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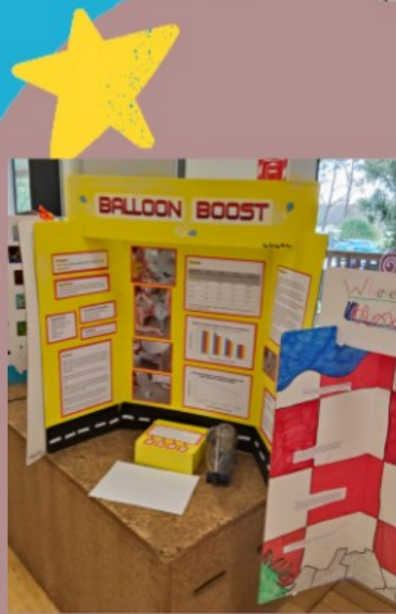
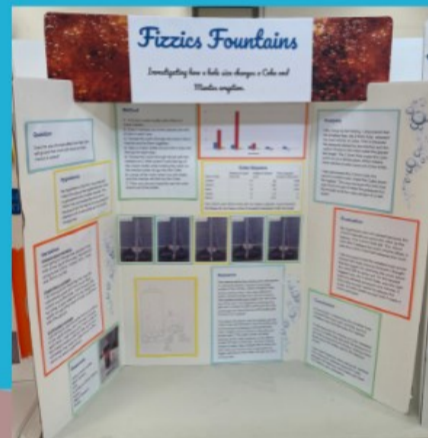
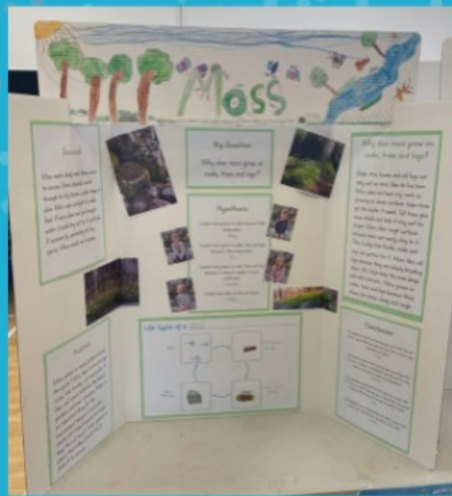
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NEWSLETTER TERM 2

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Tēnā koutou Whānau,

And just like that, Term 2 is over and we are half way through the school year. It has been a busy action-packed one of learning, adventure, and community at Waitoki School. Our scientific discoveries took centre stage, culminating in the Waitoki Science Fair last week. I was really proud of our students and enjoyed reading all about their investigations. Many thanks to Briar and Serena for organising this event. The Science Boards will be kept safely at School and entered into the Kaipara Science Fair competition later in the year. Additional science learning this term included exploring environmental stewardship through the "Project Planet" production launch, the recycling show, as well as the Sustainability Challenge.

The learning has continued outside the classroom throughout Term 2. Our Year 6–8 students built incredible resilience during an unforgettable three days at Y Camp in May. Meanwhile, our Year 0–5 learners had an amazing EOTC trip exploring animal habitats at the Auckland Zoo in June. It has also been a term for celebrating as we celebrated our wonderful Mum's with a lovely Mother's Day celebration as well as fallen heroes at our special assembly to commemorate ANZAC's at the start of the term.

Many thanks to the fundraising team led by Kali Grey for their fantastic organisation of two events, the **Hoe-Down** on 19th June and the **School Disco** which was held last Friday. Together these events raised **\$1780** and the money raised will go towards enhancing play spaces as well as STEAM resources. We really appreciate your mahi and support for our school.

This year your child's mid year report will be shared with you digitally, on **Friday 3rd July**. As the new report format is 5 pages long, we have decided to be more environmentally friendly and email these to you through our student management system, eTAP. I will also email some information about the new report format as well as how we assess tamariki's progress and achievement against the new progress descriptors.

There will be an opportunity to discuss the mid year report with your child's teacher at the **three way conferences** (student/parent/teacher) being held at the beginning of Term 3, on **Tuesday 21st July**. School will close at **12pm** on that day with appointments starting from 12.30pm. Appointments can be made through the Skool Loop app under Bookings.

We have a couple of staff changes for Term 3. Trudi Green's treatment for cancer will carry on throughout the term and Suzy Fury and Julie A will continue to cover part of Trudi's role. Deb White has decided to bounce back to Australia for the remainder of the year. We thank Deb for stepping into Trude's shoes and for all her hard work with our tamariki. We look forward to Deb "boomeranging" back to us in the future!

