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GOAT VALUES Grit, Ownership, Aroha, Teamwork

NEWSLETTER TERM 2

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Nau mai, haere mai
Welcome to
Auckland Zoo



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Tēnā koutou Whānau,

Our tamariki in **Y0 - Y5** had such an amazing time on their Education Outside The Classroom (EOTC) trip to **Auckland Zoo** last week. The weather was perfect and they had so much fun looking at all the animals in their different habitats. The lions, zebras and giraffes were the biggest hit. The sessions with the zoo educator were about adaptations and were really informative. Many thanks to all the staff and parent helpers who made this trip such a success.

A quick water update for you. The UV filter unit has been completely replaced and the water has been tested. The results show that there is no e-coli present in the water and it is safe to drink. Many thanks for your patience whilst we worked through this problem.

The countdown is on for the Waitoki School **Science Fair**, which is being held **Week 10** on **Wednesday 24th** and **Thursday 25th June** in the school hall. Our tamariki have been busy carrying out their fair tests and are now in the process of putting their science boards together. I am looking forward to learning more about all their scientific investigations.

Teachers are finishing off their mid-year assessments and finalising their **reports**, which will outline your child's progress and achievement for the first half 2026. The reports will be shared with you on the last day of Term 2, **Friday 3rd July** along with some information about the new report format. There will be an opportunity to discuss the report with your child's teacher at the **three way conferences** (student/parent/teacher) being held at the beginning of Term 3, on **Tuesday 21st July**. School will close at **12pm** on that day with appointments starting from 12.30pm. Further information about booking appointments through Skool Loop will be shared with you shortly.

Reminder: The fundraising team led by Kali Grey are currently organising two events, a **Hoe-Down** later this week for adults on **Friday 19th June**, and a **School Disco** for tamariki next Friday on **Friday 26th June**. Tickets for both of these events are still available from the school office and the money raised will go towards enhancing play spaces as well as STEAM resources.

Many thanks to **Peter Mason** from **Powercoms** for continuing to support us with school security. The team from Powercoms were on site last week checking the cameras functionality as well as adding an 11th camera to the system. We really appreciate them helping to make Waitoki School less vulnerable.



Did you notice the banner at the top of the newsletter is different? **Rebecca Hollier** and the team at **Signpost Signs** are in the process of updating signage for the large school noticeboard at the entrance of the school and this is the design they have created. Many thanks to Rebecca and Signpost Signs for their ongoing support of our school. We can't wait to see the new sign in place.



Work is continuing behind the scenes to make **Ag day** and **Country Fair**, being held on **Saturday 31st October**, the biggest and best events ever. We are still looking for a parent to volunteer to be our Waitoki School **Group Day rep** as without one we cannot take part in Group Day, the first Friday in November. Our group day rep could be a parent, parent grandparent or someone else in our school community. If you think you might be able to help us with this, please contact Serena Bateman, Rūma Whā, sbateman@waitoki.school.nz and she will let you know more information about what is involved.

Reminder: Our final school assembly for Term 2 will be held on **Friday 19th June at 1:05 pm** in the school hall. The Year 0 - 5 tamariki will be sharing their learning from their trip to Auckland Zoo so please come along, grab a cuppa, and celebrate our students learning with us.

Ngā mihi nui,
Jules McCourt

Term dates 2026:

Term 2—Mon 20th April 2026 to Fri 3 July 2026

Term 3—Mon 20 July 2026 to Fri 25 September 2026

Term 4—Mon 12th October 2026 to Tues 15th December 2026

Upcoming events to add to your diary:

19 June:	School Assembly 1.05pm
19 June :	Waitoki Hoedown Social: 6.30pm –School Hall
23 June:	Kaipara College Open Evening: 6.30pm
24 & 25 June:	Waitoki Science Fair - School Hall
26 June:	School Disco from 5pm
3 July:	End of Term 2.
20 July:	Term 3 Starts.
21 July:	3 Way Conferences: 12.30pm – school closes at 12pm
23 July:	Waitoki School Matariki celebrations : 7am
27 July:	Whole School Cross Country: 10.50am
29 July:	Board Meeting : 6pm
3 Aug:	Kaipara Cross Country—Muriwai Beach
10 Aug:	Junior Tough Guy and Gal Challenge.
13 Aug:	Rippa Rugby Tournament Y3-6
18 Aug:	North West Cross Country.



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Cross Country: Y4-8

We're at that time of the year again where we start Cross Country training! Training will take place starting this week (weather permitting).

