

Waitoki School NEWSLETTER

TERM 2

3 JUNE 2026



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Tēnā koutou Whānau,

I hope you all enjoyed the long weekend with your families.

I would like to provide you with a further update on our **drinking water** situation. The MOE Water Services Programme has now approved the quote from the plumber and we are waiting for all the paperwork to be signed off. We have been advised that a realistic time frame for work to begin is by the end of this week, Friday 5th June. In the meantime the hydration station will remain on site for drinking water and we will continue to provide hand sanitiser to wash hands. **Thank you** for your continued patience and understanding whilst we resolve this water issue.

Our tamariki in **Y0 - Y5** are looking forward to their Education Outside The Classroom (EOTC) trip to **Auckland Zoo on Thursday 11th June**. This trip directly aligns with the **New Zealand Curriculum**, specifically the **Science strand, Living World**. Our students will explore how living things interact with their environment and the importance of sustainability. By observing different species first hand, our learners will develop nature of Science skills, such as observing, questioning, and connecting their classroom learning in an authentic setting.

Students across the school are continuing to prepare for the Waitoki School **Science Fair**, which will be held on **Wednesday 24th and Thursday 25th June** in the school hall. The younger learners are working collaboratively to complete either class or group projects, whilst our older students are creating their own scientific investigations. After our own Science Fair is completed, the science boards will be kept at school as they will be entered into the **Kaipara Schools Cluster Science Fair**, which is being held at Kaipara College later in the year.

Training has begun for our school **Cross Country event** which will be held at the beginning of Term 3, on **Monday 27th July**. Seniors (Y4 - Y8) will race in the morning and juniors (Y0 - 3) will compete in the afternoon. Our fastest runners from Y5 - Y8 will then go forward to represent Waitoki at the **Kaipara Schools Cluster Cross Country event**, which is being held on **Monday 3rd August** at Muriwai Beach.

Teachers are continuing to write **mid-year reports**, which will outline children's progress and achievement for the first half of the school year. This year mid-year reports will feature a new standardised set of **five progress descriptors** designed by the Ministry to provide a consistent nationwide picture of how children are tracking against the new refreshed national curriculum.

These indicators, **Emerging, Developing, Consolidating, Proficient, and Exceeding**, replace previous terminology used to describe a child's learning journey in reading, writing, and mathematics. At the mid-year point, these markers indicate whether a student is currently on track to meet end-of-year expectations. Nationally, a rating of **Consolidating or above** (Proficient and Exceeding) indicates that the learner is making steady progress toward meeting their year-level goals, while those who are at the Emerging or Developing stages may require extra targeted support to bridge specific learning gaps.

I would like to acknowledge the hard mahi of the **fundraising team** led by **Kali Grey**. They have been working behind the scenes for several months now to make our **Country Fair**, being held on **Saturday 31st October**, the biggest and best event yet. Alongside Country Fair preparations, Kali and her team are currently organising two other events, a **Hoe-Down for adults** on **Friday 19th June**, and a **School Disco** for tamariki on **Friday 26th June**. Tickets for both of these events are available from the school office. The money raised will go towards enhancing play spaces and STEAM resources.

Our **final school assembly** for Term 2 will be held on **Friday 19th June** at **1:05 pm** in the school hall. Along with celebrating student success, the Year 0 - 5 tamariki will be sharing their learning from the EOTC trip to Auckland Zoo. Please come along, grab a cuppa, and celebrate with us.

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:

3 June: Board Meeting: 6pm
8 June: Y7/8 Immunisations
11 June: Auckland Zoo Trip Y1-5
19 June: School Assembly 1.10pm
19 June : Waitoki Hoedown Social: 6.30pm –School Hall
23 June: Kaipara College Open Evening: 6.30pm
24 & 25 June: Waitoki Science Fair - School Hall
26 June: School Disco from 5pm
3 July: End of Term 2.
20 July: Term 3 Starts.
21 July: 3 Way Conferences: 12.30pm –school closes at 12pm
23 July: Waitoki School Matariki celebrations : 7am



Welcome To Waitoki School:

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

Our new students this week are :

Rūma Tekau: Parker Maunsell **WELCOME PARKER**



Cross Country: Y4-8

We're at that time of the year again where we start Cross Country training! Training will take place starting from mid June (weather permitting).

