



WAIOTAHE VALLEY SCHOOL

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Key Competency:

Managing Self

Whakatauki:

E kore te matau e rawe ki te moana takai ai, engari ano a uta

It is not proper to prepare the hook at sea, rather it should be done on shore.

Kia Kaha Trophy



Congratulations to Sam for receiving the Kia kaha trophy last week. Sam earned this recognition for his outstanding efforts and achievements across all areas of learning in the class.

Kia ora e te whānau,

Firstly, on behalf of Waiotaha Valley School, I would like to pass on our deepest condolences to the Smith whānau during this difficult time. Our thoughts and aroha are with you.

We also acknowledge that tragedies like this can have a significant impact on other students who may have experienced challenging times themselves. If you feel your child could benefit from support at any stage, please do not hesitate to reach out to me. We are here to provide guidance and connect you with the right people who can offer further assistance.

With summer drawing to a close and the days getting shorter, it is time to close the pool. This weekend will be the last weekend the pool will be open during out-of-school hours. We have had a fantastic summer of swimming, and we are happy so many of you took the opportunity to get a key and enjoy the pool with your whānau. We will be asking for the return of all keys next week.

Today is our last swimming lesson with Mason from Swim School Whakatāne. These lessons, along with those from Learn to Swim School, have resulted in incredible improvements in water confidence and swimming skills. We are grateful to the Tu Manawa funding for supporting us in making this happen.

Last Friday, I was fortunate enough to take two teams of surfers from Years 5-8 to a Tag-Team Surf Festival in Ōhope. This was a fantastic day with perfect waves for the event. Teams of four had 20 minutes to paddle out, catch two waves, and then run in to tag their teammate to do the same. Our surfers performed exceptionally well and had a terrific time. Our Year 5 and 6 team made the finals and managed to secure 2nd place. Well done to you all!

We also had a team of Year 7/8s compete at Top School in Awakeri on Sunday. What a fantastic day it was. Our team worked well as a team and enjoyed the difficult challenges. Thank you to Whaea Emma for organising and managing the team as well as to all the whānau for their support.

Next Saturday is the highly anticipated Annual Gala - I look forward to seeing you all there.

Ngā mihi nui,
Tai Miskell

Upcoming Dates

2nd Apr - WHO Gala Meeting

5th April - Gala

11th Apr - Last day of Term 1

28th Apr - First day of Term 2

30th Apr - Te Ngaru Camp

5th May - Snr Technology

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING AROUND WAIOTAHE THIS WEEK



HANGI PRE-SALES \$15



You will get:
Hangi
Pudding

Only 100 presale tickets available so get in quick!!

Join us for a Traditional Hangi at our School Gala
Saturday 5th April
Text 027 521 0499 to reserve yours TODAY
Payments to be made to
Waiotaha School Board of Trustees
02-0388-0019305-001
Reference Name & Hangi

WE CARE || WE SHARE || WE DARE

For the last 3 weeks the Attendance Award has gone to Room 2 ! Awesome effort team



Gala Notices

If you have a sponsor that is wanting to give a cash donation. Please deposit the donation into the following account
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