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NEWSLETTER TERM 3

7 SEPTEMBER 2026

AG DAY
Coming Soon!



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Tēnā koutou whānau,

The countdown is over. Our whole school production, **Project Planet**, takes centre stage on **Wednesday 9th September at 6pm**. Unfortunately, due to sickness, we have had to postpone our matinee performance from Tuesday 8th September to **Thursday 10th September at 12.30pm**. The students and staff led by Mr A have worked really hard to put this together and I cannot wait to see our tamariki shine.

If you have not secured your production seats yet, a limited number of tickets remain for both our matinee performance and the two evening shows on **Wednesday 9th September** and **Thursday 10th September at 6pm**. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for children, and are available from the school office. Don't miss this chance to both support our talented tamariki and buy a yummy treat from the **Pop-up Cafe!**

September is certainly a busy month for school events. All the Y4–Y8 students have been hard at work preparing their speeches for the **Waitoki School Speech competition**, which is being held on **Monday 14th September**. The winning students will go on to compete in the **Kaipara Inter-School Speech competition**, which is being hosted by Waitoki on **Wednesday 23rd September**.

Our Kapa Haka group have also been working incredibly hard under Mr A's guidance to get ready for the **Kaipara Kapa Haka Festival**, which is being held at Kaipara College on **Saturday 19th September**. Waitoki tamariki will be performing on stage at **10.40am**. I can't wait to cheer everyone on and see them perform.

Thank you to all the Dads who joined us for our **Fathers Day** Celebration last week on **Thursday 3rd September**. We have received so much positive feedback and we were really impressed with just how many Dad's were able to attend. We hope you enjoyed the opportunity to join your children for an afternoon of fun and games. Many thanks to Serena and Briar for organising this event.

I want to give a HUGE shout out to the **Fundraising Team** who have been super busy over the last few months. They have managed to secure some absolutely amazing prizes for the Country Fair silent auction and raffle, including a 5 night Fiji holiday on a yacht. I will definitely be bidding for that one! Raffle tickets will be available to purchase at the production and you can also get a sneak peak of the prizes on offer! Thank you so much to **Kali Grey, Hannah Kerly, Melissa Estinel, Stacey Paris, Riccole McAlister, Lacey Taylor, Natalie Driscoll, Robin Mann, Keah Baker and Taylor Finnerty** for all your efforts, we really appreciate you.

Have you had your say yet? The Board will soon begin developing the **2027–2028 Strategic Plan** for Waitoki School. **Community consultation** is vital to ensure our vision, values, and goals align with the aspirations of our students, whānau, and community while incorporating the New Zealand Curriculum and Aotearoa's unique culture. Together, we can build on our school's strengths to support student achievement and future readiness. Please share your feedback with us by completing the survey before **Friday 11th September 2026**. [2027 - 2028 Strategic Plan Survey Link](#)

Our next school assembly will be at **1:05pm** on **Friday 18th September**. Tea and coffee will be available so come along, grab a cuppa and celebrate our student's successes.

Ngā mihi nui
Jules McCourt

Term dates 2026:

Term 3: Mon 20 July 2026 to Fri 25 September 2026

Term 4: Mon 12th October 2026 to Tues 15th December 2026

Term Dates 2027:

Term 1: Tuesday 2 February 2027 to Friday 9 April 2027.

2nd February : Individual Family Connection Meetings.

3rd February : All students learning in class.

Term 2: Tuesday 22 April 2027 to Friday 2 July 2027.

Term 3: Monday 19 July 2027 to Friday 24 September 2027.

Term 4: Monday 11 October 2027 to Thursday 16 Dec 2027.

Upcoming events to add to your diary:

9 Sept:	Production Evening performance: 6pm
10 Sept:	Production Matinee performance: 12.30pm
10 Sept:	Production Evening performance: 6pm
19 Sept:	Kaipara Kapa Haka Festival@ Kaipara College
23 Sept:	Kaipara Schools Cluster Speech Competition at Waitoki
23 Sept:	Board Meeting: 6pm
25 Sept:	End of Term 3
12 October:	Term 4 starts
14 October:	Deadline for 2027 Out of Zone applications.
26 October:	School Closed Labour Day
27 October:	Whole School Athletics—Sinclair Park
28 October:	Save day for Athletics



Auckland Champs cross country Results:

We are proud of Tasman Scott - representing Waitoki School at Auckland Champs Cross Country 2026 Year 8 Boys. He gave it his best even though he was unwell and showed great grit.

Well Done Tasman!



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.

Animal and Home Project Expectations:

Children who are not raising an animal for Ag Day are expected to complete at least one home project as part of their Ag Day involvement. Children are welcome to complete more than one home project if they wish. Children who are raising an animal are also welcome to take part in the home projects; however, they are not required to do so, as raising and caring for an animal is their Ag Day project.

The projects this year are:

Option one: Construction Project: Bird Bath or Feeder Challenge

Option two: Growing Project Sunflower Challenge **

Option Three: Baking Project: Country Baking Challenge

Option four: Creative Project: Diorama Project.

The seeds for the Sunflower Challenge are now available to collect from the school office.



Important Home Project Dates:

Completed home projects and photo journals (where required) must be brought to the hall on:

Thursday 29th October 2026

Please ensure all entries are clearly labelled with:

- Child's name, Year level, Class

Baking entries are the exception and should be brought fresh to the school hall on judging day.

Entries will be judged on: **Friday 30th October 2026**

All projects will then be displayed in the hall for families and visitors to enjoy on: **Saturday 31st October 2026 – Ag Day**

We can't wait to see the wonderful creations, gardens, baking, and displays our children produce as they celebrate Waitoki Country Life!

