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NEWSLETTER TERM 3

20 OCTOBER 2026

THE COUNT DOWN IS ON!

10 days left until

**WAITOKI SCHOOL
AG DAY &
COUNTRY
FAIR 2026**



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Tēnā koutou whānau,

And just like that, it is the last school term of 2026. Term 4 is always a busy one as we head towards the end of the school year. The first major event is **School Athletics** at Sinclair Park on **Tuesday 27th October** (save day Wednesday 28th October). All of our tamariki have been busy practising their skills in preparation for this event and our top athletes from **Y5 - Y8** will go on to represent us at the **Kaipara Schools Cluster Athletics** on **Monday 9th November** (save day Tuesday 10th November).

Preparations are already well underway for our **Ag Day and Country Fair** on **Saturday 31st October**, which promises to be a major highlight for our school and wider community. **Home projects** need to be at the school hall by **8.30am on Friday 30th October** ready for judging. The competitions for Junior Farmer, lambs, calves and chickens will all take place from 9am on Saturday 31st October and these will be followed by the Country Fair. It is going to be a fabulous day.

We really appreciate the huge amount of community support that we have received leading up to Ag Day and Country Fair. The Fundraising team have done an amazing job and we are particularly appreciative of all the fabulous prizes that have been donated for both the **silent auction and raffle** by the community. Go to: <https://www.32auctions.com/waitokischool> to check out the amazing items that you can bid on. I have my eye on that fabulous Fiji holiday! We also still have **raffle tickets** available if you would like some more to sell. Pop in and see Sarah or Lacey in the School office.

Alongside all of this our learning focus for the remainder of the term will be on **STEM** activities, which covers Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics. Part of our Mathematics learning will focus on **Financial Literacy**, and we have once again arranged for **ASB** to come into school to deliver the **Getwise programme**.

The first few weeks of Term 4 are always dedicated to assessing students' knowledge and understanding in preparation for writing **End of Year reports** for parents, which will be shared with you digitally on the last day of term. Our tamariki in Y3 - Y8 will be assessed using the Ministry's new **SMART assessment tool**.

I would like to give a huge shout out to Garry and the team from "**Healthy Water Tanks**." They spent two full days at school cleaning all our water tanks and filling them with fresh water for us all free of charge. We are incredibly appreciative of their support for Waitoki School. If you need your water tanks cleaned please get in touch with them; Phone - 027 84 77 000 or 09 428 0448, or email them at: help@healthywatertanks.co.nz

We have begun the process for **2027 class placements**. This is a huge piece of organisation that involves all of the teaching staff. When creating classes, we take a large number of factors into consideration including, student's personal attributes, academic strengths, individual learning needs, friendships, personality clashes, class size, gender, age, along with parent requests. With so many aspects to consider, it is impossible for every single parent to hand select their child's classroom, the teacher, or the other students who will be with them next year. We therefore ask that you please trust our robust process as we piece together this very complex jigsaw puzzle.

We will be able to organise our 2027 classes more effectively if we have accurate numbers for next year. Therefore, please could you email either Sarah (admin@waitoki.school.nz) or Lacey (office@waitoki.school.nz) if your child/children are **NOT** returning to Waitoki School in 2027. If you have already informed us, then you do not need to email us again. Many thanks. I hope you all enjoy the long weekend and Labour Day next Monday, and I am looking forward to connecting with you all at **Ag Day/Country Fair**.

Ngā mihi nui,
Jules McCourt

Term dates 2026:

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

Term 4: Mon 12 October 2026 to Tues 15 December 2026

Term Dates 2027:

Term 1: Tuesday 2 February 2027 to Friday 9 April 2027.

2nd February: Individual Family Connection Meetings.

3rd February: All students learning in class.

Term 2: Tuesday 22 April 2027 to Friday 2 July 2027.

Term 3: Monday 19 July 2027 to Friday 24 September 2027.

Term 4: Monday 11 October 2027 to Thursday 16 Dec 2027.

Upcoming events to add to your diary:

26 October: School Closed Labour Day

27 October: Whole School Athletics - Sinclair Park

28 October: Whole School Athletics - Sinclair Park (Save Day)

31 October: AG Day and Country Fair

4 November: Board Meeting: 6pm

7 November: General Election - School as Polling Station

3 & 4 November: School Photos

9 November: Kaipara Athletics - Rautawhiri Park

10 November: Kaipara Athletics- Save Day

11 November: New Entrants Information Evening: 6 to 7pm.

10 & 11 November: ASB Getwise programme

16 November: KPA Science Fair- Kaipara College

19 November: NW Athletics - Trust Stadium

Welcome To Waitoki School

We are so excited to welcome our new families to our Kura! Please give a warm Waitoki welcome if you see any of our new students and parents.

