



WAIOTAHE VALLEY SCHOOL

KA POIPOIA || KA TOHA || KA MAIA

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Key Competency:

Using language, symbols and text

Whakatauki:

Ko taku reo taku ohooho, ko taku reo taku mapihi mauria

My language is my awakening, my language is the window to my soul

Kia Kaha Trophy



Congratulations to Lottie for receiving the Kia kaha trophy last week. Lottie ran a workshop at sea week for students not just from our school but from around the Eastern Bay of Plenty. Showing our values of care, share and dare.

Kia ora e te whānau,

Our juniors wrapped up their swimming lessons with some fantastic water safety activities, including an inflatable boat session and learning how to wear life jackets correctly. These essential skills help build confidence in and around the water—ka pai to all our tamariki for their enthusiasm and participation!

Our students represented the school with pride at the Eastern Bay of Plenty Swimming Champs. Their effort, sportsmanship, and behaviour were outstanding. A special mention to Marley, Taj, Taylor, Cormac, and Levi for making finals! A huge congratulations to Taylor, who had an incredible performance, winning gold in the 1-length breaststroke and placing third in the 1-length backstroke. Marley also had a fantastic swim, placing second in the 1-length breaststroke—ka mau te wehi!

Today, our juniors had their first lesson in coding and robotics, taught by the Ministry of Inspiration. As part of our strategic plan to incorporate more science and technology opportunities for our ākonga, these sessions are an exciting step towards preparing our tamariki for the future. We look forward to seeing their problem-solving skills and creativity grow through these lessons!

Last week's junior camp was a huge success, with plenty of fun and adventure. A major highlight was exploring the rock pools, where some lucky ākonga got to witness two octopuses up close! The tamariki were mesmerised as the octopuses changed colour to camouflage with the rocks—a truly unforgettable experience.

A huge shout-out to everyone working tirelessly behind the scenes to make our upcoming gala a success. We appreciate all the support, donations, and whānau who have put their hands up to help on the day. It's shaping up to be an awesome event—we can't wait to celebrate with you all!

Student attendance

Ngā mihi nui,
Tai Miskell

Upcoming Dates

21st Mar - Surf Festival

25th Mar - School Board Meeting
5.30pm

26th Mar - WHO Gala Meeting

27th Mar - Fun 4 U Day (Rooms 1 & 2)

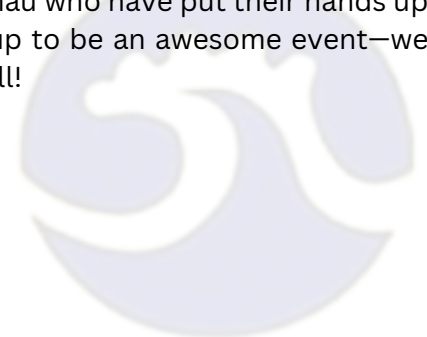
2nd Apr - WHO Gala Meeting

5th April - Gala

11th Apr - Last day of Term 1

28th Apr - First day of Term 2

30th Apr - Te Ngara Camp



WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING AROUND WAIOTAHE THIS WEEK

Gala signs are being created



Te Uenuku



HANGI PRE-SALES \$15



You will get:
Hangi
Pudding

Only 100 presale tickets available so get in quick!!

Join us for a Traditional Hangi at our School Gala
Saturday 5th April
Text 027 521 0499 to reserve yours TODAY
Payments to be made to Waitoatahe Valley School WHO account
02-0388-0019305-001
Reference Name & Hangi

WE CARE || WE SHARE || WE DARE

Last week the Attendance Award went to Room 2 !



Gala Notices

If you have a sponsor that is wanting to give a cash donation. Please deposit the donation into the following account
Waitoatahe Valley School WHO account
02-0388-0019305-001
Using the reference as Gala Donation