WAIOTAHE VALLEY SCHOOL

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Notices

- **Sun Protection Policy:** Please bring a **sun hat** to school every day in Terms 1 and 4. We have sunscreen available for students in every class. If you would like to review our policies please visit schooldocs.co.nz and use the password caresharedare.
- **Chickenpox:** We have had some cases of chickenpox at school. If your child comes out in spots, please have these checked at your doctor's or pharmacy.
- **Sports Uniforms:** We still have a lot of sports uniforms outstanding. These were given out for hockey, netball, school sports events, and to our AIMS hockey team. If you have any at home, please return these clean ASAP so we can complete our stocktake.
- **Warm Weather:** Our days are getting warmer, please ensure your child is wearing appropriate clothing and bringing a **water bottle** to school every day.

Upcoming Dates:

20th October - Group Day

21st October - Life Education

23rd October - Agurculture Day Activities

27th October - School Board Meeting

9th November - Year 7 & 8 Tech Class

18th November - Keeping Ourselves Safe Program

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

10th December - Year 8 Camp

Kia ora e te whānau,

Welcome back for what will be a very busy and exciting Term 4!
Firstly, I would like to congratulate all of our Kapa Haka students for representing Waiotahe Valley School with pride at the Delamere Cup. Thank you to our tutors Waka, Leah, Kaipiri, and Shannon for all your mahi getting them prepared to perform. I would also like to thank Dorothy Smith and Raima Houia for all your mahi in preparing our kākahu, as well as the many supporters for cheering on our tamariki.

Next Tuesday is our Group Day. Most of the entries are from our school, but there will be a few other students from the district with their calves and lambs. Any whānau wanting to come and watch are welcome—judging begins at 10:00 am. Good luck to all of our students involved!

Our traditional Ag Day activities will be happening next Friday. More information will come home on Monday.

The Life Education van will be on-site next week. Our students always enjoy visiting the van and learning about how to keep themselves healthy. Each class will have two lessons relating to healthy eating and making good choices.

This term, we will also be running some 'Keeping Ourselves Safe' lessons. These will be facilitated by Constable T, our School Community Officer. This is a child abuse prevention programme, and lessons are differentiated for each age group. There will be more information in the coming weeks about what your child will be learning before the lessons commence.

I would like to acknowledge Roger from our community, who grows vegetable plants every year for our students to plant in our school garden. Room 3 will plant these in our māra this week. Thank you, Roger, for always making the effort for our kura.

Over the holidays, we installed a pool heat pump. This will help to maintain a pleasant water temperature for our school pool. Thank you to Trust Horizon for their generous grant of nearly $15,000 to help make this project possible. We will be ready for the dry summer that has been predicted! We will start filling the pool up and getting it prepared shortly.

Ngā mihi nui,
Tai Miskell

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING AROUND WAIOTAHE THIS WEEK

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













