

Waitoki School NEWSLETTER



TERM 1

3 MARCH 2026



Lucky
the Chinese New Year
Horse
Year 1
Waitoki School

1ST YO-2



"Toby" the
New Zealand
Year 0
Waitoki School



Ruma Waru (Y: 4/5) Waitoki School

Holly Trotter

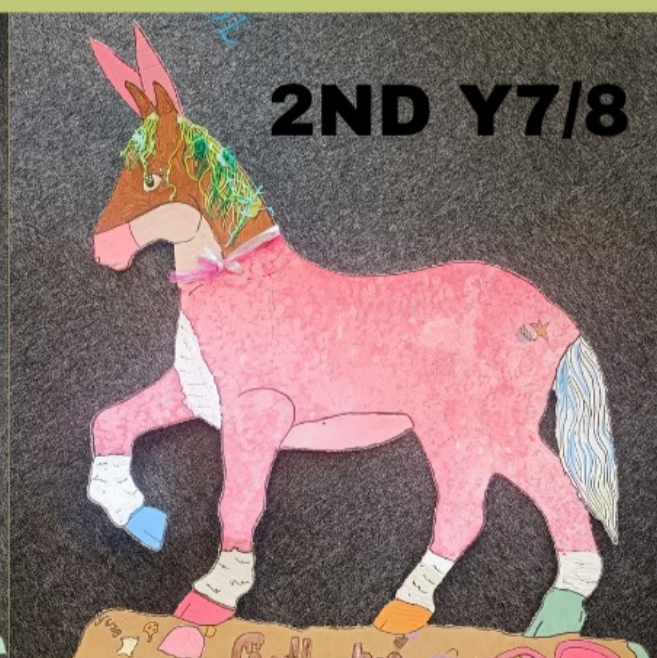


WAITOKI SCHOOL ENTRIES



4TH YO-2

Penelope Poppy
the Patchwork Pinto Pony
Year 1
Waitoki School



2ND Y7/8



3RD Y5/6

Ruma 9
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Tēnā koutou Whānau,

Waitoki School swimming sports went swimmingly on Thursday 26th February. Students in **Y4 - Y8** took part in competitive events in the morning and our younger students in **Y0 - 3** took part in fun “have-a-go” pool activities in the afternoon. A number of swimmers from Y5 - Y8 qualified to represent Waitoki at cluster swimming sports, which are being held at Kaipara College on **Monday 9th March**. Good luck to all our swimmers who are competing in the Kaipara event.

Well done to **Raoul Sparke** who represented Waitoki with pride in the **Young Farmer** competition at the **Helensville Show** last weekend. He approached each challenge with grit and finished in third place. Good effort Raoul! We also had success with our entries in the class decorate a horse competition. **Rūma Ono** came first in the Y0 - 2 category, **Rūma Tekau** can 2nd in the Y7 - Y8 age group, **Rūma Iwa** came third in the Y5 - Y6 competition and **Rūma Rima** came 4th in the Y0 - 2 category. Well done to all our budding artists - the horses all looked amazing. They will be on display in the school hall for everyone to see so go and check them out.

Later this week we will be holding **three way conferences** between student, teacher and parents. The aim of these meetings is to collaboratively set learning goals for the first half of 2026. School will close at **12pm on Thursday 5th March** and 15 minute individual interviews will take place between **12.30pm - 7.30pm**. Bookings need to be made through the Skool Loop app and if you need any help with this, please see Sarah in the school office.

In readiness for our playground enhancements **Pete Reelick Landscaping** removed the slide mound last weekend. Many thanks Pete for your ongoing support of Waitoki school. **Playground creations** will be on site from **Monday 9th March** for approximately two weeks creating the new playground enhancements. During this time parts of the playground will be fenced off. If you are on the school grounds over the coming weeks, please keep clear of the construction area so that everyone is kept safe. Many thanks for your understanding.

At our last assembly we announced our student leaders for 2026. Congratulations to Theo, Isla, Emily, Leni, Erin, Hayley, Oliver P, Zoe and Raoul - we are looking forward to watching you grow as leaders this year. To help to develop their leadership skills, they will be attending the **GRIP leadership conference** on **Wednesday 18th March**, in Browns Bay.

