



# Waitoki School

Adaptive, curious,  
creative lifelong  
learners.

## Grit - Niwha

Waitoki School believes our inclination to revere natural talent is misguided; in terms of achievement, the effort we put in and our reaction to set-backs count for far more. Grit is something that can be learned and offers a new formula for individual and collective success.

Tēnā koutou Whanau,

Welcome back everyone to the 2024 academic year. It was lovely to see all our tamariki on Wednesday and there was a fabulous buzz around the school as students, teachers and families reconnected after the summer break. We held a special welcome assembly for our new teachers, Jess, Kirsty, Anna and Shannon. It is great to have them on board with us and they already feel like an integral part of our Waitoki School family. We welcome Suzy Fury, one of our regular relievers, to Waitoki School as she has accepted a part time teaching position. Suzy will be in Ruma Ono every Tuesday to cover Sharon's AP release day. Welcome to Waitoki Suzy.

We also welcomed 16 new students to Waitoki School. We are looking forward to getting to know you and your families. For the first few weeks of term the teachers will all be focusing on relationships, getting to know their students, making connections, collaborating and learning about individual learning needs. This is really important as it sets the students up for academic success for the rest of the year.

Thank you to all of those parents who took the opportunity to come along to our 'Meet the teacher' meetings yesterday afternoon. These were designed as an opportunity for you to connect with your child's new teacher and learn about their classroom daily routines, homework expectations etc. Meetings to discuss your individual children's progress will be held on **Tuesday 5th March**. On that day, **School will close at 12pm** and 15 minute interviews will be held from **12.30pm - 7.30pm**. We will provide further information about booking your interview times in due course.

The renovations of Ruma Tahī, Rua & Toru were completed on time during the school holidays. The teachers in those rooms were able to set up their classrooms from Thursday 1st February, following the working bee. Many thanks to the staff, parents, Board members and other friends of the school who came

along and helped us, it was greatly appreciated.

The library renovations are still a work in progress. The carpet was replaced during the holidays and the wall coverings are due to be completed in the next few days. New furniture and resources have been ordered and it is anticipated that students will be able to use the library again from week 3 if all goes to plan.

We have begun preparations for our Centenary celebration on Saturday 6th April. This term the students' inquiry learning will focus on different aspects of Waitoki School's 100 year history. The end goal is for their learning to be shared with the wider community as part of commemorating the occasion.

On Thursday 1st February we received notification from the MOE around the implementation of the mandatory 'hour a day' for reading, writing and maths. At first glance this is very much in line with what our teachers are already doing. Over the coming weeks teachers will be digging deeper into the requirements to ensure our approach to teaching reading, writing and maths is compliant with the new MOE guidelines

**Ngā mihi nui**  
**Jules McCourt**

### Welcome:

We are so excited to welcome so many new families to our kura! Please give a warm Waitoki welcome if you see any of our new students and parents over the next few weeks. Our new students are: Ollie, Mila, Kayla, Isla, Bella, Brianna, Arlo, Hudson, Edie, Damien, Lucie, Kaizza, Teague, Alex, Leo and Ruben.



### 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 starting Wk 2

**BOT meeting**—14th Feb 6.30pm—8.30pm

**Scouts Water Safety (Pool closed)** - 19th & 20th Feb closed from 5pm onwards

**Year 6 Camp**—Mon 26th Feb—Wed 28th Feb

**Scouts Water Safety (Pool closed)** - 4th & 5th March closed from 5pm onwards

**Parent/Student/Teacher Goal Setting:** Tues 5th March 12.30pm—7.30pm (school closes at 12pm)

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

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

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

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

### In other news

#### Ice Block Fridays

Every Friday lunchtime, during Term 1, the Senior School will be selling ice blocks to fundraise for much needed resources in the Senior School. There will be two options: \$1 ice blocks or \$2 ice blocks, with different flavours available. Your child can either bring coins on the day, or you can prepay for the term at the office. (\$10 or \$20 "packages").

#### EZ lunch:

EZ lunch orders are up and running! We have sushi Wednesdays and Thursdays, and Pita Pitt Fridays. If you are keen to take the stress out of lunches, visit [ezlunch.co.nz](http://ezlunch.co.nz), and click on Order Lunch. Remember to order before 9am on the day! EZ Lunch is also doing a promotion—order a lunch between 12th—23rd February and go in the draw to win a \$50 voucher!

#### Skool Loop

Please make sure that you download the Skool Loop app on your phone if you haven't already, and subscribe to any relevant groups.

