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Key Competency:
Relating to others

Whakatauki:
He mana to te tangata

We value people and their differences

Attendance Trophy



Congratulations to Te Ngahere for winning the attendance trophy on our first week back at school. You all put in an amazing effort and had 99% attendance. Well done!

Kia ora e te whānau,

With last week's newsletter, you should have received nomination forms for our School Board. You can nominate yourself or someone else whom you think would be a great candidate. The Board typically meets once a month in the evening to discuss matters such as property, student achievement, strategic planning, and more. If you have any questions about our School Board or the elections, please feel free to contact either me or Janelle.

On Monday, our Year 6–8 students went to Ōpōtiki College along with students from other local schools to listen to John Parsons. John is an expert in internet safety and shared some important messages with our tamariki. He works with the police to help support students and families dealing with serious online incidents.

He encouraged young people under 16 to avoid social media altogether. If they do have accounts, he advised against posting photos taken in bedrooms, bathrooms, or in pyjamas, as these images can signal vulnerability. Instead, he suggested using profile photos that include a parent or guardian to show they are cared for and supported. He also recommended that young people only accept contact requests from people they know well—close friends and family—and avoid accepting friends of friends. Additionally, he encouraged family members such as nan, uncles, and others to follow their social media accounts to help create a strong, visible support network.

For years, Waiotaha Valley School has worked with Coastcare to plant native vegetation in the dunes along Waiotaha Beach. We are continuing this tradition tomorrow, with Te Awa and Te Ngaru spending a couple of hours planting 350 plants near the surf club. Anyone who would like to join us is more than welcome—from 10 a.m. tomorrow.

Te Maunga has been working hard to reinvigorate the garden beds beside the tennis courts. As part of the Garden to Table programme, they've been learning to grow healthy kai for our tamariki. Bunnings Whakatāne has been very generous, donating many items to help, including worm farms and seeds.

Upcoming Dates:

25th July - Dune Planting

29th July - School Board Meeting

6 August - Board nominations close

11th August - Yr 7 & 8 Tech Class

26th August - School Board Meeting

Ngā mihi nui,
Tai Miskell

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING AROUND WAIOTAHE THIS WEEK

Te Maunga had a visit from Kay at Bunnings Whakatane



Te Ngahere
Structured literacy lesson



Buddy reading in Te Uenuku



Its that time of the year again where you can start getting your animals for Agricultural day. Lambs, kids and calves can be picked after the birth date of the 10th of July



SCHOOL BOARD NOMINATIONS

Calling for School Board Nominations. Please get these in by noon on Wednesday the 6th of August.

If you would like more information or a nomination form please contact the office.

SAUSAGE SIZZLE FRIDAY'S
are back!!!

This is a year 8 end of year camp fundraiser. Sausages will be \$2.50 each and will be **CASH ONLY**



Waiotaha Valley School would like to welcome our new students.

Maia-Rose to Te Uenuku
Journey to Te Awa

Hockey Draw

Y7/8 - Friday
Team 1 - 5pm
Team 2 - 5pm
Team 3 - 4pm

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

Y1/2 - Saturday
11.15am