

Waitoki School

NEWSLETTER

TERM 2

5 MAY 2026



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YEAR 6-8

CAMP

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Tēnā koutou Whānau,

The Year 6–8 students were absolutely buzzing with excitement after three fabulous days at **Y Camp** last week. They could not have been luckier with the weather, which was beautiful the whole time they were there. Camp offers an invaluable opportunity for our oldest learners to challenge themselves and develop resilience, whether it is mastering the rock wall, learning to shoot an arrow, or developing safe boating skills. For some, being away from home, working collaboratively with new people, or even trying new foods is their own personal challenge. We were really proud of all our tamariki for how they approached these experiences with a positive “can-do” attitude.

Camp would not be possible without adult support, both in the preparation stages and during the three days and two nights away. I really appreciate **Sarah, Chelsea, Scott, Seann, Ali, and Tim** for going above and beyond to ensure our tamariki were well cared for and left camp with not only fantastic memories, but also the confidence that comes from operating outside their comfort zone. Thank you, team - camp could not have happened without all your hard mahi behind the scenes.

The Year 6–8 camp at Shakespear Lodge also counted toward two of the **William Pike Challenges (WPC)**. As soon as one WPC is completed, we move on to the next, which is a **Sustainability Challenge at Wenderholm Regional Park on Friday 15th May**. This is a two-hour adventure orienteering race where students learn about environmental stewardship. Teams of four will navigate the park, completing sustainability-themed activities such as identifying native bird calls, matching pest traps, and weaving with flax. They will need knowledge, speed and stamina to complete the challenge.

To support our **environmental science learning** this term, we have arranged for all of our tamariki to watch a recycling show presented by **A Fool’s Company on Wednesday 6th May**. This educational theatre show is aimed at teaching our learners the importance of recycling correctly. The story follows Savvy the Pirate and Bertie the Seagull as they embark on an adventure to find out who has stolen the city’s recycling before it is too late!

Excitement is also building for our **whole-school production, Project Planet**. Mr. A has started the audition process, and our students have been busy preparing for the roles they would like to be cast in. Watch this space for further production updates.

Good luck to all the **Year 5–8 Waitoki triathletes** who are taking part in the **Kaipara Schools Triathlon, hosted by Parakai School on Monday 11th May**. The event features both individual and team categories across swimming, cycling, and running disciplines. Parents and whānau are welcome to attend and support the competitors throughout the morning.

Waitoki School is celebrating all of our lovely mums for **Mother’s Day on Tuesday 12th May from 1:30 pm**. This will be an opportunity for you to come along and do some craft activities with your children, so please save the date as more details will follow shortly. Please note that this date is different from what was previously advertised due to a clash with the triathlon.



Many thanks to everyone who braved the wild weather to attend our **ANZAC assembly** on Friday 24th April. Special thanks to **John McAlister** for playing the bagpipes; we really appreciate it. Our next School Assembly is on **Friday 8th May at 1:05 pm in the school hall**. Along with celebrating student success, the Year 6–8 tamariki will be sharing their memories and photos from camp.

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:

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| 4 May: | Road Safety Week |
| 6 May: | Recycling Show 1pm— A Fool’s Company |
| 6 May: | Board Meeting 6.00pm |
| 7 May : | Rippa Tournament—Helensville |
| 8 May: | School Assembly 1.05PM |
| 11 May: | Kaipara Schools Triathlon Y5-8 |
| 12 May: | Mothers Day Event at 1.30pm |
| 15 May: | WPC— Sustainability Challenge Y6-8 |
| 1 June: | School Closed: Kings Birthday |
| 11 June: | Auckland Zoo Trip Y1-5 |
| 25 June: | Waitoki Science Fair - School Hall |
| 26 June: | School Disco from 5pm |
| 3 July: | End of Term 2. |



SCHOOLS SUSTAINABILITY CHALLENGE
JUNIOR SCHOOLS SERIES INC Y5 TO Y8 STUDENTS



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YOU ARE INVITED TO

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Mother's Day Celebration

12TH MAY

TUESDAY - 1.30 PM

PLEASE COME ALONG AND JOIN
YOUR CHILD FOR SOME FUN
ACTIVITIES AS WE CELEBRATE
ALL MOTHERS AND SPECIAL
PEOPLE IN OUR LIVES.

