WAIOTAHE VALLEY SCHOOL

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House Trophy



Congratulations to Uetūpuke for winning the House Trophy. Uetūpuke had a fantastic turn out of participants for the lunchtime event and played some great football!

Upcoming Dates:

31st August - Yr 7 & 8 Technology Class

7th September - AIMS Games (Hockey Team)

15th September - Teacher Only Day & Parent Interviews from 1pm

16th September- Parent Interviews from 2.50pm

26th September - Delamere Cup

Kia ora e te whānau,

Staff and students have been hit by some nasty flu bugs this week. Thank you for keeping your child home when they are sick to help stop the spread. Hopefully, we are through the worst of it and can see our classrooms full of happy, healthy students soon!

Our kapa haka rōpū have been continuing to practice for The Delamere Cup. We are scheduled to perform on Saturday, September 26th. This will be a special day for our students and their whānau.

I would like to thank all of our whānau for supporting our sausage sizzle and bake sale last week. We raised nearly $600 to put towards the AIMS Hockey team. The baking was delicious, and students were asking me if they could have another one this week!

This week is NZ's Children's Book Week. Library Jo has spruced up the library, showcasing all of our new NZ books that were featured in the NZ Book Awards. There are some beautiful books in English and Te Reo Māori. As a school, we watched a live book reading of Dazzlehands, written by Bay of Plenty local Sacha Cotter. Sacha Cotter is from Kawerau, and another one of her books, A Guide to Rocks, won the Margaret Mahy Book of the Year for 2026. Both of these books are available in our library! Thank you Jo, for all the time you put into making sure the library is an inviting space for our tamariki.
Tomorrow we have a Year 5 and 6 team involved in a netball tournament in Ōpōtiki. All the best to you all, and have a great day!

This week's House challenge, run by our House Leaders, was a friendly football competition. We had a small group of Year 1–3 students have a kick-around during their morning break, and at lunchtime, the seniors had their chance to battle it out! House points were awarded for participation as well as for winning games. A massive congratulations to our House Leaders for running the events, and to Uetūpuke for winning the shield for next week. Every two weeks, our Leaders will be running a range of House competitions to provide our tamariki with some fun options at lunchtime.

An important date to be aware of is Tuesday, September 15th. This will be a Teacher Only Day to continue the upskilling of staff in the Refreshed Curriculum. From 1:00 PM, you will be able to book interviews with your child's teacher.

Ngā mihi nui, Tai Miskell

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING AROUND WAIOTAHE THIS WEEK

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













Hockey Draw
Saturday 8th August Games
Year 1 & 2 = 11.40am
Year 3 & 4 = 9.40am
Year 5 & 6 = Bye



Edgecumbe Hockey Development team - 4 of our students were lucky enough to join them for a great season .







Agricultural Day Entry Form

Our Agricultural Day will take place at the beginning of Term 4. If your child is bringing an animal, please note the required birth date windows below:

- Lambs & Goats (kids): Born between 10 July and 20 September
- Calves: Born between 10 July and 31 August

Please complete this form and return it to the office if your child will be bringing a lamb, calf, or kid.

Childs Name _____

I am bringing a LAMB CALF KID (circle one)

Animals Date of Birth _____