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## Kia Kaha Trophy



Congratulations to Aaliyah for receiving the Kia Kaha trophy. Aaliyah received the trophy for her dedication to learning and always trying her best. She never gives up and regularly asks for help so she can get the most out of her learning.

Ka rawe, Aaliyah!

## Upcoming Dates:

17th- 19th March - Te Ngaru Camp - Manawahe Eco Trust (Rm3)

23<sup>rd</sup> March - Full Force Science Van

24<sup>th</sup> March - School Board Meeting

25<sup>th</sup> March - Parent Goal Setting Interviews -  
**12pm school will finish**

26<sup>th</sup> March - Parent Goal Setting Interviews  
from 3pm

26th March - EBOP Swimming

27<sup>th</sup> March - Surf Festival

**20th April - TEACHERS ONLY DAY**

Kia ora e te whānau,

Today Room 5, Te Maunga, are heading off on their noho at Maromahue Marae. They have many exciting plans for the next couple of days and I am sure they will all enjoy their time together.

Waiotaha Valley School staff have been researching and implementing High Impact Teaching Practices (HITP) in their literacy and mathematics lessons. We are one of 12 schools in the region working together on this learning journey. Also involved are REAP, Awanuiārangi, and RTLB. We are fortunate to have a team of coaches supporting our kaiako to implement these strategies in their classrooms.

The Teacher Only Day being held on April 20<sup>th</sup> (the first day of Term 2) is with many schools across the district and we will be focusing on HITP. Our coaches have organised for Lorraine Hammond, a leading expert in HITP, to share her expertise with us. Lorraine worked with students and schools in the Kimberley region of Australia. Many of these students had poor attendance and had traditionally found school a challenge. When their teachers began using HITP, these students started to make dramatic progress and even outperformed other students their age from around Australia.

The ultimate goal of HITP is to increase student engagement, help retain information in working memory, and improve student achievement. Your tamaiti will be involved in fast-paced lessons, often using their own whiteboards. Everybody is expected to answer questions (non-volunteers), and regular review is built into lessons. This is very exciting for our school and our community.

Science in a Van will visit our school on 23<sup>rd</sup> March. They will perform a science show for our tamariki called "Full Force". Students will get to explore gravity, friction, energy transfer and more. We are all looking forward to this fun science event.

I would also like to congratulate everyone on our school attendance so far this year. We are working hard to ensure students have less than five days off per term. Thank you to everybody for making sure your child is attending school when they are well. This term I am hoping for our best attendance in the last five years.

Please put into your calendar our Goal setting interviews. They will be held on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March and we will have a 12pm school finish. They will also be held in the evening of 26<sup>th</sup> March but this will be a 2:30pm school finish. We would love to see all whanau and students attend this short hui to discuss their learning goals. If you can't make these times, kaiako are more than happy to arrange a suitable time to meet.

Ngā mihi nui,  
Tai Miskell

# WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING AROUND WAIOTAHE THIS WEEK

Attendance award goes to Te Maunga



## A Message from Mr. Cass and whānau

To our amazing Waiotaha community: Te Manawa, myself and Jodii are very appreciative of the kind wishes and contributions sent our way. While it has been a tough journey for him so far, he is now on the mend and starting to feel a lot better. We look forward to getting back to normal hopefully next term. Once again, a big thank you from us for everyone's generosity and kindness.

Nga mihi  
George Cass

## Let's give back to Mr. Cass.

Many of you will know Mr Cass through Waiotaha Valley School. George is a valued teacher and hockey coach. George has had to take extended leave in order to provide constant support for Te Manawa as he goes through a period of long and challenging treatment. If you are able to donate, please visit [givealittle.co.nz/cause/giving-back-to-mr-cass](http://givealittle.co.nz/cause/giving-back-to-mr-cass)