



WAIOTAHE VALLEY SCHOOL

KA POIPOIA || KA TOHA || KA MAIA

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Key Competency:

Thinking

Whakatauki:

Whaowhia te kete mātauranga

Fill the basket of knowledge

Kia ora e te whānau,

This week, Rooms 1 and 2 have been working from the library and staffroom while our two classrooms were assessed and tested for asbestos following the use of kinetic sand. We are currently waiting for the lab results. We really appreciate the flexibility and positive attitude of our staff and tamariki as learning has continued smoothly during this temporary arrangement.

Swimming pool keys are now available for \$10. The pool opening hours are: weekdays 3pm–8pm and weekends and public holidays 9am–8pm. Please remember that all pool users are required to sign the updated Conditions of Use and Guidelines before accessing the pool – this includes families who still hold keys from last year. These guidelines help us keep the facility safe and enjoyable for everyone. If you have a key from last year that you no longer need, we kindly ask that you return it to the office. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Next week we will be welcoming Life Education to our school. This engaging and educational programme helps students learn about healthy lifestyles and making good choices. Some of the topics being covered include healthy eating, resilience, and emotional wellbeing. The sessions are always a highlight for our tamariki, and we look forward to another valuable learning experience.

The School Board has expressed concern about the Government's proposed changes to school governance, which would remove the legal requirement for boards to honour Te Tiriti o Waitangi. We believe this obligation is vital to ensuring equitable outcomes for all ākonga, particularly our Māori students. Next Tuesday, the Board will be discussing plans to send a letter to Education Minister Erica Stanford outlining our disappointment and urging the Government to maintain boards' legal responsibility to uphold Te Tiriti in education.

Ngā mihi nui,
Tai Miskell

Kia Kaha Trophy



Congratulations to Bostyn for winning the Kia Kaha Trophy!

Bostyn received the trophy for her outstanding achievement in all learning areas and for being an exceptional human too.

Ka rawe, Bostyn!

Upcoming Dates:

24th November - Life Education

25th November - School Board Meeting

4th December - Year 8 Trip

8th December - Rm 3 Surf Day

9th December - Rm 4 Surf Day

12th December - Last day of Term

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING AROUND WAIOTAHE THIS WEEK



Congratulations to Te Uenuku for winning the attendance award again last week.

Hot days
 Our days are getting hot fast. Please remind your child to make sure they have a sunhat and water bottle in their bag each day.

Sausage Sizzle Fridays are back - please be aware you are no longer able to pay for these through accounts, cash only please (\$2.50)

Swimming
 Our school pool is open for lunchtime swimming. Please send togs and a towel each day with your child.

Headlice
 We have had a few children with headlice over the last few days. Please check your child's hair. KidsCan Nit Buster Treatment and Combs are available FREE from the school office