Thank you to everyone who has supported us to keep all of our tamariki safe in the **school car park** at drop off and pick up times. We appreciate you not parking on the broken yellow lines and following the direction arrows when driving through the car park. We have also had a few more children start to take the **school bus** so this will also help to ease congestion. Please go and talk to Sarah in the school office if you would like to learn more about the Waitoki School bus route.

Our next school assembly will be on **Friday 6th March** at **1.10pm** in the school hall. You are most welcome to join us, so please come along, help yourself to a cuppa and celebrate student success with us.

Ngā mihi nui
Jules McCourt

Term dates 2026:

Term 1—Tues 3rd February 2026 to Thurs 2 April 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:

- 4 March:** Whānau/Parents Info Evening: Positive Puberty Plus programme 6.30pm
- 5 March:** Three way conferences (student/parents/teachers): 12.30pm - 7.30pm. School will close at 12pm on that day to allow the conferences to take place.
- 9 March:** Playground Enhancements begin
- 9 March:** Kaipara Kāhui ako cluster swimming sports.
- 10 March:** Save Day: Kaipara Kāhui ako cluster swimming sports.
- 12 March:** First Tech session for Y7 & Y8 students at Kaipara College from 8.30am - 12.30pm.
- 18 March :** GRIP leadership conference— Student Leaders.
- 23 March:** North West Swimming sports.
- 23 March:** Y5 & Y6 Summer Sports (Rautawhiri Park)
- 24 March:** Save Day: Y5 & Y6 Summer Sports (Rautawhiri Park)
- 30 March:** Y7& Y8 Summer Sports (Rautawhiri Park)
- 31 March:** Save Day: Y7& Y8 Summer Sports (Rautawhiri Park)
- 2 April:** Term 1 ends.

REMINDER: Positive Puberty Plus Programme Year 6-8

As part of the NZ Health & Physical Education Curriculum we have engaged Nest Consulting to provide their Positive Puberty Plus© programme to our Year 6 ,7 and 8 students on Wednesday 11 March.

All topics will be covered age appropriately in a way that relates to puberty: the changing body, sense of self, decision making, understanding media influences and body confidence.

To assist Parents being actively involved in communication with their child regarding the changes associated with puberty and preadolescence Nest offer a Parent/Whānau Information/Education Evening prior to the programme on **Wednesday 4 March at 6.30pm** in the school hall. The feedback from this evening is always extremely positive: a fun, inspiring and educational night.

If you have concerns about your child attending, we encourage you to attend the Parent and Whānau Information Evening for more information before deciding whether to include your child. If you decide to withdraw your child from the Programme, **please complete the form on Skool Loop** and let your child’s teacher know, who will find other work for your child on that day. All students will attend the programme unless we have received this opt out. Please complete the parent section on Skool Loop if you wish to attend the Parent and Whānau Information Evening.



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School News and Reminders:

Congratulations

Teddy Roux competed at the A & P Show coming away with 5 trophies and some prize money.

Well Done Teddy !



Helensville Show

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Freezy Fridays:

Every Friday lunchtime, during Term 1, the Teachers are selling ice blocks . The money raised will be used to subsidise Education outside the classroom (EOTC) programmes. There will be two options: \$1 ice blocks or \$2 ice blocks, with different flavours available. Your child can either bring coins on the day, or you can prepay for the term at the office.



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.



No hat, no play:

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



Car Park:

Please do not allow your children to cross the road by themselves, please collect them from the school site.

Please do not park under the notice board as this restricts the bus drivers view when he is pulling out of the school.

Thankyou for keeping our students safe.

Piano lessons are available at the school for 2026

If you are interested please contact Blain Austin on 021 201 9493 or let the school office know and we can pass on your details.

Thanks



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

Kapa Nui Swimming Sports Results

Well done to all our students who took part. Good luck to all our students taking part in the Kaipara Kāhui ako cluster swimming sports on Monday 9 March.