Our new students are:

Asher Willis: Rūma Ono

Kaden Garner: Rūma Rima

Gemma Paul: Rūma Ono

Bashy Smith: Rūma Ono

Zoe Williams: Rūma Ono

Dylan Wiggins: Rūma Ono

Kerbie Lester: Rūma Whitu



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.



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AG DAY & COUNTRY FAIR

2026

SATURDAY
31ST
OCTOBER

AG DAY AT 9AM

FOLLOWED BY

COUNTRY FAIR

11AM-
2PM

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FLAT ROAD,
WAITOKI

FUN FAMILY GAMES
CUTE ANIMALS
FARMERS MARKET
YUMMY FOOD STALLS
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YOUNG FARMER 2026

THESE JUNIOR FARMERS ARE UP FOR THE CHALLENGE!

HAYLEY "Howdy Partner" HEAPS	PHOEBE "Daisy Fields" DENT	ANDREW "Giddy Up!" GILBERT
JESSE "Mini Farmer" MINTON	ZOE "Paddock Patrol" PORTER	ERIN "Hen Whisperer" HEFFER

COMPETING AT
WAITOKI SCHOOL
AG DAY
SATURDAY 31ST
OCTOBER

9am

Come and Support Them!

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COUNTRY FAIR

2026

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THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL
HAPPY BIDDING!

WAITOKI SCHOOL RAFFLE:

Help Support Our School Fundraiser!

Over the school holidays, every family was asked to help sell a booklet of 10 raffle tickets to support our school.

- Ticket Price: \$5 each
- Due Date: Friday 23 October.
- Where to Return: School Office (along with cash or via EFTPOS payment)
- Where is the Money Going? All proceeds from this Country Fair fundraiser go directly toward expanding our school's resources:
- STEAM Robotics Equipment (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, & Maths)
- Upgraded Play Spaces
- New Outdoor Sound System
- Earn Herd Points! • 2 Herd Points for every single ticket sold.
- 20 Herd Points for completing your first booklet. • 30 Herd Points for every additional completed booklet! (Pick up at office)
- Note: If you cannot sell your booklet, please return it to the school office so another family can take it.

Thank you for your incredible support!

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COUNTRY FAIR RAFFLE

\$5
PER
TICKET

1ST PRIZE

\$1000
CASH

THANKS TO Z-Bell

2ND PRIZE

DE LONGHI
COFFEE
MACHINE

THANKS TO PRIMEBUILD

3RD PRIZE

\$250
PAK 'N' SAVE
VOUCHER

THANKS TO PAK'SAVE

4TH PRIZE

"SPRITE"
KIDS
SCOOTER

THANKS TO M-FO

5TH PRIZE

THANKS TO Kaipātiki

FAMILY ADVENTURE PACK

THANKS TO 200

RAFFLES WILL BE DRAWN MONDAY 9TH NOVEMBER
AT WAITOKI SCHOOL

09 420 5244

1119 KAHIKATEA FLAT ROAD, WAITOKI

AG Day Information:

AG Day and Country Fair are just around the corner and will soon be here.
SATURDAY 31 OCTOBER is the date for your calendar.

Animal and Home Project Expectations:

Children who are not raising an animal for Ag Day are expected to complete at least one home project as part of their Ag Day involvement.

The projects this year are:

Option one: Construction Project: Bird Bath or Feeder Challenge

Option two: Growing Project Sunflower Challenge **

Option Three: Baking Project: Country Baking Challenge

Option four: Creative Project: Diorama Project.



Important Home Project Dates:

Completed home projects and photo journals (where required) must be brought to the hall on:

Thursday 29th October 2026

Please ensure all entries are clearly labelled with: Child's name, year level and class.

Baking entries are the exception and should be brought fresh to the school hall on judging day.

Entries will be judged on: **Friday 30th October 2026**

All projects will then be displayed in the hall for families and visitors to enjoy on: **Saturday 31st October 2026 – Ag Day**

We can't wait to see the wonderful creations, gardens, baking, and displays our children produce as they celebrate Waitoki Country Life!

Ag Day 2026:

Junior Farmer Judging: Starts at 9am.

Animal Entries Information

We are looking forward to seeing everyone at Ag Day on Saturday 31 October! I'm sure your tamariki are excited to show everyone how their animal training has been going and how they have been caring for and preparing their chickens.

Please take note of the following information to help the morning run smoothly.

Animal Judging: Starts at 9.30am

Please arrive before this time to collect your registration number and get your animal settled in for the morning.