From Term 3, Suzy Fury will be teaching Rūma Ono (6) on Thursdays and Rūma Whā (4) on Fridays. Between them Julie A, Chris Cooper and Chelsea Brown will cover teachers classroom release time (CRT) and Rūma Waru (8) in the afternoons. Sharon Hartley will also be returning to school following her shoulder surgery. Thank you to Makayla Lawson for taking such good care of Rūma Ono (6) in Sharon's absence. We look forward to welcoming Chris to Waitoki and welcoming Sharon back to school.

I hope you all enjoy the July school holidays with your family and I look forward to welcoming you back to Waitoki on Monday 20th July.

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 July:** Mid Year Reports issued
- 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 : 7.40am
- 27 July:** Whole School Cross Country: 10.50am
- 29 July:** Board Meeting : 6pm
- 3 Aug:** Kaipara Cross Country—Muriwai Beach
- 10 Aug:** Junior Tough Guy and Gal Challenge.
- 13 Aug:** Rippa Rugby Tournament Y3-6
- 18 Aug:** North West Cross Country.



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Enrolment Information:

Do you have a child turning 5 in Term 3 or 4 this year. Please contact the school office to arrange a school tour with the Principal, Jules McCourt. We have a limited number of out of zone places still available for 2026. We have already begun the process for 2027 enrolments. If you live out of zone (OOZ) and have a younger child due to start school in 2027 you will need to apply for an Out of Zone place. Please contact the school office for further information:

3 Way Conferences:

Bookings are now open for **3 Way Conferences** (Student/Parent/Teacher) at the beginning of Term 3, Week 1 on **Tuesday 21st July**. School will close at **12pm** on that day and individual meetings start at **12:30 pm until 7:00pm**. The purpose of these conferences is to share and discuss assessments, answer any questions from the report, and for your child to share their learning and talk about their learning goals. Tamariki play an important role in these conferences. Appointments can be made through the Skool Loop App under Bookings.

Cross Country: Y4-8

Waitoki school cross country will be on **Monday 27th July**. The first race for the senior students (Y4 - Y8) starts at 10.50am and we will aim to start the races quite quickly after each other to keep it interesting for our spectators. The Junior races (Y0 - Y3) will run in the afternoon. The top placers in Y5 - Y8 will go on to represent Waitoki at the **Kaipara Kāhui ako** inter School competition on **Monday 3rd August**.



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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.

Chick Orders and supplies

You may like to rear a day-old chick to display at Ag day, they will be judged on most obvious pet, rearing and grooming. **A diary will not be required this year.** Raising an Chick for Ag Day is a special experience where tamariki learn valuable lessons in responsibility, commitment, and compassion. It's also a whole lot of fun!



If you would like to order chicks and/or rearing equipment and feed, please complete the order form in skool loop and return before 2 July 2026 at the latest. Payment for the chicks and equipment can be made into the school account: 12-3139-0003007-00 or by Eftpos/cash in the school office.

Chicks will arrive for collection early August, date to be confirmed. We will need a named shoebox on the morning of the delivery to safely transport your chick home. If you have chick crumble please have some ready with your collection box. We can't wait to see this year's chicks and the proud efforts of their young handlers!

If you're interested or would like more information about any aspect of AG day, please email: sbateman@waitoki.school.nz

Lamb/Calf/Goat

If you are planning on rearing an animal for Ag day this year, please notify an expression of interest by completing the following form:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScsQgaEm1txMfqx4Ewv6k-40rrumn2hGbdeLYWuAA2GASc6AQ/viewform?usp=sharing&ouid=115218384359214436298>

Or emailing: sbateman@waitoki.school.nz

Please remember that your new animal must be born between the 1st of July and 15th September 2026, if you are planning to start your training during the school holidays and 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



School Country Fair:

Looking for sponsors for our silent auctions and raffles along with 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!

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. 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 or compete as per the rules.

Thankyou for your support.

Fundraising Team Update:

Thank You from the Fundraising Team :

We just wanted to say a massive **THANK YOU** to everyone who helped make our Hoe Down and Disco such fun and successful nights.

To all the families who supported by buying tickets, getting involved, and showing up - thank you for being part of our incredible Waitoki community. We're so lucky to have such a kind, generous group of families behind our school. To the parents who baked, teachers who manned the doors and helped behind the scenes — we're so grateful for your time and energy.

To all the parents, community members and kids who came along and lit up the dance floor on both nights — you were awesome. A thank you to kylie at homegrown line dancing for coming to the hoedown .

Finally a big thankyou to Alana and Sol along with the team at **Laser Plumbing Whenuapai**, for supporting the Waitoki School community by supplying candy floss at this years disco. All proceeds from the candy floss sales will go directly back to Waitoki School to benefit its students and programmes.

The Fundraising Team

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Community Page:

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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, jolly 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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