Lamb/Calf/Goat

We are so excited to open the Lamb & Goat Daycare for another year!

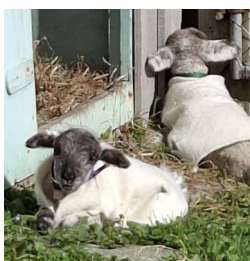
If you are planning on rearing an animal for Ag day this year, please head to skool loop forms and complete the animal registration.

It is important that you read the rules attached to the form and explain the rules to your child. This is very important for the health and safety of your child's own lamb or goat, and also the other students' animals using the daycare.

By signing the form you understand that the school is providing a contained area, shelter and supervision of feeding but cannot be held responsible for the general health of your animal.

Please remember that your new animal must be born between the 1st of July and 15th September 2026, if you 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 Events :

Waitoki School Presents

PROJECT PLANET

Big Dreams

Small Actions

Bigger Impact

SEPTEMBER

WED 9TH 6:00-8:00PM

ADULTS 15\$
CHILDS 10\$

THURS 10TH 12.30 - 2.00PM
THURS 10TH 6:00-8:00PM

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COUNTRY FAIR

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT! ❤️

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Enrolments for 2027

The Waitoki School Board invites applications from parents who wish to enrol their children at Waitoki School for 2027. Out of Zone enrolment at the school is governed by an enrolment scheme, details of which are available from the Waitoki School office.

Deadline for Out of Zone Applications
3:00 PM on Wednesday 14th October 2026
Application forms are available from the school website or by emailing: admin@waitoki.school.nz

*Parents of students who live within the home zone should also apply by this date to assist the school to plan appropriately for next year.

Allocation & Ballot Process

- **Places Available:** The board has determined that 50 places are likely to be available for out-of-zone students in 2027. The exact number of places depends on home zone registrations.
- **Ballot Selection:** If the number of out-of-zone applications exceeds available places, selection will be conducted by ballot.
- **Ballot Date:** If required, the ballot will be held on **Wednesday 21st October 2026**.
- **Notification:** Parents will be informed of the outcome within three school days of the ballot being held.

Would you like to visit the school?
Call 09 420 5244 or email admin@waitoki.school.nz to book a personal tour with the Principal.
Discover more at: www.waitoki.school.nz

Fundraising and Community Page:

Fundraising Committee Country Fair Update :

The country fair Fundraising committee are looking for some superstar helpers to donate their time on country fair day to help make the fair a success. (31 October 2026).

We need help with

- prep for the food stalls (day before 30 October)
- set up for the fair 9-11am
- supervising games 11-2pm
- running food stalls and school led stalls 11-2pm
- pack down from 2pm

If you can help for the day, a shift or an hour we would love to have you as part of the country fair team!

Please email admin@waitoki.school.nz with your availability or come and see Sarah at the office.

Otherwise, catch one of the committee members around school and let us know you can help.

This year at country fair we will be running a second hand toy and book stall as part of our fundraising efforts.

We would love donations of good quality second hand toys no longer played with or books that would like a second chance to be loved.

Toys and books can be dropped to the school office anytime in school hours.

Thanks so much for supporting country fair!

Hi lovely parents,

We are looking for donations of baking for our

POP UP CAFE

for production please.

We would love donations of **brownie, cupcakes** or **cookies** for the following days

Wednesday (4-5 donations)

Thursday (8-10 donations)

Please email: fundraising@waitoki.school.nz if you can help out and which day you prefer :)

Thanks so much!
The fundraising team.



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- FAMILY EXPERIENCE OR ACTIVITY
- VOUCHERS OR OTHER PREMIUM PRIZES

WE'RE HOPING TO RAISE \$5,000 FROM THIS RAFFLE TO HELP FUND OUR PLAY SPACES, STEM/ROBOTICS PROGRAMME AND OUTDOOR SOUND EQUIPMENT.

KNOW A BUSINESS THAT MIGHT BE KEEN TO HELP? PLEASE PASS THIS ON OR PUT US IN TOUCH.

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9.30-11.30AM

10.00-11.00am
• Have a go at our Junior Surf activities

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HOLIDAY CAMP

SEPTEMBER DATES 2026

28 SEP	MONDAY WHANGAPARAUA COLLEGE 9:00 AM
29 SEP	TUESDAY WHANGAPARAUA COLLEGE 9:00 AM
30 SEP	WEDNESDAY WHANGAPARAUA COLLEGE 9:00 AM

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Should I keep my child home from school or childcare?

Going to school and childcare supports your child's learning, confidence and wellbeing. But when they're not feeling well or their usual self, it can be hard to tell if they should attend. Use this guide to help you make the right decision.

Should my child stay home today?

Usually ok to attend:

- ✓ Mild cough
- ✓ Running nose
- ✓ Mild headache
- ✓ No fever
- ✓ Eating and drinking normally

If mild symptoms become worse or more frequent, keep your child at home and seek health advice.

Keep them home if they have:

- ✗ A fever
- ✗ Vomiting or diarrhoea
- ✗ A sore throat that requires pain relief
- ✗ Wheezing, coughing a lot or difficulty breathing
- ✗ School sores (impetigo) or other potentially infectious sores that are uncovered and untreated
- ✗ Untreated scabies
- ✗ They are too sick to learn and need time to rest and recover
- ✗ Been asked to stay home by a healthcare provider or your local public health service

Seeking health advice

Trust your instinct, if you are worried about your child's health contact your doctor or usual healthcare provider. You can also call **Healthline** for free anytime on **0800 611 116**.

In an emergency, call **111**.

For more information scan the QR code or visit healthnz.govt.nz and search **school guidance**.



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