Children will be leaving the school grounds and running along the footpath to the end of Forestry Road and we hope along the Springford track (access via the gate near the bridge).

Please note that training will be supervised by their teachers. The Cross Country event will be held on Monday 27 July with a save day Tuesday 28 July. Please ensure you have completed the consent on Skool loop forms.



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Basketball

Good Job !


Well done to our Yr 1 & 2 and Y3 & 4 basketball teams on their great first season of playing in Harbour Sports Miniball League.

They have all made such a massive improvement since starting the season and have showed some awesome teamwork, supporting one another and including everyone. It's been awesome to see their confidence increase so much and they've showed real commitment by turning up to training every week.

A Big Thankyou to the Coaches and Mangers.



AG Day Information : Chick Orders and supplies

AG Day and Country Fair are just around the corner and will soon be here - Saturday 31 October 2026 is the date for your calendar. You may like to rear a day-old chick to display at Ag day, they will be judged on perching and condition. Raising an Chick for Ag Day is a special experience where tamariki learn valuable lessons in responsibility, commitment, and compassion. It's also a whole lot of fun! 

If you would like to order chicks and/or rearing equipment and feed - please **complete the order form in skool loop** and return before 2 July 2026 at the latest. Payment for the chicks and equipment can be made into the school account: 12-3139-0003007-00 or by Eftpos/cash in the school office. Chicks will arrive in August, date to be confirmed.

sKids Waitoki

sKids are on the look out for staff to work at SKIDS Wainui site with occasional cover here at Waitoki and Stella Maris. Applicants can send their CV / cover letter to marielle@skids.co.nz or call Marielle on 0208297693.

EZLunch—UPDATE: NEW OPTION ON FRIDAYS

We're excited to share some tasty news with our Waitoki School family!

NEW - Go Deli Catering is now available every **Friday** through Ezlunch, giving you even more choice when it comes to healthy, convenient lunches for your tamariki.

Affordable. Healthy. Ready when they are. **Warm kai, happy kids.**



Chess Sets Needed Please:

We are looking for some complete chess sets to be donated to the school for the students to use. If you have any sets that you no longer use we would love to have them. Thankyou



Fundraising Team Update:

School Disco 26 June:

Winter Wonderland theme, tickets on sale now—See Skool loop or contact the school office.

Waitoki Hoedown Social :

Friday 19 June 6.30pm Waitoki School Hall

Join us for a night of Line Dancing, nibbles and drinks.

Limited Tickets on sale from the school office.

School Country Fair:

Looking for sponsors for our raffles and stall sponsors. Please see the attached notice to the newsletter.

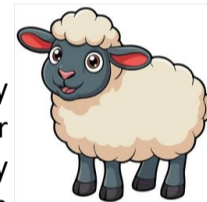
Please email: fundraising@waitoki.school.nz

if a business/family you know would be keen to get involved and sponsor.

Thanks so much for your support!

South Kaipara Group Day Representatives Needed:

Waitoki School is currently looking for two community representatives (minimum of one required) to support our involvement with the South Kaipara Group Day Committee. It is a condition of Group Day entry, for each school to have a representative and these representatives are a key link between the school and the committee. This role helps ensure our students can continue participating in Group Day and involves attending committee meetings, helping with set up the day before Group Day, assisting on the day itself, and supporting communication between the committee and school, including registrations and trophy returns. The role is not complex, and representatives do not need to be parents, grandparents or community members are also welcome. If you are interested or would like to find out more, please get in touch with the school office. We cannot stress enough that we do need someone to fill this spot— without your support Waitoki School cannot register any children for Group Day or compete as per the rules.



Thankyou for your support.

Enrolments for 2026

Do you have a child turning 5 in Term 3 or 4 this year.

Please contact the school office to arrange a school tour with the Principal, Jules McCourt. We also have a limited number of out of zone places still available for 2026

Please contact the school office for further information:

Phone: 09 4205244 or email: admin@waitoki.school.nz

Junior Tough Guy and Gal Challenge

The Carpet Court Junior Tough Guy and Gal Challenge is a fun-filled, mud-splattered obstacle course event designed for primary and intermediate kids to run, climb, and crawl their way through an unforgettable day of adventure, teamwork, and confidence-building.



Kumeu - Auckland

Closing date for payments and entries is 10 July, please see skool loop for entry information.

