WAIOTAHE VALLEY SCHOOL

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Kia Kaha Trophy



Congratulations to Connor for receiveing the Kia Kaha trophy. Connor is an awesome role model for our school values, We care, we share, we dare.
Ka rawe, Connor!

Upcoming Dates:

13th November - Athletics Day 10am -12:30pm

18th November - District Athletics (Junior)

25th November - Keeping Ourselves Safe Programme

20th November - District Athletics (Senior)

1st December - Te Awa (Rm 4) Class Camp

10th December - Year 8 Camp

Prizegiving - 14th December

Last day of Term 4 - 15th December

First day of Term 1 2027 - 2nd February

Kia ora e te whānau,

This Friday, we have our school athletics day. We hope you are able to come and watch our proud students run, jump and throw. We encourage students to dress up in their house colours for the day. The events will kick off at **9:50am,** and we aim to be finished at 12:30pm. Students will compete in their age group and rotate around 6 events. We strongly encourage all students to get involved and give everything a go. Our goal is for every student to participate in at least one race, jump, or throw at each station. Please make sure all students have a **hat** and a **water bottle.**

Constable Tee from the NZ Police will be at our school delivering a lesson to each class around Keeping Ourselves Safe. Originally this was planned for the 18th of November but due to some students being away at the District Junior Athletics Day, we have shifted this important lesson back a week. Please see the attached information about this programme. Constable Tee will be available to answer any questions you may have at 2:15pm to 2:30pm on Monday the 23rd of November.

A massive thank you to ITM Opotiki for sponsoring us with some timber for our wire fences. Gary at ITM generously donated 130 metres of timber to line the bottom of the fences around the turf and pool. This will keep our students safe from any loose wires as well as stopping any stray hockey balls from leaving the turf. Ngā mihi Gary and ITM Opotiki.

If your child is moving out of the area or moving schools next year, could you please let the office know as we are starting to organise classes for next year.

Thank you to everyone who that saved Yummy Stickers throughout the year. With your amazing efforts we have been awarded $335.00 towards sports equipment. If you are wanting to collect again this year you can print off the collection sheet at www.yummyfruit.co.nz or call into our office and to collect one.

Ngā mihi nui, Tai Miskell

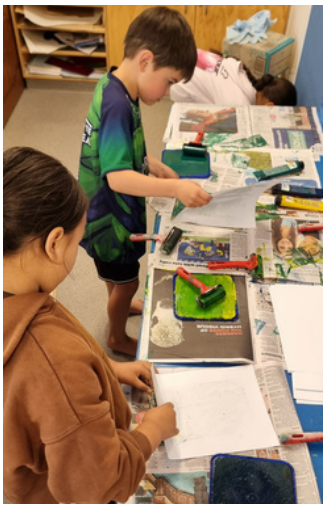
WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING AROUND WAIOTAHE THIS WEEK

Well done to Te Ngahere for winning the Attendance Trophy last week!



Te Maunga have grown some yummy strawberries







Sprouting Seeds



Keep Our Students Safe: Strep Throat & Rheumatic Fever

Did you know that an untreated sore throat caused by strep can lead to rheumatic fever, which can cause permanent heart damage? The good news is that rheumatic fever is 100% preventable!

To support our families, we have a Rheumatic Fever Prevention Worker at school twice a week to check sore throats and arrange quick treatment.

Important Reminders:

- **Don't ignore sore throats:** If your child has a sore throat, get it checked right away by a doctor, nurse, or our school prevention worker.
- **Finish all antibiotics:** If medicine is prescribed for strep throat, make sure your child takes every dose—even after they feel better.

Te Pou Oranga o
Te Whakatōhea





Story by Amokura from Te Ngahere

I have 8 pet goldfish. A few are black fish. I also have 3 whitebait. Do you know a fun fact? Goldfish lay 50 eggs. Next fact black fish turn gold over time. Whitebait fact, whitebait are bait for tuna. When one fish lay eggs all of them will. So, 8 x 50 = 400 baby fish. So I will have 408 goldfish.

