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TERM 1

7 MARCH 2024



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Tēnā koutou Whanau,

Our Y6 students had an amazing time at Peter Snell Youth Village last week. It was great to see them embrace and experience 'Education Outside of The Classroom' (EOTC). We were really impressed with all our tamariki who felt the fear, but did it anyway and really pushed themselves to give the things they personally found challenging a go. A huge thank you must go to Becky Minton for her outstanding organisation, Trudi Green for saving the day by attending camp with less than an hour's notice and also to our wonderful parent helpers who gave up three days of their time to stay at camp and support all our learners. Together you created fabulous memories for our children.

Thank you to all the parents who were able to make the time to meet with your child's teacher for a three way conference on Tuesday. We hope you found this beneficial. The purpose of these meetings was to provide an opportunity for you to work in partnership with your child and their teacher to support learning and achievement, as well as to set goals for the first half of the academic year. It was important to include our students in this process as we are promoting and encouraging student agency.

The Y4 - Y8 students have been busy baking during their Garden to Table Thursday sessions in preparation for the special ceremony on Thursday 14th March at 1.30pm to unveil the bench seat and plaque in memory of Verde Barton. This is a great opportunity for our tamariki to utilise the skills they have been learning in Garden to Table for a practical purpose. Reminder, you are most welcome to join us for the ceremony and then afterwards you are invited for a light afternoon tea in the school hall.

We appreciate your ongoing support with our weekly "Ice block Friday" fundraiser. So far we have raised over \$1,000 and this will be spent on additional science resources to be used across the school, which is something from the teachers resource 'wish list.' Many thanks to Dee Hattaway for organising ice blocks for

our tamariki each Friday.

Things are moving full steam ahead with our organisation for our Centenary celebration on **Saturday 6th April from 1pm - 5pm**, as this event is now only a month away. The students have been busy interviewing past pupils and staff and Kerry Cottrill and Julie Croft have been categorising old photos. If you would like to attend our celebration, please register as soon as possible with Claire Nolan [admin@waitoki.school.nz](mailto:admin@waitoki.school.nz) or call the school office 09 420 5244 as this will help us with catering. You are most welcome to share details of our centenary with any past pupils or their families who might be interested in attending.

Whilst the weather was not kind to us on Monday 4th March, the day we had planned to hold our Waitoki School swimming sports, we did manage to run swimming heats in between the showers for our Y5 - Y8 swimmers. We wish all the students going on to represent Waitoki School at the Kaipara cluster swimming event on Monday 11th March the best of luck. Please see the results on the next page.

Ngā mihi nui  
Jules McCourt

### Welcome/Haere mai:

We were so excited to welcome Lauren to the Waitoki whanau at the end of February starting in the New Entrants room. We hope you've been enjoying your time with our school so far Lauren!



### Upcoming events to add to your diary:

#### Term dates:

Term 1 – Wed 7 Feb 2024 to Fri 12 April 2024

Term 2 – Mon 29 April 2024 to Fri 5 July 2024

Term 3 – Mon 22 July 2024 to Fri 27 Sept 2024

Term 4 – Mon 14 Oct 2024 to Thurs 19 Dec 2024

**Bi-weekly Assemblies:** Fridays at 1.15pm - Next assembly is Fri 15th March

**Country Fair meeting** - Thurs 7th March 2.45pm for **ALL** those interested (in Becky's class). Many hands make light work!

**Kaipara Cluster Swimming Sports** —Mon 11th March

**Verde Barton's Memorial**—Thurs 14th March 1.30pm—2.30pm

**Working Bee Part 1**—Sun 17th March 10am—12pm

**Working Bee Part 2**—Sun 24th March 10am – 12pm

**Easter** —29th March—2nd April (school closed)

**Parent info evening**—Wed 3rd April 6pm—7pm. Talking about Zones of Regulation with the RTLB.

**100 Year Celebration**—Sat 6th April 1pm—5pm

**Yr 7 & 8 Zespiri AIMS Games**— 7th—13th September

### In other news

#### Term 1 Working Bee

Helping hands are invited to join our Term 1 Working Bee. There will be two shorter working bees this time around, so please feel welcome to join both or whichever suits you best. Your support is greatly appreciated!

**Part 1** - Sunday 17th March 10am-12midday

**Part 2** - Sunday 24th March 10am-12midday

Gardening, painting and filling the skip with refuse are the key jobs to be done. So please bring a good pair of gloves and suitable footwear. Please pre-register via email to [admin@waitoki.school.nz](mailto:admin@waitoki.school.nz).

#### Carpark etiquette reminder

Just a reminder that the two bus lanes are for pick up and drop off only, not for parking. If you are using these lanes, please keep the traffic flowing and not get out of your car. Thank you!

#### Skool Loop—Subscribing to groups

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### Sports

#### Waitoki Swimming Sports 2024 Results—Yr 5—8

Year 5 Girls	Year 5 Boys
1st: Jordan Hefer	1st: Eddie Honeyfield
2nd: Danielle Simpson	2nd: Matthew Wykes
3rd: Eva Nutsford	3rd: Hamish Sutton
Year 6 Girls	Year 6 Boys
1st: Hayley Roberts	1st: Connor Bateman
2nd: Sophie Norman	
3rd: Bonnie Davidson	
Year 7 Girls	Year 8 Girls
1st: Bella Cox	1st: Charlize Taylor
2nd: Piper Stubbs	
3rd: Hannah Wallace	

### Student corner

#### Yr 6 Camp recap—By Ella & Georgia

On Monday 26th we were lucky enough to go on camp. Some of the activities were bivouac, waterslide, tobogganing and the initiative course. We also learnt how to shoot guns and arrows. We had cozy cabins and great food. From the cabin's we could see the ocean and if you were lucky you could see dolphins and sharks!! Some of the highlights were the big hill that we rolled down the sun set and the top team when it poured with rain. At Peter Snell's youth village **we had one big adventure!!!!!!**

**By Georgia and Ella.**



#### Surfing NZ Billabong competition

Over the past month, Piper has been competing in the Surfing NZ Billabong Grom Series in a number of events on both the East and West Coast. She has done so well, sitting in 11th place in the Under 14 Girls group. Well done Piper!





# CHANGES ARE AHEAD

For many years Waitoki School has been part of the South Kaipara Schools Group Day organisation, however we are at risk of that changing so need your help please.

This area wide competition follows on from our own Ag Day Competition later in the year and is something we feel is still hugely important for our children and School going forward.

BUT, to continue being part of this we do need one more parent (or grandparent) to be a liaison for us.

This isn't an onerous task at all nor is it one that requires any experience, so if you'd like to join our other parent and support our School we'd love to hear from you.

What to expect....

Currently there are a small team of parents who meet roughly 5 times a year at Waitoki School (after the kids are in bed) to prepare for the November competition. And once to setup for Group Day if able.

Thats it. Easy peasy!

We cannot stress enough that we do need one more Mum or Dad to fill this spot, so please contact the office if you can assist or know someone we can shoulder tap.

Thank You.