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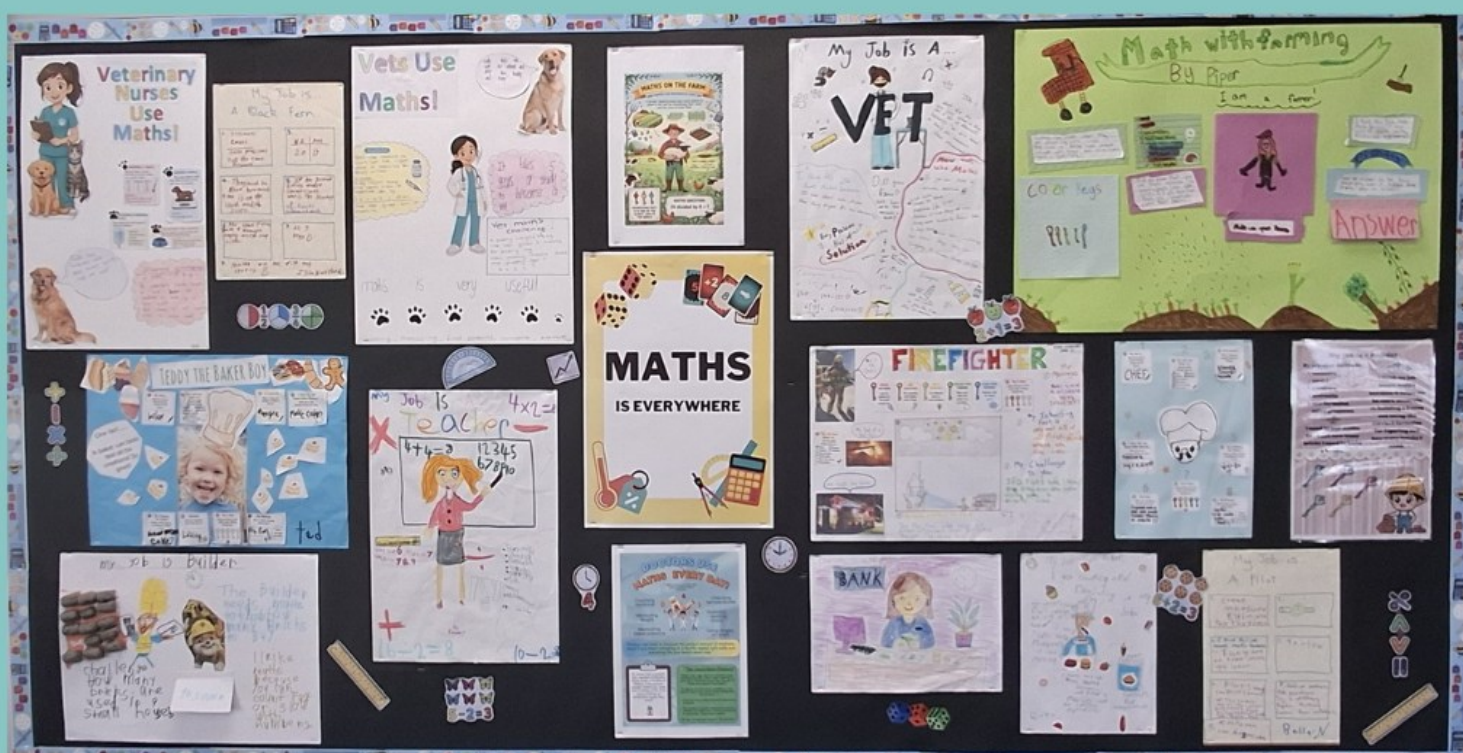
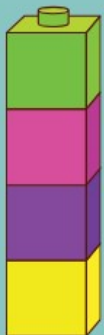
NEWSLETTER TERM 3

MATHEX

25 AUGUST 2026



Congratulations Teams



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Tēnā koutou whānau,

We have had another couple of successful weeks at Waitoki.

Well done to the **12 Y6, Y7 & Y8** students who represented us at the **Mathex Competition** at Kaipara College on **Tuesday 18th August**. Our two Y6 teams came 2nd and 3rd in the Y5/6 competition and our Y7/8 team came 5th overall in the Y7/8 competition. We are very proud of you all.

Well done also to Tasman Scott, who came 10th in the **Y8 Boys North West Cross Country** event and will go on to represent Waitoki at the Auckland Champs on Friday 28th August - Good luck Tasman, we are all behind you.

Calling all Dads! We will be celebrating **Fathers Day** on **Thursday 3rd September** from **1.30pm**. Come and join your children for a "Gaming" afternoon, where you can play a variety of indoor and outdoor games. It should be lots of fun!

