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Kia Kaha Trophy



Congratulations to Siri for receiving the Kia Kaha Trophy. You are a great learner who always tries your best and keeps going, even when things feel tricky. You are also a wonderful role model because you are kind, helpful, and show others how to make good choices every day
Ka rawe, Siri!

Upcoming Dates:

3rd March - Whanau Picnic 4:30pm-6pm

4th March - District Swimming

5th & 6th March - Te Ngahere & Te Uenuku Camp (Rm 1 & 2)

12th & 13th March - Te Maunga Noho Marae (Rm5)

17th - 19th March - Te Ngaru Camp - Manawahe Eco Trust (Rm3)

20th April - TEACHERS ONLY DAY

Kia ora e te whānau,

Our students and staff returned buzzing from Day 1 of their wānanga at Maromahue Marae. Each month, these students will spend a day learning about and caring for our awa. We are very grateful to be invited to take part in this opportunity alongside a small number of students from other kura in our area.

Our kaiako are working incredibly hard to deliver a balanced programme, combining strong academic learning with hands-on, meaningful experiences. If you have expertise you feel would benefit our students, please feel free to contact us – we would love members of our local community to share their knowledge and experiences with our tamariki.

Our senior classes have also spent a day learning about surf and beach safety at Ōpōtiki Surf Club. This session was run by two lifeguards from Mount Maunganui Surf Life Saving Club. Students learned the 10 rules for staying safe at the beach, as well as what to do if they are ever caught in a rip. We are fortunate to live close to the beach, and these are vital lessons for our tamariki.

I am looking forward to seeing those who are able to attend our whānau picnic next Tuesday afternoon. This will be a great opportunity to meet other parents, catch up with kaiako, and enjoy the pool and other school facilities together. On Thursday evening, Rooms 1 and 2 will also have the opportunity to connect during their school dinner, so some families may choose to attend this event instead.

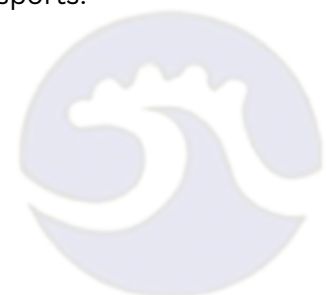
This week, all classes have been discussing the importance of good manners and using them both inside and outside the classroom. Waiotaha Valley School has a fantastic reputation for well-mannered students, and we continue to receive positive feedback from local high schools about how respectful, positive, and polite our former students are. Keep up the great work, everyone.

Our House Shield for 2026 has been hotly contested. Congratulations to Rongopopōia for winning the Shield this week, awarded for having the highest student participation at the local country school swimming sports.

Overall House Points:

- Uētupuke – 5
- Rongopopōia – 5
- Rangiparoro – 5
- Kāhuki – 5

Ngā mihi nui,
Tai Miskell



WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING AROUND WAIOTAHE THIS WEEK

Attendance award goes to Te Maunga



Writing from Te Maunga Wasp's

They are the predator of the caterpillar. The reason that our swan plant has no caterpillars is because of wasp's. They eat all the caterpillars...so they can't transform into chrysalis. Written by Hunter Shaw



Reminders

- *Bring togs and towel for lunch time swims
- *Swimming lessons on Wednesday for Rooms 1, 2 & 5
- *Bring water bottle and sun hat.
- *Please name ALL clothes
- *Sausage Sizzle Fridays \$2.50 each (Cash only)

