

# Waitoki School NEWSLETTER

TERM 2

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# SUSTAINABILITY CHALLENGE RACE

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Tēnā koutou Whānau,

I want to start with an update on our **drinking water** situation. Our current UV filtration system is broken beyond repair. Earlier this year the Ministry assessed our current drinking water system and established that we needed a full system upgrade. This was scheduled to happen in 2027 but has now been brought forward. I met with Ministry representatives on Friday afternoon and they have assured me that the necessary work will be completed within the next couple of weeks. In the meantime, please continue to send your children to school with two drink bottles of water. The "hydration station" will remain on site until the tap water is safe to drink again. Thank you for your patience and understanding whilst we navigate through this.

Many thanks to all of our lovely mums who were able to join us on Tuesday 12th May for our **Mothers Day celebration**. We hope you enjoyed doing craft activities with your children and having your photos taken in the photo booth. Thank you to **Briar and Serena** for organising the event and to the class teachers for running the activities. It was a great afternoon and we are busy preparing a display of photos from the afternoon to go up in the hall.

Well done to all the **Year 5-8 Waitoki triathletes** who took part in the **Kaipara Schools Triathlon**, hosted by Parakai School on Monday 11th May. They all demonstrated GRIT and represented us with pride. Waitoki got some great results in the Y6 boys individual event; Arlo T came first, Nathan came third and Hudson W came fourth. **Well done boys - great mahi.**

Waitoki also were successful taking part in the **Sustainability Challenge** at Wenderholm Regional Park on Friday 15th May. There were 92 teams across the region who took part in this two-hour environmental stewardship orienteering race. Waitoki School entered eight teams of Y6 - Y8 students. Well done Tasman, Arlo T, Nathan and Hudson W who came third, great job boys. Thank you also to all the teachers and parents who acted as guides for our tamariki - there were a few sore legs on Saturday after running to keep up with the kids!

Unfortunately, due to a bereavement, the recycling show presented by **A Fool's Company** had to be postponed. The show was rescheduled for today, **Tuesday 19th May**. Our tamariki enjoyed learning about the importance of recycling correctly and loved watching Savvy the Pirate and Bertie the Seagull as they searched for the city's recycling.

Our Term 2 science learning focus is gathering momentum. Students are beginning to prepare for the **Science Fair**, which will be held on **Wednesday 24th and Thursday 25th June** in the Waitoki School Hall. The Science Fair is a formal inquiry project requiring students to apply the scientific method to a specific "Big Question." Rather than reporting known facts, students must conduct experiments by defining variables, establishing constants, and testing a hypothesis. The process concludes with creating a tri-fold display board to share their mahi. All our tamariki will be involved, with our younger learners completing class or group projects and our older students creating their own.

Teachers are currently in the process of gathering Reading, Writing and Maths assessment data in preparation for writing **mid-year reports** to show parents their children's progress and achievement for the first half of the school year. Our tamariki in Y3 - Y8 are being assessed using the new Ministry of Education **SMART assessment tool**. The reports will be shared with you on the last day of this term, **Friday 3rd July**, along with an explanation of the new level descriptors and your child's attendance data for the first half of 2026.

It is with sadness that I must advise you that **Jessica Gillon** has resigned from her office administration position at Waitoki School. Jess has just been appointed to a new position and this is an exciting new opportunity for her. We wish Jess all the best in her new job - we will miss you Jess. Her last day at Waitoki will be Friday 12th June.

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:

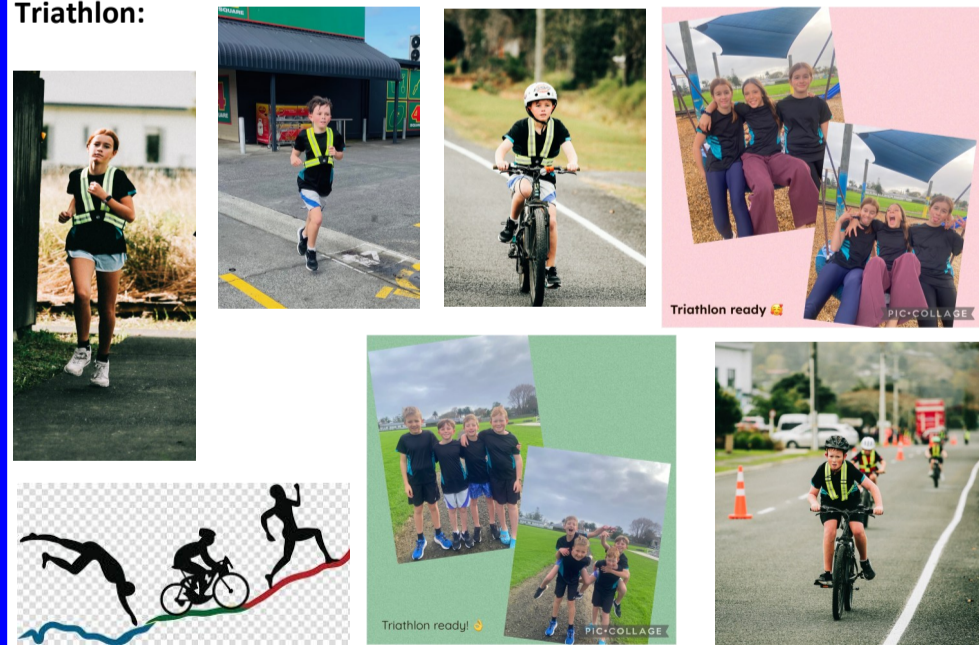
19 May:	Recycling Show: 1pm
29 May:	School Assembly 1.10pm
1 June:	School Closed: Kings Birthday
3 June:	Board Meeting: 6pm
11 June:	Auckland Zoo Trip Y1-5
19 June:	School Assembly 1.10pm
19 June :	Waitoki Hoedown Social: 6.30pm –School Hall
24 & 25 June:	Waitoki Science Fair - School Hall
26 June:	School Disco from 5pm
3 July:	End of Term 2.