To download the free app, find it in to your Play store or App store and search for Waitoki School. To subscribe to groups, go in to Settings > Subscribe to Groups > Select your child's teacher, and any other groups you are interested in receiving notifications for e.g. sport.

#### Facebook page

Please head on to Facebook and give our school page a follow. We will be using the page more this year, posting celebrations, notifications and event alerts.

#### Yummy Stickers:

If you are a family who eats lots of apples, we collect yummy stickers which earn us points to purchase sports equipment at the end of the year.

We have attached a yummy sticker collection page to our email and Skool Loop version of the newsletter for you to print. Otherwise, the school office has spare copies as well.

#### ARDS:

The Auckland Regional Dental Service (ARDS) is a Te Whatu Ora-operated service, which provides FREE dental care to children across greater Auckland. In order to prevent any eligible children missing out on receiving free dental care, ARDS is cross-checking their own records with school rolls.

For our children's better oral health and wellbeing, our school roll will be shared with the service as required. To find out more information about ARDS, please visit [ards.co.nz](http://ards.co.nz) or call 0800 TALK TEETH (0800 825 583). If there are any concerns, please contact the school office.

#### Thinking Caps

Maths Tuition at school on a Wednesday morning. They have room for one more Year 7 student and 8 more students from either Year 3, 4, 5 or 6. <https://thinkingcaps.co.nz/>

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



# STICKER COLLECTION SHEET



**NEW WORLD**

									
11	12 Ask friends and family to help you collect stickers.	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28 Apples are high in Vitamin C and Vitamin A.	29	30
31	32	33	34 Apples keep better in the fridge.	35	36	37	38	39	40
41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50 newworld.co.nz to find your nearest store.
51 The largest apple ever picked weighed 1.36kg.	52	53	54	55	56 yummyfruit.co.nz for more Sticker Collection Sheets.	57	58	59	60
61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70
71	72	73 Apple skin has five times more vitamins than the flesh.	74	75	76	77	78 Yummy apples can help you play more sport.	79	80
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91	92	93	94	95 paknsave.co.nz to find your nearest store.	96	97	98	99	100 Wow! What a great apple muncher.

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# NEW VARIETY STICKER COLLECTION SHEET



Available for a limited time!

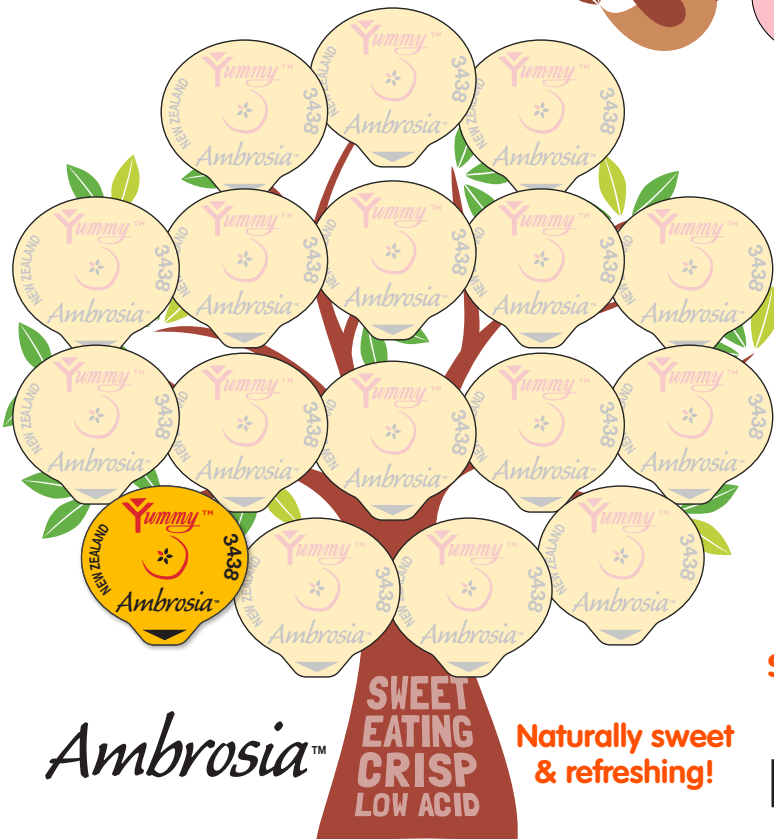
Match these NEW Yummy Apple stickers and **DOUBLE YOUR POINTS!**



Bright yellow skin!

lemonade™

**50 stickers = 100 POINTS!**



Naturally sweet & refreshing!

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