Children will be leaving the school grounds and running along the footpath to the end of Forestry Road and we hope along the Springford track (access via the gate near the bridge).

Please note that training will be supervised by their teachers. The Cross Country event will be held on Monday 27 July with a save day Tuesday 28 July. If you have not already done so can you please sign the permission slip on Skool Loop asap, confirming that you are happy with your child participating in Cross Country training and the actual event and that you understand that they will be running outside of the school grounds (supervised).



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South Kaipara Group Day Representatives Needed:

Waitoki School is currently looking for two community representatives (minimum of one required) to support our involvement with the South Kaipara Group Day Committee.



It is a condition of Group Day entry, for each school to have a representative and these representatives are a key link between the school and the committee.

This role helps ensure our students can continue participating in Group Day and involves attending committee meetings (usually the first Monday of each month from May–December), helping with set up the day before Group Day, assisting on the day itself, and supporting communication between the committee and school, including registrations and trophy returns. The role is not complex, and representatives do not need to be parents, grandparents or community members are also welcome.

If you are interested or would like to find out more, please get in touch with the school office. We cannot stress enough that we do need someone to fill this spot—without your support Waitoki School cannot register any children for Group Day as per the rules.

Thankyou 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.



Kumeu - Auckland

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

Chess Sets Needed Please:

We are looking for some complete chess sets to be donated to the school for the students to use. If you have any sets that you no longer use we would love to have them. Thankyou



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



Fundraising Team Update:

School Disco 26 June:

Winter Wonderland theme, tickets on sale now—See Skool loop or contact the school office.

Waitoki Hoedown Social :

Friday 19 June 6.30pm Waitoki School Hall
Join us for a night of Line Dancing, nibbles and drinks.
Tickets on sale from the school office.

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
if a business/family you know would be keen to get involved and sponsor.
Thanks so much for your support!

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.

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. Together, we simplify school life — one lunch at a time.



sKids Waitoki

sKids are on the look out for staff to work at SKIDS Wainui site with occasional cover here at Waitoki and Stella Maris. Applicants can send their CV / cover letter to marielle@skids.co.nz or call Marielle on 0208297693.

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.

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.

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Fundraising Team Update:

WAITOKI SCHOOL
SCHOOL DISCO
Winter Wonderland

JUNE 26

JUNIORS 5-6.30PM
SENIORS 7-8.30PM

ENTRY \$5 OR **ADD A MINI DOMINO'S PIZZA \$10**

WAITOKI SCHOOL
HOE DOWN
A NIGHT OF COUNTRY FUN FOR OUR SCHOOL!
LINEDANCING

JUNE 19TH FRIDAY
6.30 - 9PM

\$30 PER TICKET INCLUDES NIBBLES
BYO BYO

BEGINNER FRIENDLY!
Bring a FRIEND, WORKMATE or NEIGHBOUR!

PARENT EVENT
DUST OFF YOUR BOOTS AND JOIN THE FUN!

PLEASE BUY TICKET BY EMAILING admin@waitoki.co.nz OR BUY TICKET AT SCHOOL OFFICE

Community Page:

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TIME FOR ADVENTURE
JULY HOLIDAY CAMP

Register Here!

July 5th - 9th 2026

GET OUTDOORS THIS SCHOOL HOLIDAYS!

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- Rock Climbing
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- Hiking
- Campfire & More!

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

Thank you for supporting Waitoki School — every contribution makes a difference!



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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	

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Te Rito - Kaipara College
THURSDAY 19 NOVEMBER



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1 - 14 JUNE

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ACTIVITIES

Mon 1 Jun

Indoor Parkour - 2pm
&
Messy Play Session 1: 2pm
Messy Play Session 2: 3pm
Ōrewa Community Centre

Sat 6 Jun

Adventures Nature Play
TBC

Sat 13 Jun

Rock Pool exploration Session 1: 9:30am
Beach scavenger hunt session 1: 9:30am
Rock Pool exploration Session 2: 11:30am
Beach scavenger hunt session 2: 11:30am
Long Bay Beach

Sun 14 June

Circus in the Winter - 2pm
&
KiwiBubbleSoccer - 2pm
Ōrewa Community Centre

NOTE: All activities subject to change. Check fb.com/OutandAboutAKL for latest updates



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