WAIOTAHE VALLEY SCHOOL

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Kia Kaha Trophy



Congratulations to Waitangi for receiving the Kia Kaha trophy. Waitangi received the trophy for making outstanding progress in his learning and attitude. Ka rawe, Waitangi!

Upcoming Dates:

23rd October - Agriculture Day Activities

26th October - Labour Day (no school)

27th October - School Board Meeting

9th November - Year 7 & 8 Tech Class

18th November - Keeping Ourselves Safe Program

1st December - Te Awa (Rm 4) Class Camp

10th December - Year 8 Camp

Kia ora e te whānau,
We have had an action-packed week at Waiotahe Valley School. Thank you for ensuring your child has a hat each day—summer seems to have hit early! I will start filling up the pool tomorrow.

This Tuesday was "Group Day" on our school field. The weather was beautiful, and the lambs and calves were looking their best. We had a good number of students and animals from our school involved. It is such a fantastic day and an important tradition for our school and community. Students and staff thoroughly enjoyed watching our tamariki lead their animals around the course. Fonterra and DairyNZ brought along their artificial cow to give all of our students a turn at milking, as well as a BBQ trailer to feed anyone who was hungry. A massive thank you to the judges, the Group Day Committee, and the team on setup: Cam, Troy, Nicola, Hugh, and Waka. It was also fantastic to have ex-students Priya, Aiden, and Taj, who now attend Whakatāne High, for their help to make the day run smoothly. I was so proud of all of our students for the effort they put in to care for their young animals and get them prepared for Group Day. We look forward to the other activities for Ag Day—such as sand saucers and vegetable creations, which take place tomorrow.

Well done to the following students for participating: Bostyn, Tipene, Violet, Ella, Zoe, Farryn, Hugo, Fitz, Cooper,Rocky, Maxwell, Amokura, Logan, and Bailey. Rocky came away with Reserve Champion Calf. Maxwell and Cooper won a handful of trophies for their calves.Congratulations to you all!

All classes have started their lessons with Harold and Jackie in the Life Education Van. The students are always excited to visit this amazing learning space and to hear a few jokes and songs from Harold.

Please remember that this Monday, 26th October is a public holiday and our school will be closed. School will be back as normal on Tuesday.

Ngā mihi nui,
Tai Miskel

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING AROUND WAIOTAHE THIS WEEK

Well done to Te Awa for winning the Attendance Trophy last week!





























Important community reminder: For the 2026 General Election you can't enrol or update your details after midnight, 25 October 2026

Harold the Giraffe is a favourite, and now you can take home a mini-Harold soft toy for $10. Its great for cuddling or decorating your room. You can also grab a Harold Gibbet for $4. You can purchase these by contacting our school office