The countdown is on! We are just two weeks away from our first performance of **Project Planet**, our whole school production. Tickets are **\$15 for adults** and **\$10 for children** and will be available from Thursday 27th August from the school office. There will be a Matinee performance at **12.30pm** on **Tuesday 8th September** and evening performances at **6pm** on **Wednesday 9th** and **Thursday 10th September**. I can't wait to see our tamariki shine.

Along with preparing for the production, Mr A is busy preparing our tamariki for the **Kaipara Kapa Haka Festival**, which is being held at Kaipara College on **Saturday 19th September**.

The students in Y4 - Y8 are also busy preparing for the **Waitoki School Speech competition**, which is part of our students oral language programme. Two students, one Y5/6 and one Y7/8 will be selected to represent Waitoki at the **Kaipara Inter-School competition**, which is once again being hosted by Waitoki School on **Wednesday 23rd September**.

Thank you to everyone who had their say and completed the **Health Education Delivery Statement Community Consultation Survey**. An overwhelming 92% parents agreed with the Health Education delivery statement. The explicit teaching of our school GOAT values (Grit, Ownership, Aroha & respect and Teamwork) was considered a key strength of our Health Education programme.

The contractors started work on the **fencing project** last Monday and are currently working around the pool area. I acknowledge that the carpark is very busy, particularly before school starts. We really appreciate your support with not parking in the bus bay or 2 minute drop off zone and using them to "drop and go" only. If you would like to come into school with your children, please utilise the parking spaces on Kahikatea Flat Road. Many thanks for your understanding.

Reminder: We are holding a **Y7 & Y8 information evening** on **Thursday 27th August** at **6:00pm** in Ruma Tekau, Scott Hillman's classroom. This is an opportunity to hear from staff and students about what we offer Intermediate students at Waitoki School. Everyone is welcome.

Come and join us for our school assembly at **1:05pm** on **Friday 28th August**. Tea and coffee will be available so come along and help us celebrate our student's successes. Becky Minton will be sharing some Maths Week highlights.

Ngā mihi nui,
Jules McCourt

Term dates 2026:

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

Term 4: Mon 12th October 2026 to Tues 15th 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 Aug:	Board Meeting: 6pm
27 Aug:	Y7 & Y8 information evening: 6pm—Rūma Tekau
28 Aug:	Auckland Champs Cross Country
28 Aug:	Daffodil Day - Wear Yellow & Gold Coin Donation
28 Aug:	School Assembly 1.05pm
3 Sept:	Fathers Day Celebrations
8 Sept:	Production Matinee performance: 12.30pm
9 Sept:	Production Evening performance: 6pm
10 Sept:	Production Evening performance: 6pm
19 Sept:	Kaipara Kapa Haka Festival@ Kaipara College
23 Sept:	Kaipara Schools Cluster Speech Competition at Waitoki
23 Sept:	Board Meeting: 6pm
25 Sept:	End of Term 3
12 October:	Term 4 starts
14 October:	Deadline for 2027 Out of Zone applications.
27 October:	Whole School Athletics—Sinclair Park
28 October:	Save day for Athletics
31 October:	AG Day and Country Fair



Enrolments for 2027

The Waitoki School Board invites applications from parents who wish to enrol their children at Waitoki School for 2027. Out of Zone enrolment at the school is governed by an enrolment scheme, details of which are available from the Waitoki School office.

Deadline for Out of Zone Applications

3:00 PM on Wednesday 14th October 2026

Application forms are available from the school website or by emailing: admin@waitoki.school.nz

*Parents of students who live within the home zone should also apply by this date to assist the school to plan appropriately for next year.

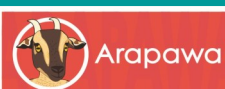
Allocation & Ballot Process

- Places Available:** The board has determined that 50 places are likely to be available for out-of-zone students in 2027. The exact number of places depends on home zone registrations.
- Ballot Selection:** If the number of out-of-zone applications exceeds available places, selection will be conducted by ballot.
- Ballot Date:** If required, the ballot will be held on **Wednesday 21st October 2026**.
- Notification:** Parents will be informed of the outcome within three school days of the ballot being held.

Would you like to visit the school?

Call **09 420 5244** or email admin@waitoki.school.nz to book a personal tour with the Principal.

Discover more at: www.waitoki.school.nz



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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: Rēmy Stark and Stevie-Ray McNabb.

Rūma Tekau: Zoe Porter.



North West cross country Results:

Well done to all our Cross Country runners.

Congratulations to **Tasman Scott**, who came 10th in the Y8 Boys event and will go on to represent Waitoki at the Auckland Champs on Friday 28th August.

Good luck Tasman, we are all behind you



AG Day Information:

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.

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. Children are welcome to complete more than one home project if they wish. Children who are raising an animal are also welcome to take part in the home projects; however, they are not required to do so, as raising and caring for an animal is their Ag Day project.

