



## School Contact Details

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## Kia Kaha Trophy



Congratulations to Bailey for receiving the Kia Kaha trophy. Bailey lives our school values - Ka poipoia, ka toha, ka maia. Bailey cares about her learning, cares for others, shares her friendship and her clever ideas, and dares to be her best every day.

Ka rawe, Bailey!

## Upcoming Dates:

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

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

31<sup>st</sup> March - School Board Meeting

2nd April - Last Day of Term One

**20th April - TEACHERS ONLY DAY**

Kia ora e te whānau,

Next Wednesday and Thursday are our goal setting interviews. This is a great opportunity for you and your child to meet with their kaiako to discuss your child's learning. We would like all caregivers and students to please choose a time using the SkoolLoop app (password is: caresharedare). If you are unavailable on these days, please arrange another time with your child's kaiako to find a suitable time. The Town Bus will pick up students from school at 12:00 pm, but the Wainui and Valley bus will not be doing an early pick up. Thursday is a normal school day and will finish at 2:30pm, and buses will run as normal. We look forward to seeing you all next week.

Room 3 are currently on their camp at Manawahe Eco Centre. This used to be Manawahe School and has a classroom set up for teaching students about the environment. They will be learning about the ngahere, in particular insects, layers of the ngahere, and biodiversity. They will also be having lake swims and relaxing in the Waitangi Thermal Pools. Room 3 will be returning Thursday afternoon. I went and visited the campers last night, and I had a great time. Our students hoovered down some burgers and some delicious trifle, then they all gravitated towards the courts for some pickleball battles.

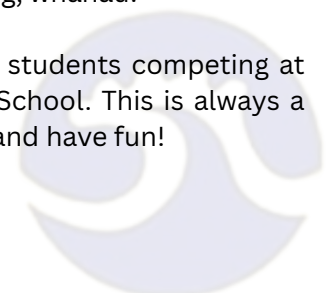
I would like to thank all of the parents who have helped out at our school camps and day trips over the last couple of weeks. We cannot provide our students with these fun learning experiences without you.

Room 2 have 3 new class members: Batman, Carrotfeet and Pompom. Te Uenuku have been observing chicken eggs in a class incubator. They hatched last week and have become a popular attraction in Room 2. The chickens are growing rapidly and will soon join Library Jo's other chickens on her property. Have a look at the photos on the next page of the newsletter.

This week Te Awa started an awesome online programme called Times Tables Rockstar! Students practice their timetables while earning points to help build their individual rockstar characters. This programme builds students confidence and recall in their timetables with individualised practice questions. Students can play at home with their personal logins, so you can check out their learning at home. Happy time tabling, whānau!

This weekend we have a team of Year 8 students competing at the Top School competition at Awakeri School. This is always a fun day for all involved. Good luck team and have fun!

Ngā mihi nui,  
Tai Miskell



# WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING AROUND WAIOTAHE THIS WEEK

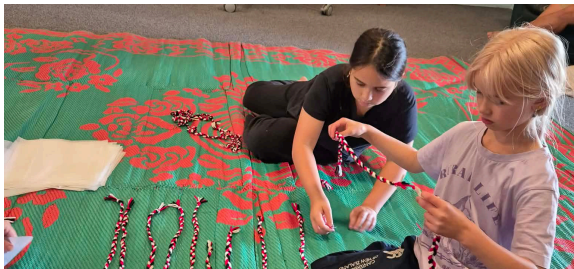
Attendance award goes to Te Maunga



Te Maunga's camp



Te Uenuku's chickens



**ŌPŌTIKI**  
**Tai Mitchell Trial**  
**Boys and Girls**

**Saturday**  
21st March,  
2026

**Princess Reserve**  
Ōpōtiki

Start 10 am | Finish 12pm

*Sausage sizzle and drinks will be provided after the trial to celebrate our kids mahi*

Boys tournament weight is 53 kgs below Girls no weight limit ages 10-13

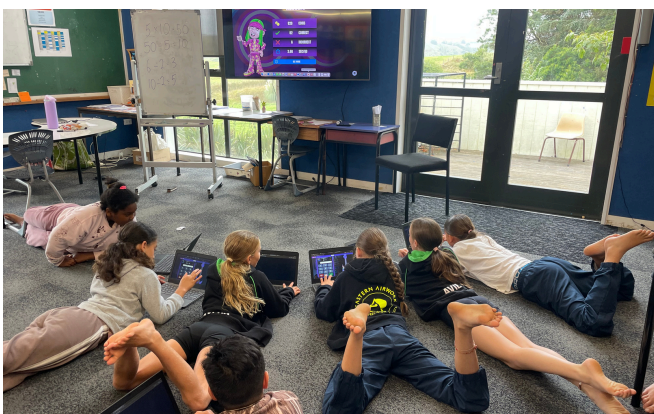
More Information  
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Tate at horse sport



Timetables Rockstar program



## 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)