



# WAIOTAHE VALLEY SCHOOL

KA POIPOIA || KA TOHA || KA MAIA

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**Key Competency:**  
**Participating and Contributing**

**Whakatauki:**  
**Mauri tu, mauri ora**  
**An active soul is a healthy soul**

Kia ora e te whānau,

## Kia Kaha Trophy



Congratulations to Ania for winning the Kia Kaha Trophy last week!

Ania showed a fantastic attitude at camp and during rippa rugby. She has also made great progress in reading fluency and math. Well done, Ania!

Well done to Rocky P and Taj, who competed in the interschools motocross on Friday! You both represented our school with pride and did amazingly well, placing 16th out of 37 teams with 215 points. Ka mau te wehi!

Last Thursday night and Friday morning, we had teams of four compete in the EPro8 Interschools. It was incredible to watch our tamariki construct complex projects involving moving parts and electronics. All teams were given four options of what they could build, and after completing each task from challenge cards, they were judged and awarded points. Our teams built a foosball table, a moving target with a laser gun, and a remote-controlled shopping trolley. Check out the project photos on the other side of this newsletter. A huge thank you to all the students for representing our school, and to the wonderful parents who helped with transport to Whakatāne.

We are incredibly grateful to the New Zealand Ukulele Trust / Te Rūnanga Ukurere o Aotearoa for their generous donation of 24 ukuleles to our school. This gift will open up new opportunities for our students to explore music, build their confidence, and experience the joy of learning through the ukulele.

School photos will be taken on Monday. We've only just received the Photolife sibling photo forms. If you haven't received a form and would like sibling photos, please contact the school office ASAP. If you would like sibling photos that include a preschooler, please be at school ready for photos at 8:00 AM on Monday.

**Just a reminder that tomorrow (Friday, 23rd May) is a Teacher Only Day.** Our staff will be working with Curriculum Advisers from the Ministry of Education to continue our professional development on the updated curriculum. We look forward to seeing all tamariki back on Monday.

Maromahue Marae is holding a Market Day on Sunday, 25 May, from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM on the marae grounds.

Come along and enjoy sweets, baking, mirimiri, rongoā, crafts, raffles, and much more!

Ngā mihi nui,  
Tai Miskell

## Upcoming Dates:

**23<sup>rd</sup> May - Teacher Only Day**

**26<sup>th</sup> May - School photos**

**28<sup>th</sup> May - School X-Country**

**2<sup>nd</sup> June - Kings Birthday**

**13<sup>th</sup> June - Gymnastics  
Competition**

**15<sup>th</sup> June - Working Bee**

**20<sup>th</sup> June - Matariki**

# WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING AROUND WAIOTAHE THIS WEEK



Congratulations to room 2 for winning the attendance award last week.



**REMINDERS**

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> of Teacher Only Day

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May School Photos

Te Ngahere prepared the lure in the T-Rex rat traps, put them safely into the wooden boxes and then placed their traps into the school Ngahere. Wonder what they will catch.



**Hockey Draw**  **Week 4:**

**Y7/8 - Friday**  
**Team 1 - 5pm Team 2 - 5pm**  
**Team 3 - 5pm**

**Y5/6 - Saturday**  
 Weka 1 - 12pm  
 Weka 2 - 12pm

**Y1/2 - Saturday**  
 10:30am