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Fundraising Team Update:

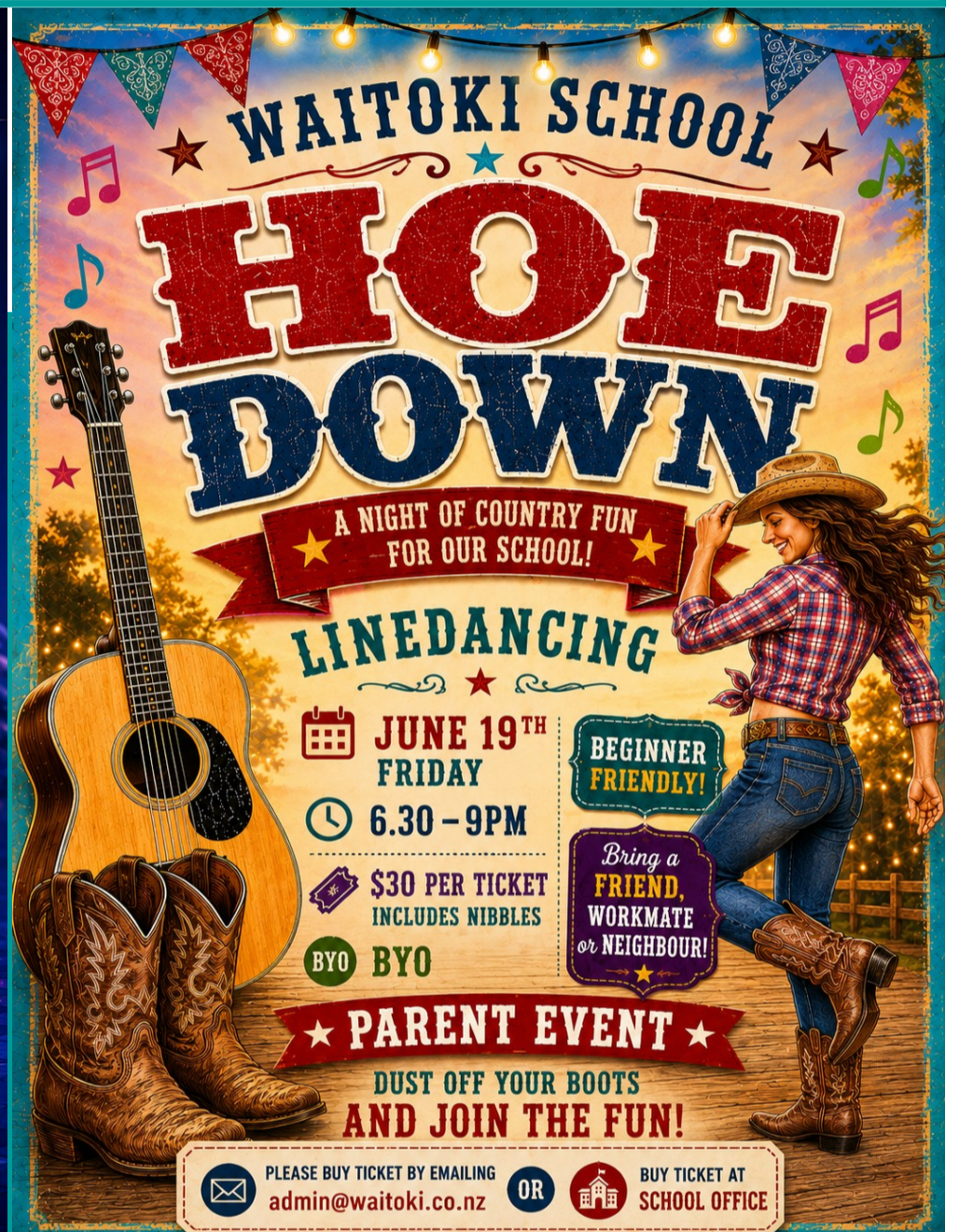


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SCHOOL DISCO
Winter Wonderland

JUNE 26

JUNIORS 5-6.30PM
SENIORS 7-8.30PM

ENTRY \$5 OR **ADD A MINI DOMINO'S PIZZA \$10**



WAITOKI SCHOOL
HOE DOWN
 A NIGHT OF COUNTRY FUN FOR OUR SCHOOL!
LINEDANCING

JUNE 19TH FRIDAY
 6.30 - 9PM

\$30 PER TICKET INCLUDES NIBBLES
 BYO BYO

BEGINNER FRIENDLY!
 Bring a FRIEND, WORKMATE or NEIGHBOUR!

