

# Waitoki School NEWSLETTER

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ATHLETICS 2025



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# Grit Ownership Aroha Teamwork

## Tēnā koutou whānau,

Well done to Koen, Ayla, Jesse, Raoul, Harley, Jordan and Erin who all competed at **Group Day** on **Friday 7th November**. Congratulations to Koen for being awarded reserve champ for rearing and grooming, Raoul for 2nd place 'meat' and Ayla, Jesse and Harley who all came third in their age groups for leading. Great mahi.

Congratulations to all the Waitoki senior school athletes who qualified to represent us at the Kaipara Schools cluster athletics event on **Monday 10th November**. We are still waiting for the final results to be published and to learn who will be going on to represent us at the **North West athletics** competition on **Thursday 20th November**.

As always, the last few weeks of term are going to be busy and there will be plenty of opportunities for our community to come together and celebrate. On **Thursday 11th December** at **10am** will be hosting a morning tea to thank and acknowledge everyone who has helped and supported us during 2025. We will be holding our annual twilight "**Christmas in the Country**" on **Friday 12th December**. This will be an opportunity for our students to share some Christmas songs with whānau at an informal end of year community gathering and for our older students to hone their entrepreneur skills by running a market stall.

We have planned two end of year events to celebrate student success. **Whole School Prize Giving** on Monday 15th December at **8:45 am**, to acknowledge students from all year levels with certificates, medals, and cups. Later that day, from **6:00 pm**, we will host the **Year 8 Graduation** to celebrate our oldest learners as they transition to college. **Year 6 Completion Certificates** will also be presented during this evening ceremony. More details about all of these events will be shared over the next few weeks, but in the meantime, please save the dates.

Along with teaching an hour of reading, writing and maths every day, the teachers also have plenty of other engaging and fun activities to do. **Rūma Ono** and **Rūma Toru** have been busy tracking the journey of two turtles, Pebbles and Haven. As part of their learning they will be going on a beach clean up trip on **Friday 21st November**. **Mrs Dunn** has been working hard with a group of senior students to create the **2025 YearBook**. This will be a great memento of all the highlights from this year at Waitoki School, and will be available for you to purchase before the end of the year.

Our Intermediate students have plenty of exciting events planned for the end of year. On **Friday 14th November** they are competing in the sustainability challenge, an orienteering event, at Long Bay Park. On **Tuesday 18th November**, 8 of our Y7 & Y8 students will be representing Waitoki in the **EPRO8 STEM** challenge at Northcote Intermediate. On **Thursday 27th November** all the Intermediate students will be going to Kaipara College to compete against other schools in the cluster in a **STEM challenge**. On **Monday 1st December** all of the Y7 & Y8's are off to **Vector Wero** for a day of white water rafting as part of their William Pike Challenge. Then on **Wednesday 3rd December** the Y7 & Y8 students will undertake the annual **Garden to Table restaurant**. This learning opportunity provides our oldest tamariki with invaluable, real-world experience in event management, culinary arts, and hospitality, simultaneously fostering essential teamwork and professional skills.

Congratulations to **Natalie Driscoll** who has been voted as the new presiding member of the Waitoki School Board. The new Board held their first official meeting last week and it is great to have their support with governing the school. If you have any questions regarding school governance, the official Board email address is [BOT@waitoki.school.nz](mailto:BOT@waitoki.school.nz)

Reminder, please could you email either Sarah ([admin@waitoki.school.nz](mailto:admin@waitoki.school.nz)) or Jess ([office@waitoki.school.nz](mailto:office@waitoki.school.nz)) if your child/children are **NOT** returning to Waitoki School in 2026. Many thanks to those of you who have contacted us regarding your 2026 plans.

Enjoy the sunshine.

**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: **to 2 April 2026**

**Term 2: 20 April to 3 July 2026.**

**Term 3: 20 July to 25 Sept 2026.**

**Term 4: 12 October to 15th December 2026.**

### Upcoming events to add to your diary:

**14 November:** School Assembly at 1.15pm.

**14 November:** William Pike—Sustainability Challenge Race Y7-8

**20 November:** North West Athletics.

**21 November:** Ruma Ono and Ruma Toru Orewa Beach Trip

**5 December:** School Assembly at 1.15pm.

**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.

### Calendar Art :

Thank you to all who have already ordered their Calendar Art. I have extended our booking time until November 17th, 11:59 am. There will be no further extensions as we want them delivered to school a.s.a.p.

