



## School Contact Details

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This week we welcome Whaea Trusca to our school. Trusca will be working on Fridays in our new entrant room and also covering teacher release days in Te Ngahere & Te Uenuku (rooms 1 and 2). Trusca has 20 years teaching experience and is a mum to 4 children. In her spare time she enjoys sewing, reading, tramping and spending time with her family.

## Upcoming Dates:

16th Feb - Gritty Kiwi (Rm 3)

18th Feb - Country Swimming Sports

25th Feb - Surf Club Day Room 4

26th Feb - Surf Club Day Room

3rd March - Whanau Picnic 4:30pm-6pm

4th March District Swimming Sports  
(Students who qualify)

12th March - Te Maunga Camp (Rm5)

Kia ora e te whānau,

It's been another busy and positive week at Waiotaha Valley School, with lots of great learning opportunities happening across the kura. As a school, we have been discussing how to greet people by speaking clearly and saying the persons name you are greeting. Each week, we will be focusing on a different social skill/manners to support our tamariki be positive, well-rounded young people.

Our Year 7 and 8 students have been attending Technology at Ōpōtiki College, taking part in cooking and woodwork. These hands-on experiences are always valuable and give our senior students the chance to build practical skills and confidence in new learning environments.

Rooms 1, 2 and 5 have also begun their weekly swimming lessons, held every Wednesday with instructors from Whakatāne Pools. Swimming is such an important life skill, and it's great to see our students engaging so positively in the pool. This week also saw Kapa haka hold their first practice for the year with Whaea Leah and Matua Waka.

Country School Sports – 18 February

On Tuesday 18 February, we will be attending Country School Sports at the Ōpōtiki Pools. All whānau welcome!

- Seniors: 9:30am – 12:00pm
- Juniors (5–7 year olds): 12:30pm – 1:30pm

This is a whole-school event and is always a fun day filled with participation, encouragement, and school spirit.

House Event – This Friday

We're excited to be holding our first optional house event this Friday – a fun triathlon! Students can take part in swimming, running, scootering around the track, or a combination of these.

Remember: the more students who participate, the more points their house earns, so get involved and support your house!

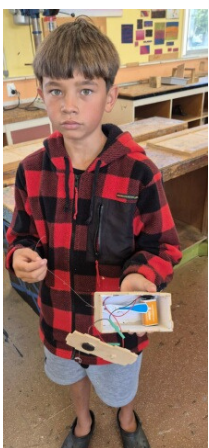
Meet the Staff Evening Picnic – 3rd March

We warmly invite all whānau to join us on Monday 3rd March for an evening picnic at school from 4:30–6:00pm.

Bring along some kai for your whānau – we'll put on a few sausages for the kids, the pool will be open, and there'll be a chance to challenge the staff at pickleball! It's a great opportunity to connect, relax, and spend time together as a school community. We will be holding more formal Goal Setting Interviews on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> of March.

Ngā mihi nui,  
Tai Miskell

# WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING AROUND WAIOTAHE THIS WEEK



## Reminders

- \*Bring togs and towel for lunch time swims
- \*Swimming lessons on Wednesday for Rooms 1, 2 & 5
- \*Bring water bottle and sun hat.
- \*Please name ALL clothes

## Sausage Sizzle Fridays

On Fridays we have a fundraiser for our Year 8 students end of year camp. Sausages are \$2.50 each and can be ordered from the school office. Please bring cash for payments.