



# WAIOTAHE VALLEY SCHOOL

KA POIPOIA || KA TOHA || KA MAIA

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## Key Competency:

**Participating and contributing**

**Whakataukī:**

**He waka eke noa**

**We are all in this together.**

## Kia Kaha Trophy



Congratulations to Jasmine for receiving the Kia Kaha Trophy last week. Jasmine lives by our school motto, Ka Poipoia, Ka Toha, Ka Maia. She is kind, shares her friendships and dares to be her best by challenging herself to try new activities.

Ka rawe, Jasmine!

Kia ora e te whānau,

What a fantastic way to finish the year with our Prizegiving yesterday. It was a wonderful celebration of our ākonga and their achievements. As always, the farewell to our Year 8s was emotional – a true reflection of what a special place Waiotaha Valley School is, and the very special people who make up our community. All the best to all our school leavers! It was great to see so many whānau come along to celebrate and reflect on what has been an outstanding year. A huge thank you to our ex-students and friends of the school who returned to present awards – your continued connection with our kura means a great deal to us.

I want to acknowledge and thank everyone for their support throughout the year, but especially our incredible staff. Their dedication, hard work, and genuine care ensure that our tamariki are not only learning well but also developing as leaders and confident, socially capable young people. We are very lucky to have such a committed team.

Congratulations to Rangiparoro, the clear winners of the House Trophy for 2025! This team showed consistency and determination, taking out most of our house challenges across the year.

A reminder for our pool key holders: Please note that the main school entrance will be blocked off for most of the summer break. Access to the pool will instead be through the paddock entrance. Please make sure you follow all pool guidelines to keep everyone safe – no smoking or vaping anywhere on school grounds, lock the gate behind you, and ensure you are using the pool only within the permitted hours of 9am–8pm. Thank you for helping us maintain a safe and enjoyable environment for all.

As we wrap up 2025, I am already looking forward to 2026. We have exciting plans ahead for our teaching and learning programmes, and I cannot wait to see our ākonga continue to learn, get themselves involved in opportunities and achieve great things.

Wishing all our families a safe, happy, and relaxing summer break. See you all on the 4<sup>th</sup> of February 2026.

Ngā mihi nui,  
Tai Miskell

## Upcoming Dates:

**12<sup>th</sup> December** - Last day of Term

**4<sup>th</sup> February** - First day of Term 1

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# WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING AROUND WAIOTAHE THIS WEEK



Congratulations to Te Uenuku for winning the attendance award last week.