Follow these instructions to place your order online:

1/. Go to [www.kidsartworks.com](http://www.kidsartworks.com)

2/. Use the Entrance Code: KZ\*..... (add in your entrance code from your welcome letter e.g. "KZ3452")\*

3/. Enter your child's room & name when prompted

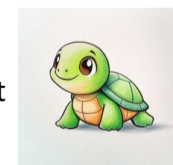
The order is open from Friday 30 Oct until Monday 17th November

Payment can be made over the website via credit card or account2account.

Many thanks for your support, funds raised will go towards our new playground equipment.

### Ruma Ono request :

Does if anyone has a small live turtle they'd be willing to let Ruma Ono babysit for a day please.



### 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.



### No hat, no play:

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



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### School Pool:

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

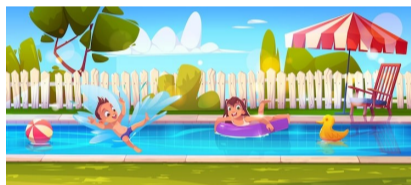
### Pool Keys are now available to hire for school families.

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. Or come into the office.

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!

### 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.



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

### Group Day:



## ATHLETICS 2025



### KAPA NUI ATHLETICS RESULTS

GIRLS	BOYS
<b>Year 4</b> 1st - Darla Olliff 2nd - Esme Davidson 3rd - Brooke Upton/Mila Needham	<b>Year 4</b> 1st - Emi Ashley 2nd - Charlie Penny 3rd - Nikora Herbert/Max Pilley
<b>Year 5</b> 1st - Erin Hefer 2nd - Emily Mason 3rd - Leāmanaia Naisali/Isla Mason	<b>Year 5</b> 1st - Finlay McDowell 2nd - Jay Davidson 3rd - Alex Blakey
<b>Year 6</b> 1st - Jordan Hefer 2nd - Leni Coogan 3rd - Isla Eagleson	<b>Year 6</b> 1st - Remy Bibbie 2nd - Riley Branch 3rd - Braxton Botica
<b>Year 7</b> 1st - Rangī Cormack 2nd - Bonnie Davidson	<b>Year 7</b> 1st - Theo McDowell 2nd - Raoul Sparke 3rd - Oliver Penny
<b>Year 8</b> 1st - Piper Stubbs 2nd - Delphi Smith 3rd - Stella Robertson	<b>Year 8</b> 1st - Riley Sylvester 2nd - Hunter Eagleson 3rd - Zephyr Williams

### JUNIOR ATHLETICS RESULTS

GIRLS	BOYS
<b>Rūma Ono:</b> 1st - Mylah Dunn 2nd - Miller Craig 3rd - Maeve Patterson	<b>Rūma Ono:</b> 1st - Hayden Williams 2nd - Aaron Prouting 3rd - Matthew Breton
<b>Rūma Toru:</b> 1st - Charlotte Driscoll 2nd - Eva Pearce 3rd - Lily Reay	<b>Rūma Toru:</b> 1st - Harrison Fulks 2nd - Malachai Iti 3rd - Harley Morunga
<b>Rūma Waha:</b> 1st - Layla Branch 2nd - Brianna McAlister 3rd - Allie Smith	<b>Rūma Waha:</b> 1st - Aidan Bateman 2nd - Lukas Emm 3rd - Hudson Grey
<b>Rūma Rua:</b> 1st - Sadie Robertson 2nd - Lily Murphy Hansen 3rd - Scarlett Wallace	<b>Rūma Rua:</b> 1st - Alex Pearce 2nd - Knox Dunn 3rd - Blake Botica



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COMING UP SOON

COMMUNITY NEWS

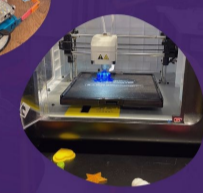
**WAITOKI**  
**Christmas in**  
**the Country**

**Friday 12 December**  
**from 4.30pm**  
**Save the Date**

SCIENCE & TECH CLASSES

Private STEM Sessions

- PERSONALISED SESSIONS FOR YOUR CHILD
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**SHORT STORY COMPETITION**

Open to all Primary, Intermediate, Secondary Students

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Opens - Monday 13 October  
Closes - Friday 21 November

**EVENT RULES**

- Open to all Kāhui Ako @ Kalpara students - Primary, Intermediate, and Secondary categories
- Stories must be original. Plagiarism is not allowed. It 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.

**How to Register?**

Click on this link for more details and to Enter

**Contact Information**

For more information, contact Megan Matia (Kalpara Kāhui Ako Across School Leader) at [megan@waitokenz.school.nz](mailto:megan@waitokenz.school.nz)



Call for art work:  
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20 World Kidney Day

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