte D

**Senior Baking winner** – Ollie T

**Junior Recycled Edible Garden winner**—Emmy R

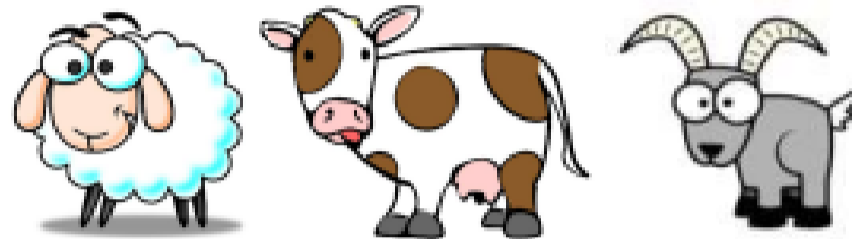
**Senior Recycled Edible Garden winner**— Raoul S



# CONGRATULATIONS!

If you have won a red, blue, yellow or green ribbon with your animal at Ag Day this year, you are eligible to come along and represent your School at the

## South Kaipara Schools Group Day



*WHEN:*

Friday November 1st, 2024

*WHERE:*

Helensville A&P Showgrounds

(If the ground conditions aren't suitable your School will advise of the shift to Kumeu Showgrounds.)

*TIME:*

Registration checks close at 9.00am. First event starts at 9.30am.

*HOW:*

To enter please advise your School Office no later than Tuesday 29th October

*WHO:*

Students in all year groups from the following schools are able to compete:

Coatesville, Dairy Flat, Helensville, Kaukapakapa, Parakai, Taupaki, Waimauku, Wainui, Waioneke & Waitoki.

**ALL CHILDREN MUST BE SUPERVISED BY AN ADULT.**

4 Families from each School are being asked to donate either a slice, cake or muffins (all uncut) to be sold at the Cafe. Please let your School Admin team know if you can help with this.

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

There will be Refreshments, Sausage Sizzle, and some Raffles up for grabs so **please bring some cash.** There are no eftpos facilities on site.

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