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Kia ora e te whānau,

Welcome back to Term 3! It has been great to see our tamariki and staff back at school, happy and ready to learn. We welcome four new students to our kura this week—we know you will all love learning here at Waiotahē Valley School.

Kia Kaha Trophy



Congratulations to Tewai for receiving the Kia Kaha Trophy. Tewai received the trophy for her dedication to our core values. By consistently choosing to Care for others, Share with kindness, and Dare to reach for her best.

Ka rawe, Tewai!

The last Friday of last term was a special day for our Waiotahē community. The Carrington Courts were officially opened by Pat and Glynis Carrington, which I'm sure is a day they will remember fondly. It was fantastic to see board members, parents, and both current and ex-students come along to be part of the celebration. A big thank you to Pat and Glynis for joining us, and to Matua Joe for blessing our new play space. The students are thoroughly enjoying playing a range of sports on the new surface!

Over the holidays, our AIMS Hockey team competed in a tournament held in Tauranga. It was a beautiful day for hockey and our team played really well. These were the first official games our team has played together, and it was a very successful outing, with the team winning three games and losing two—a great start to build on! It was also the first time Phoenix played in goal wearing all the pads and safety gear. He was incredible, saving many goal-scoring opportunities. This weekend, the team will be taking part in a fun run to raise money for AIMS. Thank you to our coach, Mr Cass, and our wonderful whānau for being there to support the team.

Upcoming Dates:

27th July - Yr 1 & 2 Firewise program

7th August - Rms 3 & 4 Dune Planting

11th August - Opotiki Fire Brigade School Visit

31st August - Yr 7 & 8 Technology Class

7th September - AIMS Games (Hockey Team)

15th & 16th August - Parent Interviews

Today, we had two special guests share their knowledge and skills with our Junior school. Heather Hunt, an author and illustrator, read to our students and taught them how to draw kiwis. Martin was here as well, sharing his experience with a trapping and pest control programme that has helped the kiwi population in Northland thrive. Thank you both so much for coming along and inspiring our tamariki!

Last term, Te Maunga (Room 5) won the Term Attendance Award. They were very excited and are looking forward to a special celebration day soon to acknowledge their great attendance habits. As a reminder for everyone, our school goal is to miss fewer than five days of school per term.

Ngā mihi nui, Tai Miskell

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING AROUND WAIOTAHE THIS WEEK

Well done to Te Maunga for winning the overall Attendance Trophy for Term 2!



- ### Returns
- If you have any school library books floating around at home please return them as soon as possible
 - Please return all outstanding sports uniforms, clean and ready for the next student to wear(excluding hockey & netball)



Hockey Draw

Friday 24th July Games

Weka 1 = 4pm

Weka 2 = **Bye**

Saturday 25th July Games

Year 1 & 2 = **Bye**

Year 3 & 4 = 10.20am

Year 5 & 6 = 1.30pm