We encourage all children to choose a project that interests them and enjoy the process of creating something they can be proud of.

Our home projects are designed to encourage children to use their creativity, develop new skills, and take pride in something they have planned, created, grown, or made themselves.

Whether it is caring for birds through a handmade feeder, nurturing a sunflower from a tiny seed, creating a delicious country bake, or building a miniature country scene, each project celebrates the many different parts of life in our Waitoki community.

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.



****The seeds for the Sunflower Challenge are now available to collect from the school office.**

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, 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!

Lamb/Calf/Goat

We are so excited to open the Lamb & Goat Daycare for another year!

If you are planning on rearing an animal for Ag day this year, please head to skool loop forms and complete the animal registration.

It is important that you read the rules attached to the form and explain the rules to your child. This is very important for the health and safety of your child's own lamb or goat, and also the other students' animals using the daycare.

By signing the form you understand that the school is providing a contained area, shelter and supervision of feeding but cannot be held responsible for the general health of your animal.

Please remember that your new animal must be born between the 1st of July and 15th September 2026, if you would like more information about any aspect of AG day, please email Serena Bateman or contact the school office.

Serena Bateman and Briar Porter
Ag Day Coordinators



Congratulations to: Darcie

For her great achievements in gymnastics. She has been training since she was 5 at squad level for 4-6 hours a week.
Great Job Darcie!



Congratulations to: Teddy

Proud moments at the Kaukapakapa Pony Club for Teddy.
A wonderful achievement.
Great Job Teddy!



School Events :



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YEAR 7 & 8 INFORMATION EVENING

We are holding a Y7 & Y8 information evening. This is an opportunity to hear from staff and students about what we offer Intermediate students at Waitoki School.

**THURSDAY 27TH AUGUST
AT 6:00PM IN RUMA TEKAU**

All Welcome.

We would love to see you there and showcase our Intermediate environment.



PROJECT PLANET Waitoki School



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**Matinee
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September (12:30 - 2pm)**

**Evening Performances
Wednesday 9th
Thursday 10th
September (6-8pm)**



Fundraising and Community Page:

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CONTACT KALI:
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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 9-11am
- supervising games 11-2pm
- running food stalls and school led stalls 11-2pm
- 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 admin@waitoki.school.nz with your availability or come and see Sarah at the office.

Otherwise, catch one of the committee members around school and let us know you can help.

This year at country fair we will be running a second hand toy and book stall as part of our fundraising efforts.

We would love donations of good quality second hand toys no longer played with or books that would like a second chance to be loved.

Toys and books can be dropped to the school office anytime in school hours.

Thanks so much for supporting country fair!

Kali, Riccole, Stacey, Robin, Natalie, Mel, Lacey, Taylor, Hannah and Keah.

The Orewa Repair Café is held monthly on the first Saturday of every month from 10am - 1pm. Orewa Community Centre, 40 Orewa Square.

Bring your broken or damaged items to the Orewa Repair Café. The Repair Cafe is available to all and is free of charge. Donations are welcome. It's made possible thanks to Doughnut Economics Advocates New Zealand, a team of dedicated volunteers and funding from Auckland Council and Hibiscus and Bays Local Board. Find us on Facebook or Instagram or email sarah.williams@de-anz.org for more information.

FREE Build with dad, grab a snag

Father's Day Family Event

Thursday 3rd September

Food offering may differ store to store, check your local store booking page for more details.

Activities and fun for the whole family

05:00pm – 07:00pm

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Should I keep my child home from school or childcare?

Going to school and childcare supports your child's learning, confidence and wellbeing. But when they're not feeling well or their usual self, it can be hard to tell if they should attend. Use this guide to help you make the right decision.

Should my child stay home today?

Usually ok to attend:

- ✓ Mild cough
- ✓ Running nose
- ✓ Mild headache
- ✓ No fever
- ✓ Eating and drinking normally

If mild symptoms become worse or more frequent, keep your child at home and seek health advice.

Keep them home if they have:

- ✗ A fever
- ✗ Vomiting or diarrhoea
- ✗ A sore throat that requires pain relief
- ✗ Wheezing, coughing a lot or difficulty breathing
- ✗ School sores (impetigo) or other potentially infectious sores that are uncovered and untreated
- ✗ Untreated scabies
- ✗ They are too sick to learn and need time to rest and recover
- ✗ Been asked to stay home by a healthcare provider or your local public health service

Seeking health advice

Trust your instinct, if you are worried about your child's health contact your doctor or usual healthcare provider. You can also call **Healthline** for free anytime on **0800 611 116**.

In an emergency, call **111**.

For more information scan the QR code or visit healthnz.govt.nz and search **school guidance**.



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