

Waitoki School NEWSLETTER

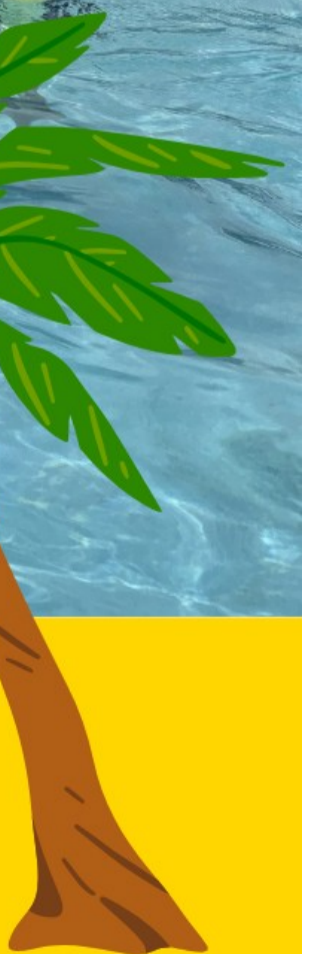
TERM 1

17 FEBRUARY 2026



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Tēnā koutou Whānau,

It was lovely to see so many of you at the **family picnic** last Thursday despite the rain. We have received plenty of positive feedback from the community that even though the weather was not playing ball, there was a great atmosphere and parents enjoyed the opportunity to talk to their child's class teacher in a more informal setting. Many thanks to the **Waitoki School Board** for once again putting on the sausage sizzle. We appreciate your mahi.

Learning at Waitoki for 2026 has begun with a burst of energy. Along with the core subjects of reading, writing and maths, the schoolwide inquiry focus for Term 1 is centred on the **social science curriculum**, diving into civics and society. Learning began with an investigation into Waitangi Day and the collaborative development of class treaties. Key areas of study this term will include New Zealand history ranging from early seafarers to the foundations of modern democracy along with the geographical analysis of physical and human environments.

The students are all busy preparing for school swimming sports on **Thursday 26th February**. **Senior School (Y4 - Y8)** competitive events will begin at **10am** and we anticipate they will finish by 12 noon. The younger students in **Y0-3** will be taking part in some fun "have-a-go" pool activities from **1.15pm**. You are most welcome to come along and cheer the children on both in the morning and the afternoon. Successful swimmers from the senior school will have the opportunity to represent Waitoki at cluster swimming sports on **Monday 9th March**.

Three way conferences between student, teacher and parents to collaboratively set learning goals for the first half of 2026 are being held on **Thursday 5th March**. **School will close at 12pm** and 15 minute interviews will take place between **12.30pm - 7.30pm**. Bookings can be made through the Skool Loop app. If you are not sure how to do this, please call into the school office.

Our much awaited playground enhancements are due to begin on **Monday 9th March**. Very exciting! In readiness for this, **Pete Reelick Landscaping** will be doing some ground preparation work at the weekends. If you see Pete and his team in action, please keep clear of the area so that everyone is kept safe. Thank you for your understanding.

We have had a couple of "near misses" in the **school car park** at drop off and pick up times. Please help us to keep all of our tamariki safe by not parking on the broken yellow lines and following the direction arrows when driving through the car park. To help ease congestion, please consider using the **school bus** that operates both before and after school within our school zone. Pop into the school office and see Sarah if you would like to learn more about the Waitoki School bus route.

Our first school assembly for 2026 is in the school hall on **Friday 20th February** at the slightly earlier time of **1.10pm**. Everyone is welcome to join us, so come along, grab a cuppa and help us celebrate our student's achievements.

Ngā mihi nui
Jules McCourt

Term dates 2026:

Term 1—Tues 3rd February 2026 to Thurs 2 April 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:

- 17 February:** Pool Closed: 5.00pm to 6.30pm
18 February: Board Meeting: 6.30pm
20 February: Whole School Assembly – all welcome: 1.10pm.
26 February: Waitoki School swimming sports from 10am
28 February : Helensville Show: 9am to 4.30pm.
2 March : Save day : Waitoki School swimming sports from 10am
4 March: Whānau/Parents Info Evening: Positive Puberty Plus programme 6.30pm
5 March: Three way conferences (student/parents/teachers): 12.30pm - 7.30pm. School will close at 12pm on that day to allow the conferences to take place.
9 March: Playground Enhancements begin
9 March: Kaipara Kāhui ako cluster swimming sports.
10 March: Save Day: Kaipara Kāhui ako cluster swimming sports.
12 March: First Tech session for Y7 & Y8 students at Kaipara College from 8.30am - 12.30pm.
18 March : GRIP leadership conference—Herd Leaders.
23 March: North West Swimming sports.
23 March: Y5 & Y6 Summer Sports (Rautawhiri Park)
24 March: Save Day: Y5 & Y6 Summer Sports (Rautawhiri Park)
30 March: Y7& Y8 Summer Sports (Rautawhiri Park)
31 March: Save Day: Y7& Y8 Summer Sports (Rautawhiri Park)
2 April: Term 1 ends.