## Photo Gallery:

### Mothers Day Celebration:



### Triathlon:



### Pink Shirt Day:



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## 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.

Here's what's on the menu:

**Wednesday: Sushi4U (onhold until road re-opens)**

**Friday: Go Deli Catering**

You'll find a variety of nutritious options to keep your kids fuelled and focused. To view the full menu and place an order, just log in to your Ezlunch account as usual or visit: <https://www.ezlunch.co.nz/> and set up an account.

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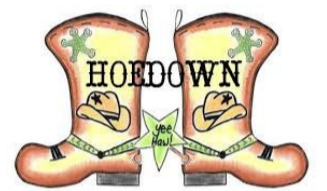
## **Fundraising Team Update:**

**School Disco 26 June:**  
**Winter Wonderland theme, tickets on sale soon—Watch this space.**



**Waitoki Hoedown Social : Friday 19 June 6.30pm Waitoki School Hall**

**Join us for a night of Line Dancing, nibbles and drinks. Tickets go on sale soon. Parent and community event.**



**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](mailto:fundraising@waitoki.school.nz) if a business/family you know would be keen to get involved and sponsor.**

**Thanks so much for your support!**



## 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.

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



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## 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.**

## Return of School Pool Keys:

We have come to the end of another Summer season and we hope our pool keyholders have enjoyed the use of the facility over the Summer. Please now return your pool key immediately. Thanks



## Kahikatea Flat Road Closed from 11/05/2026 for approximately 8 weeks:

We wanted to let you know about the upcoming road closure on Kahikatea Flat Road, Dairy Flat  
From Monday 11 May the section of Kahikatea Flat Road between #180 and #198 will be closed for approximately 8 weeks and a detour will be in place 24/7. Once initial pilling is complete operations will resume under a single lane closure and Stop/Go until completion of the project which is expected to be September 2026.

## Yummy Stickers:

Don't forget to collect your yummy stickers which earn us points to purchase sports equipment at the end of the year. The office have collection pages for the stickers.



## 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)



## **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)

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## Community Page:

### 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)	<b>\$1,000</b>	Company name on winner medals, signage at games, school social media & sign on the day
Sandpit Dig Game	Prizes for game	<b>\$250</b>	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	<b>\$300</b>	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	<b>\$450</b>	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	<b>\$200</b>	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	<b>\$250</b>	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	<b>\$350</b>	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	<b>\$300</b>	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	<b>\$350</b>	Company logo on the tickets and school social media
Cow Patty Bingo	First place winner prize (cash) plus spot prizes	<b>\$150</b>	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	<b>\$500–\$1,000</b>	Company name and logo on all raffle tickets
Bouncy Castle Hire	Hire of bouncy castle	<b>\$400</b>	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.	<b>\$50–\$1,000</b>	School social media thank you
Hire Gear	Bar leaners & bean bags for chill zone	<b>\$500</b>	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	<b>Amount of your choice</b>	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	<b>Value of your choice</b>	A4 sign with company name/logo as sponsor, opportunity to provide business card/flyer, plus school social media

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Sat 13th	Sat 11th	Sat 8th	Sat 12th
October	November	December	Scan QR code to book
Sat 10th	Sat 14th	Sat 12th	

**Don't miss out. Spots released monthly and fill fast! Scan & Book your spot today**



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**SCIENCE FAIR 2026**  
Open to all Keiwhi Aka o Kaipara Year 0-10 Students  
Categories:  
Biology  
Chemistry  
Physics  
Earth and Space  
Open to the public from 3.30pm  
Prizegiving 5pm  
Te Rito - Kaipara College  
**THURSDAY 19 NOVEMBER**

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