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Kia Kaha Trophy



Congratulations to Phoenix for receiving the Kia Kaha Trophy. Phoenix has made fantastic progress in his writing and is reaching all of his maths goals. He has shown great determination and a positive attitude towards his learning.

Ka rawe, Phoenix!

Upcoming Dates:

27th April - ANZAC Day

18th May - Yr 7 & 8 Technology Class

21st May - Yr 1 & 2 Road Safety

26th May - School X - Country

1st June - Kings Birthday

2nd & 3rd May - Yr 7 & 8 EPRO 8

7th May - School Working Bee

Kia ora e te whānau,

Welcome back everyone to Term 2, and a special welcome to our 5 brand new students and their families to Waiotaha Valley School. Mr Cass has also returned to Room 4 and is excited to be back with his students. We are looking forward to a great term of learning ahead.

On Monday, all teaching staff attended a Teacher Only Day in Whakatāne. This was a significant event, with over 650 educators from across the North Island. Whaea Emma and Whaea Sarah have continued their learning over the following three days, gaining valuable knowledge in High Impact Teaching Practices. Both teachers have described this as the best professional development they have experienced, and the rest of the staff are excited to learn from them.

We hope everyone stayed safe during the storms over the holidays and didn't have too much clean-up to manage. Unfortunately, we did lose a kōwhai tree here at kura. A big thank you to Hugh, Steve, Dion, and Nick for their help clearing the tree and branches – your support is greatly appreciated.

Over the break, Jo from our library, along with her friend Jules from Ōpōtiki Library, dedicated many hours to revamping our school library. It is looking fantastic, and we are very grateful for the time and effort they put into creating such a welcoming space for our students.

At the end of last term, you will have received a letter outlining your child's attendance for Term 1. It is pleasing to see that attendance across the school continues to improve, with nearly 70% of our students attending regularly. Our goal is for students to miss fewer than five days of school per term, and we appreciate your ongoing support in helping us achieve this.

Next week, the hockey and netball seasons begin. We will be issuing uniforms over the next few days and are excited for the upcoming winter sports season. Game times will be included in our school newsletter, and hockey draws can be found on the Whakatāne Hockey website. Staff are happy to initially help set up and organise contacts for carpooling to and from games. Please be proactive and ensure your child has transport to their matches. If you need any equipment, please contact your coach, as we may be able to lend you what you need.

Ngā mihi nui,
Tai Miskell

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING AROUND WAIOTAHE THIS WEEK

The term one attendance award goes to Te Ngahere - Well done!



Garden to table - Te Maunga harvested their kumura



Sports News

Netball - The netball open day is being held on Wednesday the 29th of April. **This is only for our year 5 & 6 Team and year 3 & 4 Team** Start time is to be confirmed. Games are played at Memorial Park in Opotiki. **Please ensure you have sports shoes** to play in.

Hockey - The start of the hockey season is Friday the 1st of May. Year 7 & 8 games are played on Friday evenings and all the other teams play on Saturday's. All games are played at the Whakatane Hockey Turf on Brabant Street Whakatane.

Please ensure you have the following
Hockey Stick
Shin guards
Mouth guard
Sports shoes
Blue long socks

If you are having trouble getting any of this sports equipment please contact our office as we may be able to help

Sports Shoes - If you are having trouble with accessing sports shoes we can order sports shoes through KidsCan free of charge. Please contact Janelle with your child's shoe size to order by Wednesday the 29th of April

BACK TO School



Writing from Te Ngahere The Cyclone - By Pure

In the holidays, there was a cyclone.

I saw teeny tiny sticks falling off trees.

I heard some people talking inside the Marae. I felt good because my family protected me.