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.

Here's what's on the menu:

Wednesday: Sushi4U

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.

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go-deli this term's **PROMOTION Menu Items**

- HEALTHY COMBO** (Available All Week)
- Katsu Chicken/Pork & Apple Schnitzel on Rice with Salad** (Available All Week)
- Butter Chicken on Rice** (Available Monday)
- Macaroni Cheese** (Available Tuesday)
- Pizza (CSP, CSH, CSC)** (Available Wednesday)
- Pies (SSC, M, MSG)** (Available Thursday)

go-deli introducing our **NEW NOURISHING label**

Keep an eye out for this label

Nourishing ✓

What does the label mean?
Our menu now features healthy food labels. These labels highlight items that are wholesome, meet the Heart Foundation's Healthy Eating Recipe Checklist, or have a Health Star Rating greater than 3.5. This helps ensure nutritious meals for our growing children. Look out for the Nourishing labels on the Ezlunch website when ordering to see which items are better for our children.

Check out these checklists: 

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Year 7 & 8 school-based immunisation programme 2026

Year 7 students will be offered 2 vaccines in school: Boostrix vaccine (Tdap) and human papillomavirus (HPV – Gardasil 9) vaccine. Boostrix is a booster of tetanus, diphtheria, and whooping cough (pertussis). The HPV vaccine protects against 9 types of HPV that are most likely to cause cancer and genital warts. Students need two doses of HPV vaccine with a 5-month gap between dose 1 and 2. Public Health Nurses will be at school to administer Boostrix and the first dose of HPV on 08/06/2026

Year 8 students will be offered human papillomavirus (HPV-Gardasil 9) vaccine in school. The HPV vaccine protects against 9 types of HPV that are most likely to cause cancer and genital warts. Students need two doses of HPV vaccine with a 5-month gap between dose 1 and 2. Public Health Nurses will be at school to administer the first dose of HPV on 08/06/2026

An information form will be sent home with your child and is included in this information. Please read, fill in either section A or section B and return the completed form to school. For more information on NZ Schedule vaccines please go to [National Immunisation Schedule \(info.health.nz\)](https://www.health.govt.nz/our-services/immunisation).

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School News and Reminders:

Return of School Pool Keys:

We have come to the end of another Summer season and we hope our pool keyholders have enjoyed the use of the facility over the Summer.

As the School Pool has now closed please return your pool key with your bank account number by 8 May for a refund of the bond.



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.

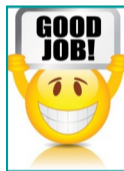
Yummy Stickers:

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



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.

Below is some key information and attached is the works notification which has more detail.

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| Where | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Near 180 Kahikatea Flat Road, Dairy Flat |
| When | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monday 11 May 2026 to Friday 25 September 2026 Monday to Friday 7am to 7pm (Saturdays and Sundays as required) |
| What we're doing | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Construction of a new retaining structure Drainage Improvements Pavement and road surface renewal |
| How it may impact you | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vehicle access to properties will be maintained throughout the project Works will create noise and vibration; we'll do our best to keep noise levels down |
| How travel is affected | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The road will be closed between #180 and #198 Kahikatea Flat Road, with detours in place for approximately 8 weeks. Traffic controllers will be on site to assist drivers and pedestrians around the work site. Please follow all signs and traffic directions The detour route will be along Pine Valley Road and Dairy Flat Highway. Once initial pilling is complete operations will resume under a single lane closure and Stop/Go until completion of the project. |

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A supportive evening for parents and caregivers of children with ADHD.

We look forward to seeing you there!

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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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| June | July | August | September |
| Sat 13th | Sat 11th | Sat 8th | Sat 12th |
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