PARENT EVENT
 DUST OFF YOUR BOOTS AND JOIN THE FUN!

PLEASE BUY TICKET BY EMAILING admin@waitoki.co.nz OR BUY TICKET AT SCHOOL OFFICE

Community Page:



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JULY HOLIDAY CAMP

Register Here!

July 5th - 9th 2026

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Waitoki School Country Fair 2026

Sponsorship Opportunities — Help Make Our Fair a Success!

Activity / Item	What We Need Covered	Cost to Sponsor	Recognition & Benefits
Backyard Olympics	Medals, games equipment (sacks for races, lolly for lolly scramble)	\$1,000	Company name on winner medals, signage at games, school social media & sign on the day
Sandpit Dig Game	Prizes for game	\$250	A4 sign with company name/logo as sponsor, opportunity to provide business card/flyer at the game stand, plus school social media
Mexican Food Stand	Ingredients to make the Mexican food to sell on the day	\$300	A4 sign with company name/logo as sponsor, opportunity to provide business card/flyer at the food stand, plus school social media
Candy Floss Machine	3-hour hire from Ifloss Vending	\$450	A4 sign with company name/logo as sponsor, opportunity to provide business card/flyer, plus school social media
Coconut Shy	Coconuts and materials to make poles for the game	\$200	A4 sign with company name/logo as sponsor, opportunity to provide business card/flyer, plus school social media
Lucky Dip Prizes	Prizes to make lucky dips to sell at cake stand	\$250	A4 sign with company name/logo as sponsor, opportunity to provide business card/flyer, plus school social media
Sausage Sizzle	300 sausages, bread, onion, sauce & napkins	\$350	A4 sign with company name/logo as sponsor, opportunity to provide business card/flyer, plus school social media
Signage for the Day	Welcome sign, map of the day and small maps	\$300	A4 sign with company name/logo as sponsor, opportunity to provide business card/flyer, plus school social media
Raffle Tickets	Design and printing of 1,000 tickets from raffletickets.co.nz	\$350	Company logo on the tickets and school social media
Cow Patty Bingo	First place winner prize (cash) plus spot prizes	\$150	A4 sign with company name/logo as sponsor, opportunity to provide business card/flyer, plus school social media
Cash Prize – Big Raffle	First place winner cash prize	\$500–\$1,000	Company name and logo on all raffle tickets
Bouncy Castle Hire	Hire of bouncy castle	\$400	A4 sign with company name/logo as sponsor, opportunity to provide business card/flyer, plus school social media
Raffle Prizes	Prizes for silent auctions — vouchers, products, etc.	\$50–\$1,000	School social media thank you
Hire Gear	Bar leaners & bean bags for chill zone	\$500	A4 sign with company name/logo as sponsor, opportunity to provide business card/flyer, plus school social media
Cash Contribution	Cash donation to school toward any of the above	Amount of your choice	A4 sign with company name/logo as sponsor, opportunity to provide business card/flyer, plus school social media
In-Kind Donation	In-kind donation for any of the items above	Value of your choice	A4 sign with company name/logo as sponsor, opportunity to provide business card/flyer, plus school social media

Thank you for supporting Waitoki School — every contribution makes a difference!



OPEN EVENING

Join us Tuesday 23 June 2026, 6pm

Take a guided tour with our student experts and explore our faculties, where the classrooms are open with interactive activities. Chat to our wonderful staff and students and find out first hand what makes us unique.



Enrolments are open; enrol online.
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Empower Her Girls Retreat Day!

We are so excited to invite you to our amazing Girls Retreat Day, specially designed to nurture and strengthen resilience skills, build friendships, and develop self-care and wellbeing tools.

Key Highlights:

Strengthening Self-Esteem and Self-Talk: We will build confidence by learning how to challenge their inner critic and develop a healthier, kinder inner voice.

Growth Mindset and Resilient Thinking: They will learn mindset tools to see mistakes and challenges as opportunities to grow, learn, and become stronger.

Circle of Control: We'll explore the difference between what we can and can't control, helping girls reduce worry, manage big emotions, and focus their energy on what truly matters.

Healthy Friendships: Learn about kind friendships, setting boundaries, and handling friendship challenges with confidence.

Reframing Negative Thinking: Girls will be equipped with practical tools to shift unhelpful thoughts into more balanced, encouraging, and empowering ones.

Self-Care Journals: Create personalised self-care journals while learning simple emotional regulation and wellbeing strategies.

We can't wait to see you!!

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