

# Waitoki School NEWSLETTER

TERM 2

21 APRIL 2026

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Tēnā koutou Whānau,

Welcome back to Term 2.

With ANZAC Day falling on Saturday, 25 April, our tamariki will be spending the first week of the term exploring its historical significance. We invite you to join our special commemorative assembly on **Friday 24th April at 8:45 am** as we pay our respects and look back on our shared history. Each class will be making a wreath which will be laid under our flagpole during the assembly.



Science will take centre stage in Term 2 as beyond our core focus on literacy and numeracy, our young scientists will be diving deep into the Biological Sciences this term. From exploring the diversity of organisms and human body systems to understanding how ecosystems thrive, it's going to be a term of scientific discovery. To bring this learning to life, our younger classes from **Y0 - Y5** are heading to **Auckland Zoo** this June.

Alongside our scientific inquiry, we are excited to begin preparations for our whole-school production, Project Planet. The performances will perfectly complement our environmental studies from Term 2. While the curtains won't rise until **Week 8 of Term 3**, the creative work starts now, with rehearsals and planning continuing throughout the next two terms.

Our Year 6–8 students are buzzing with excitement as they prepare to head to **Shakespeare Lodge** from 29 April to 1 May. Camp provides an invaluable setting for our seniors to challenge themselves and build resilience. From coastering and sailing catamarans to the grit required for bush survival and rock climbing, the students will experience eight instructor-led activities, two of which directly support their **William Pike Challenge**. In addition the students will foster a sense of responsibility through completing daily duties. We know they will return not just with fantastic memories, but with the confidence that comes from operating outside their comfort zones.

The school grounds are looking fantastic thanks to our recent playground enhancements and the ongoing support from **Pete Reelick Landscaping**. It has been wonderful to see our tamariki enjoying the new spaces, with the new **rotonet** proving to be an absolute hit. We are also pleased to see that the safety improvement of the area under the cargo net successfully completed over the Easter break, making it an even better spot for active play. These changes have been made possible through two grants from **Pub Charity Ltd** and **We Care Community Trust**, as well as school fundraising efforts over the past three years, so many thanks for all your contributions. We could not have done it without your support.

Many thanks to everyone who supported the Waitoki School end of term **Easter celebration** on **Wednesday 1st April**. Special thanks to **Karen Asquith** from **Bayleys** who sponsored and judged the Junior and Senior School Easter rock decorating competition. Thanks also to **Edith** from **Swiss Bliss** for providing all of our tamariki with a special yummy Easter treat.

Regular attendance is vital for our tamariki to build strong learning habits, foster social connections, and maintain positive daily routines. Our Term 1 2026 attendance report shows a positive shift, with 73% of students attending regularly, an increase from 66% last year. While 92% of our students arrive on time, every day at school matters, as we work towards the government's goal of 80% of learners attending school regularly to ensure every child thrives.

**Ngā mihi nui**  
**Jules McCourt**  
Principal

## 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:

<b>21 April:</b>	Action Ninja World—Y6-8
<b>24 April:</b>	Anzac Assembly: 8.45am – All welcome
<b>27 April:</b>	School Closed: Anzac Day
<b>29 April to 1 May :</b>	Senior Camp at Shakespear Lodge
<b>4 May:</b>	Road Safety Week
<b>6 May:</b>	Recycling Show 1pm
<b>6 May:</b>	Board Meeting 5.30pm
<b>7 May :</b>	Rippa Tournament—Helensville
<b>11 May:</b>	Kaipara Schools Triathlon Y5-8
<b>11 May:</b>	Mother Day Event
<b>1 June:</b>	School Closed: Kings Birthday
<b>11 June:</b>	Auckland Zoo Trip Y1-5
<b>25 June:</b>	Waitoki Science Fair - School Hall
<b>26 June:</b>	School Disco from 5pm

## 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 :

Rūma Ono: Sebastian Dennis, Max Grey and Isabelle Fulks.

Rūma Rima: Lily Gardener

Rūma Waru: Darcie Hughes



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## William Pike Challenge Year 6—8

Action Ninja World - Matakana



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## School News and Reminders:

### EZ Lunch—UPDATE:

Just a quick update regarding the Sushi 4U service. Due to the current fuel supply situation, Sushi4U has had to temporarily pause their Thursday Sushi deliveries to Waitoki School until further notice.

We will also be trialing a new lunch option—**Go-deli Catering** can supply lunches to our school on **Fridays**. This will be through EZLunch also. Further information and menu details to come soon.



### 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. As the School Pool has now closed please return your pool key with your bank account number by 8 May for a refund of the bond.



### 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.**

### No hat, no play:

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



### Good Luck Waitoki Sports Teams :

Wishing our Waitoki School sports teams all the very best for the Winter 2025 season.

Hockey, Basketball and Rippa Teams.

Also a huge THANK YOU to our Coaches, Managers, Umpires and Parents, who have volunteered their time and support.



### 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.



### Thank you to BUNNINGS SILVERDALE

A big shout out to Bunnings Silverdale for supporting the school once again with their incredible donation of a new lawnmower and a weed eater.

Dave the caretaker is very happy, he can mow the lawns and get rid of all the weeds and keep the school looking fantastic.



## 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)

### 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)



### 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.



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## Community Page:

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- \$15 Large Table
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## CLUB ACADEMY

Location: Whangaparāoa College Gym

Frequency: 1 session per week

Duration: 60 minutes

Time: 10:45 - 1:45am, Sundays

Age Group: Year 4 - Year 8, Girls Only

Start Date: Sunday 26 April (8 weeks)

Cost: \$50 per player

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## FUN DAY

**SUNDAY 17TH MAY 8:30AM**

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