Positive Puberty Plus Programme Year 6-8

As part of the NZ Health & Physical Education Curriculum we have engaged Nest Consulting to provide their Positive Puberty Plus© programme to our Year 6, 7 and 8 students on Wednesday 11 March.

All topics will be covered age appropriately in a way that relates to puberty: the changing body, sense of self, decision making, understanding media influences and body confidence.

To assist Parents being actively involved in communication with their child regarding the changes associated with puberty and preadolescence Nest offer a Parent/Whānau Information/Education Evening prior to the programme on Wednesday 4 March at 6.30pm in the school hall. The feedback from this evening is always extremely positive: a fun, inspiring and educational night.

If you have concerns about your child attending, we encourage you to attend the Parent and Whānau Information Evening for more information before deciding whether to include your child. If you decide to withdraw your child from the Programme, please complete the form on Skool Loop and let your child's teacher know, who will find other work for your child on that day. All students will attend the programme unless we have received this opt out. Please complete the parent section on Skool Loop if you wish to attend the Parent and Whānau Information Evening.

Many thanks

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Important Information and Reminders:

Freezy Fridays:

Every Friday lunchtime, during Term 1, the Teachers are selling ice blocks. The money raised will be used to subsidise Education outside the classroom (EOTC) programmes. 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.



Piano lessons are available at the school for 2026

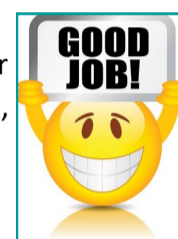
If you are interested please contact Blain Austin on 021 201 9493 or let the school office know and we can pass on your details.

Thanks



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



Garden to Table :

Our Garden to Table programme has begun and we would love your support. We have a basket in the office for fruit and vegetable donations. Our amazing Linda can freeze any donated produce for upcoming cooking in our Garden to Table recipes as this is a great way to make use of everything throughout the year and to minimise food wastage. We can also make good use of any seedlings you may like to donate. Please do not pick the fruit from the school garden fruit trees as we use this fruit for our garden to table programme.

Any support is greatly appreciated. Thank you.



Reminder: Cellphones and Other Personal Digital Devices:

Our approach to cellphones and other personal digital devices supports student engagement and achievement. Personal digital devices include cell phones, and other devices such as laptops, tablets, and smartwatches. Devices that are part of a school-approved Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) programme have separate conditions for use. To comply with government regulations, we ensure students do not use personal devices during school hours, including break times. **All students who have cell phones must hand them in at the school office when they arrive at school each morning.**

Medical updates:

This is just a reminder to please let the office team know if your child requires any medicine on either a once off or regular basis. This includes asthma inhalers, strepsils etc. We ask that children do not keep any medication in their school bags, and ensure it is kept in the sick bay.

Forms are available for you to fill in to let us know how to look after your child and for authority for us to administer the medication.



Well Done Koen Neville !Winner of the first Culty Cup Waitoki Lamb Cup - Ag Day Supreme Champion.

The lady in the photo is Jyl Morrison, who was one of three Culty Sisters who attended Waitoki in the 1950's when they lived opposite the school.

We replaced the cup because the previous cup was beyond repair and we thank the Culty family who have kindly sponsored the new trophy.



No hat, no play:

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



Car Park:

Please do not allow your children to cross the road by themselves, please collect them from the school site.

Please do not park under the notice board as this restricts the bus drivers view when he is pulling out of the school. Thankyou for keeping our students safe.



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: Noah Cleveland, Fallon Coogan, Finn and Piper Wood, Cruz Burnside, Ashur Corfield, Mikail Hassan, Cosima Timoki, Tasman Scott.



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EZ Lunch Term 1 :Here's how it works:

EZ lunch orders are up and running! We have sushi Wednesdays and Thursdays, . If you are keen to take the stress out of lunches, visit ezlunch.co.nz, and click on Order Lunch. Remember to order before 9am on the day!



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Vision and Hearing Screening: Update to consents :

The National Public Health Service – Northern region's Vision and Hearing Screening team will be visiting our school 25 February to screen those in Years 0-2 who have not previously had their B4School screening or require a follow-up re-screen. If you do not want your child's vision and hearing to be screened, please notify the school prior to testing. Results of vision and hearing screening will be sent home with your child. The results may be shared with the school, including your child's teacher.