Please make sure your animal has a shady place to wait and access to fresh water. Some suggested options are:

- Lambs: Tying them securely to the school house fence on the field is a good option.
- Calves: These can be placed in the field behind the fence at the back of the school house.

Please remember to provide your animal with a bucket of water.

Preparing Your Animal:

A reminder that lambs must not be washed or brushed for this event. Please refer to the 2026 Ag Day booklet for further information about preparing your animal and what is expected in the ring.

Animal Drop-Off and Parking:

On Saturday morning, we will open the gate to the school field, accessed via the school house driveway, to make dropping off animals easier.

- Lambs: Please use this area as a drop-off zone only.
- Calves: As unloading and loading calves takes a little longer, you are welcome to park at the very end of the field, facing the road.

Chicken Entries Information:

Please take note of the following information to help the morning run smoothly.

Chicken Judging: Starts at 9.30am

Please arrive before judging to allow time to collect your registration number and get your chicken settled.

This year, chickens will be judged a little differently, and children are required to be with their chickens during judging. Please refer to the 2026 Ag Day booklet for more information about the judging process and what is expected.

Bringing Your Chicken to School:

There will be no animal drop-off zone for chickens. Please walk your chicken into school in a secure cage to ensure it is safe and contained.

Once you arrive, you can place the cage on the table outside Rūma Iwa (Mr Ashley's classroom), ready for judging. Please ensure your chicken has access to fresh water and food while waiting.

Thank you for your support and for helping your tamariki prepare for Ag Day. We are looking forward to a fantastic day and can't wait to see our chicken entries!

Thank you for your help with these arrangements. We are looking forward to a fantastic Ag Day and can't wait to see our tamariki in the ring with their animals!

Serena Bateman and Briar Porter
Ag Day Coordinators

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ATHLETICS DAY NOTICE

DATE: Tuesday, 27 October 2026

SAVE DAY: Wednesday, 28 October 2026 (Weather Backup)

LOCATION: Sinclair Park, Peak Road, Kaukapakapa

TRANSPORT: Travelling together by bus (Entire school participating)

SESSION TIMES

SENIOR SCHOOL

(Full Day)

8:40 am - 2:15 pm

JUNIOR SCHOOL

(Half Day)

9:40 am - 12:15 pm

ACTION REQUIRED: PERMISSION SLIP

Please complete and sign the permission slip via FORMS

in the Skool Loop app by Friday, 16 October 2026.

Thank you for your support!

No hat, no play

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



Calendar Art

Another order form reminder was sent out last week. This is for those parents who missed out ordering Calendar Art at the end of term two. These orders close on October 26th and will be the last orders for this year. Thank you for your amazing support for this fund raiser, we have exceeded our previous year's totals. Thank you very much for the help towards our Special Needs resources.

Julie Atkinson

Library books

If you have any overdue library books from last term, please endeavour to return these soon, so that other children can enjoy them.
Thank you



Important Information for Country Fair:

Payment methods for the Fair are cash and pre-paid tokens - No eftpos on school run stalls.

The tokens will be on sale from the school office from Tuesday 27 October and will also be available to purchase from the fair on the day.

Eftpos and Credit card are accepted in the booth and at the office for purchase of tokens.



Fundraising and Community Page:

Fundraising Committee Country Fair Update :

The country fair Fundraising committee are looking for some superstar helpers to donate their time on country fair day to help make the fair a success. (31 October 2026).

We need help with:

- Prep for the food stalls (day before 30 October)
- Set up for the fair 9am to 11am
- Supervising games 11am to 2pm
- Running food stalls and school led stalls 11am to 2pm
- Pack down from 2pm

If you can help for the day, a shift or an hour we would love to have you as part of the country fair team !

Please email fundraising@waitoki.school.nz or contact the school office. Otherwise, catch one of the committee members around school and let us know you can help.

Tokens to pre purchase? - need to print and cut out? need to decide when people can buy these

Jolly Jars- reminder to bring to office

Baking- Please let us know if you can bake for the school fair, this year we will be selling by the slice/individual pieces . Email office or fundraising@waitoki.school.nz and we will send a cake box home with your child. Home baking only please. Thanks so much!



SCIENCE FAIR 2026
Open to all Kahui Ako & Kaipara Year 0-10 Students
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Event Details

Kaipātiki Community Network Forum

📍 Kaipātiki Ora, Kaipātiki Hot Springs

📅 Saturday 24 October & Sunday 25 October 2026

🕒 Arts in the Ville Exhibition Open: 10:00am - 1:00pm



ARTS in the VILLE
24th & 25th Oct 2026
10am - 1pm
Kaipātiki Ora

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