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## Key Competency:

**Managing Self**

**Whakatauki:**

**He kai kei aku ringa**

**There is food at the end of my hands**

## Kia Kaha Trophy



Congratulations to Te Oriwai for receiving the Kia Kaha Trophy. Te Oriwai received the trophy because she is a role model of behaviour and learning at our school. She cares for her learning, for her friends and for our class environment. She shares her ideas, her writing and our learning equipment. What a STAR, she is!!

KKia ora e te whānau,

He wiki nui tēnei, ko Te Wiki o te Reo Māori. He wā tēnei kia whakanuia, kia whakamahia hoki tō tātou reo rangatira i ngā wā katoa o te rā. Ahakoa he iti, he pounamu – mā ia kupu ka kōrerotia e tātou, ka ora tonu ai te reo.

Me whakakotahi tātou ki te kawē i te reo kia rangona, kia whiua, kia rere i roto i tō tātou kura me ō tātou kāinga.

Kia kaha te reo Māori!

Thank you to everyone who attended our parent/teacher interviews this week. Our kaiako really enjoyed the opportunity to share with you and your child the progress they have made. If you were unable to attend, please feel free to contact the office and we can arrange a suitable time early next term, or a phone call to catch up. Thank you to the people who were able to complete the whānau survey to help with our strategic plan. We will have other opportunities to hear your ideas next term or feel free to send your ideas/feedback to [admin@waiotahe.school.nz](mailto:admin@waiotahe.school.nz).

We have just been informed that the Primary Teachers' Union has planned a strike for primary teachers on the 23rd of October. Unfortunately, this is the same date we had booked our production at the Ōpōtiki Theatre. We are working hard to see if we can secure new dates, and will let you know as soon as these are confirmed.

Our School Board for the next 3 years has been announced. I would like to thank all of our candidates and voters. We are fortunate to have such dedicated whānau putting their hands up to support our school. Congratulations to Liz Leeder, Chris Anstis, Sharon Craig, Lisa Reeve and Eria Collier. Our Staff Representative is Trish Hurrell. Congratulations everyone!

It has been a fantastic term, full of fun and learning. We look forward to another exciting term to finish off the year after a two-week break. Thank you to our Waiotaha Valley School community for making our kura such a fantastic place to be.

Ngā mihi nui,  
Tai Miskell

## Upcoming Dates:

**19<sup>th</sup> Sept** - Last day of Term 3

**6<sup>th</sup> October** - First day of Term 4

**13<sup>th</sup> October** - Teacher Only Day

**16<sup>th</sup> October** - Group Day

**23<sup>rd</sup> October** - Teachers Strick (Possible)

**27<sup>th</sup> October** - Labour Day

**10<sup>th</sup> November** - Yr 7 & 8 Technology

# WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING AROUND WAIOTAHE THIS WEEK

Congratulations to Te Awa for receiving the attendance award



## **Group Day 2025**

The Group Day Committee has announced an exciting change for this year's event. Instead of holding individual School Agriculture Days, all schools will come together to celebrate the 90th anniversary of Group Day with a combined event at Woodlands School on Wednesday, 16 October.

This special milestone will be a wonderful opportunity for our tamariki to showcase their animals alongside students from other local schools and to be part of a larger community celebration. We look forward to seeing our school well represented on the day and sharing in this memorable occasion.