GIRLS	BOYS
Year 4	Year 4
1st Lily Murphy Hansen	1st Alex Pearce
2nd Scarlett Wallace	2nd = Blake Botica and Lockie Allen
3rd Emmy Reay	
Year 5	YEAR 5
1st Piper Wood	1st Emi Ashley
2nd Mila Needham	2nd Owen Whiting
3rd Esme Davidson	3rd Nikora Herbert
Year 6	YEAR 6
1st - Erin Hefer	1st Finlay McDowell
2nd = Tilly Smith, Emily Mason, Zoe Kopa.	2nd Ashhur Corfield
	3rd Nathan Bateman
Year 7	YEAR 7
1st Bella Joubert	1st Braxton Botica
2nd Leni Coogan	2nd Max Withers
3rd Hayley Heeps	
Year 8	YEAR 8
	1st Theo McDowell
	2nd Raoul Sparke
	3rd Tasman Scott

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Important Information:

Sports

Hockey, Netball and Basketball registrations are now open, so head over to Skool Loop forms and sign up using the permission forms.

Please also sign up to the sports groups on Skool Loop under settings and subscribe to groups, so if we have general information to send out it can just go to those that are interested rather than the whole school.

Our sports teams rely largely on our wonderful whānau to get stuck in and help where possible, be it managing a team, coaching a team, or supporting these parents that volunteer to do so. If you are keen to get involved in the school community outside of school hours, this is a great opportunity to get to know other parents and help your kids to form bonds with other children outside the classroom.

Please feel free to get in touch via email with Jessica in the office if you have further questions or would like to get involved but are a little unsure of the skills you may need: office@waitoki.school.nz

Looking forward to another wonderful season.



EZ Lunch Term 1 :Here's how it works:

EZ lunch orders are up and running! We have sushi Wednesdays and Thursdays, . If you are keen to take the stress out of lunches, visit ezlunch.co.nz, and click on Order Lunch. Remember to order before 9am on the day!



Garden to Table :

Our Garden to Table programme has begun and we would love your support. We have a basket in the office for fruit and vegetable donations. Our amazing Linda can freeze any donated produce for upcoming cooking in our Garden to Table recipes as this is a great way to make use of everything throughout the year and to minimise food wastage. We can also make good use of any seedlings you may like to donate. Please do not pick the fruit from the school garden fruit trees as we use this fruit for our garden to table programme .

Any support is greatly appreciated. Thank you.



Join the fun

Early Finish Day

@
Waitoki

5 March 2026
12pm-2:30pm

School's out early which means extended hours of fun at sKids Waitoki today! Normal after school care hours follows at 2:30pm onwards.



Skool Loop App

Please make sure that you download the Skool Loop app on your phone if you haven't already, and subscribe to any relevant groups.

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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

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EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

FOR A **SOUTH KAIPARA FC** U10 & U11 MIXED TEAM TO COMPETE IN **JUNIOR COMPETITION THIS YEAR**



Kia ora,
South Kaipara Football Club really needs your help we now opening expressions of interest for our U10 and U11 teams for the upcoming winter football season, and we would love to invite students from your school to get involved.
Eligibility:
U10: Players who have turned 10, or will turn 10, during 2026
U11: Players who have turned 11, or will turn 11, during 2026
If your child is interested in playing, please email me at trevor@southkaiparafc.co.nz as soon as possible, as registrations are closing very soon.
Season Details:
Training: Held midweek @Rautawhiri Park time:TBC
Games: Home or away each Saturday
Season Dates: Approximately 2 May – 6 September
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Thank you for your support, and we look forward to welcoming new players for an exciting season ahead.
Trevor Hubbard South Kaipara Football Club

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3 tips to support your tamariki in the early weeks back at school



The early weeks of term can be tiring as tamariki adjust back into learning, routines and friendships. These small ideas can help afternoons feel calmer.

- 1 Prepare for an after-school reset!**
Tamariki use lots of emotional energy at school. Reducing your questions, providing some kai and quiet downtime can help them recharge... and answer your questions!
- 2 Reconnect before routines begin**
A few minutes of connection after school - chatting, sitting together, or listening to how the day went - helps tamariki feel settled after managing a busy learning environment. Connection first often leads to smoother afternoons and evenings.
- 3 Keep afternoons predictable**
Consistent after-school routines help tamariki feel secure while they adjust back into the rhythm of the school term. Knowing what happens next can reduce stress and make evenings calmer for everyone.

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