

Waitoki School NEWSLETTER

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Tēnā koutou whānau,

There was a bit of excitement at Waitoki last Monday. When the children came to school they found the new **tractor** was in the playground! Many thanks to Melissa Neville, Clyde Fotheringham, Pete Reelick Landscaping, Gavin from Signpost Signage, and Mike from Car Colours. Our tamariki have LOVED playing on it.

There has been a slight hold up with making the new pieces for the playground. Work has been delayed by a few weeks and our playground enhancements are now due to take place between **Monday 9th March to Sunday 22nd March 2026**. We are looking forward to seeing the new play pieces being put in place early next year.

Rūma Toru and **Rūma Ono** had a fabulous trip to the beach last Friday. They have been tracking the journey of two turtles, Haven and Pebbles, and learning about things that impact on their environment. As part of their learning they went and did a beach clean up to help keep the ocean safer for marine life. Between them, the students collected two great big sacks of rubbish. Good effort team.

The students in **Rūma Rua** were treated to a special art lesson from a local artist, Rachel Murphy, also known as Lily's Mum. The children were using gold leaf and learnt how to do flocking to create some beautiful pieces of art. Thank you Rachel for coming into school and sharing your artistic flair with the children.



Congratulations to the two teams who represented Waitoki the **EPRO8 STEM** competition on Tuesday 18th November. The students had to build an electronic barrier arm and one team, Jessica, Hunter, Riley and Raoul narrowly missed out on making the semi-finals by just 4 points. Well done to all those involved.

Good luck to all our Intermediate students who will be going to Kaipara College to compete against other schools in the cluster in a **STEM challenge** on Thursday 27th November.

All the Y7 & Y8 students all took part in the **Lactic Turkey Sustainability Challenge** as one of their five physical activities for the William Pike Challenge. In teams of 4 our students competed in a 2 hour event, which involved a mix of running/walking, navigation and sustainability based activities. Well done to Bonnie, Delphi, Piper and Stella who came 7th out of 135 teams.

Teachers are busy putting the final touches to their students' **end of year reports**, outlining the progress and achievement that your child has made this year. These will be shared with you on **Monday 15th December**, along with class placements for 2026, an explanation about the report, details for ordering stationery, and your child's attendance report. The children will also get the opportunity to meet their 2026 teacher and classmates on Monday 15th December, after school prize giving.

Congratulations to Taylor Dunn who has won a permanent teaching position at Hobsonville School - our loss is their gain. Over the past 7 terms Taylor has made strong connections with the staff, her students, and their families and she will be missed by us all. Taylor will be leaving Waitoki at the end of the 2025 academic year.

Ngā mihi nui
Jules McCourt

Important Information:

Term dates 2025:

Term 4—Mon 6th October 2025—Tues 16th December 2025

Term Dates 2026:

Term 1 2026: 3rd February : Family Connection Meetings.

Wednesday 4th February : All children attending: **to 2 April 2026**

Term 2: 20 April to 3 July 2026.

Term 3: 20 July to 25 Sept 2026.

Term 4: 12 October to 15th December 2026.

Upcoming events to add to your diary:

1 December: Y7/8 Trip to Vector Wero

1 December : Pool Keys on sale to community.

3 December: Board Meeting

5 December: School Assembly at 1.15pm.

9 December: Piano Concert in hall.

11 December: Helpers Morning Tea.

12 December: Christmas in the Country 4.30pm to 7pm.

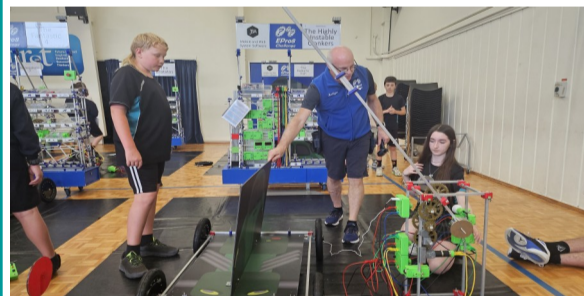
15 December: Prizegiving: 8.45am.

15 December: Year 8 Graduation: 6pm to 8pm.

16 December: Term ends at 12pm.

EPRO8 STEM competition :

Waitoki showed real strength at the EPro8 Northcote Intermediate competition, going up against well-established teams. They just missed out on a semifinal slot but did the school proud. Well done to all those involved.



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,



No hat, no play:

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



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Friday 12th December - Christmas in the Country from 4.30pm

Waitoki School invites you to join us to celebrate the successes of the year, new and old friendships and to welcome in the festive season.

Bring a rug and a picnic and settle in for an evening of community fun! The Waitoki Board members will be running a sausage sizzle and ice blocks and we will have a Christmas raffle and a variety of stalls run by some of our entrepreneurial year 4-8 students. We look forward to supporting them with their 'business ventures'. All funds raised during the evening will be kept by the stall holders.

Please bring cash with you, as there will be no eftpos facilities at the stalls.

Parking is limited so please make sure you carpool where possible.

We're hoping a certain person may make an appearance again this year!

Your children will be presenting a small Christmas concert, hopefully starting around 6pm (weather dependent). Each child will be involved in some way so we'd love to have all families attend if possible.



KAIPARA ATHLETICS RESULTS

WINNERS

GIRLS

Year 5

Shot Put

3rd Place: Erin Hefer



Year 7

Long Jump

3rd Place - Rangi Cormack

Discus

3rd Place - Bonnie Davidson

BOYS

Year 5

Sprints 75m

2nd Place: Finlay McDowell

Long Jump

1st Place: Finlay McDowell

Discus

1st Place: Finlay McDowell

Shot Put

1st Place: Arlo Dykman

Year 6

Sprints 75m

2nd Place: Remy Bibbie

Sprints 100m

2nd Place: Remy Bibbie

High Jump

Equal 3rd: Riley Branch

School Pool Keys:

The days are getting warmer and our wonderful school pool is now open for class swimming.



Pool Keys are now available to hire for school families.

The official Pool Opening dates for this season will be: **Friday 7th November until Sunday 19th April 2026.**

If you would like to Hire a Key for 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!

Ag Day T-Shirt and Tea Towels:

Hi everyone, we still have a few T-shirts \$25 and tea towels \$12.50 or 2 for \$20 for sale from the school office.



Congratulations Piper:

Piper has been competing in boardriders comps during the year for MBRR on the west coast. Sunday was her final one, the surf was large and messy and some tough competition against competitors who are competing at international level. She has finished 3rd overall in U16 and 4th in Open women's division.

Fantastic achievement .



Beach Clean up Visit : Rūma Ono & Rūma Toru



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Thursday 4th of December

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AGES 5 & UP

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WAITOKI Christmas in the Country

Friday 12 December from 4.30pm

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