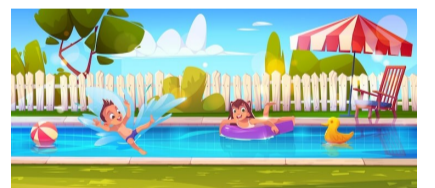


Enrolments for 2026

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

School Pool Keys:

We still have a few Pool Keys available to hire for school families and community members.
The official Pool closing date for this season will be: Sunday 19th April 2026. If you would like to Hire a Key for the rest of the 2025/2026 season please see Skool loop or your email for the information and form. Or come into the office to speak with Sarah or Jessica.
We are happy to help!



Lost Glasses:

If you have found a pair of green children's glasses can you please drop them to the office and we have a child missing them. They were lost at school last week.

sKids

sKids will be open from 12pm on Thursday 5 March for Three Way Conferences if you need to book your child in.



Book now at sKids.co.nz/book
4 February - 2 April 2026

What's on this term

- WEEK 1: 4th - 5th February**
Welcome to School
Fun games and activities to settle the kids back into the school routine.
- WEEK 2: 9th-13th February**
Happy Hearts
Valentine's Day is coming! Make something special for your loved ones, play fun games & try cool crafts. Save your creations to share with someone special!
- WEEK 3: 16th to 20th February**
Sensory Explosion
Get ready for a Sensory Explosion! Discover your five senses with awesome arts and crafts, cool STEM fun, and loads more surprises!
- WEEK 4: 23rd to 27th February**
Choco Mania
Children explore chocolate themed activities through creative cooking, science, movement, sensory play, and artistic expression.
- WEEK 5: 2nd to 6th March**
Inventors Lab
Put on your inventor's cap and get ready to create! Build, design a cardboard city, & tackle a ninja obstacle course. Explore invention challenges, craft contraptions, & more!
- WEEK 6: 9th - 13th March**
World Wildlife
Dive into the world of animals and their habitats in celebration of World Wildlife Day. Create delicious snacks, build your own cave, and design your own creatures.
- WEEK 7: 16th to 20th March**
Mythical Mayhem
Dive into Mythical Mayhem! Explore magical creatures, create enchanting crafts, and enjoy fun games that bring myths to life!
- WEEK 8: 23rd to 27th March**
Feelings Fest
Join us in celebrating the International Day of Happiness! This week is all about exploring feelings, understanding emotions, and discovering fun ways to care for your wellbeing.
- WEEK 9: 30th March to 2nd April**
Wacky Sports Week
Flex your muscles & explore your silly side in this sporty themed week. Dizzy bat and crazy takes on other sports & games and competitions planned this week.



WELCOME BACK!
FROM THE FUNDRAISING TEAM

Welcome back to another exciting school year! We're looking forward to a great year of fundraising to support our school, students and community.

WE'LL BE ARRANGING OUR FIRST FUNDRAISING MEETING SOON—STAY TUNED FOR DETAILS!

If you have any fundraising ideas or would like to join the fundraising committee, feel free to email me at mestinel@waitoki.school.nz.

LOOKING FORWARD TO A FANTASTIC YEAR AHEAD!

-THE WAITOKI FUNDRAISING TEAM-



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Community Page:

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February	March	April	May
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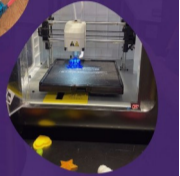
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THURSDAY 19 NOVEMBER

Kia ora,

South Kaipara Football Club really needs your help we now opening expressions of interest for our U10 and U11 teams for the upcoming winter football season, and we would love to invite students from your school to get involved.

Eligibility:

U10: Players who have turned 10, or will turn 10, during 2026

U11: Players who have turned 11, or will turn 11, during 2026

If your child is interested in playing, please email me

at trevor@southkaiparafc.co.nz as soon as possible, as registrations are closing very soon.

Season Details:

Training: Held midweek @Rautawhiri Park time:TBC

Games: Home or away each Saturday

Season Dates: Approximately 2 May – 6 September

Cost: \$90 for the season

Thank you for your support, and we look forward to welcoming new players for an exciting season ahead.

Ngā mihi,

Trevor Hubbard South Kaipara Football Club

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REGISTRATION DATES

Tuesday 24 Feb 4.00pm - 6.30pm
Wednesday 25 Feb 4.00pm - 6.30pm
Saturday 28 Feb 9.00am - 11.00am CLUB OPEN DAY "GIVE IT A GO!"
Grade Day for all Tackle Teams (J6 - J1) is Saturday 2 May
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