



WAIOTAHE VALLEY SCHOOL

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Key Competency:

Participating and contributing

Whakataukī:

He waka eke noa

We are all in this together.

Kia Kaha Trophy



Congratulations to Jackson for winning the Kia Kaha Trophy last week. Jackson received the trophy for having a fantastic attitude to learning, improved behaviour and reaching all his end of year levels.

Ka rawe, Jackson!

Kia ora e te whānau,

At this week's board meeting, we discussed the changes to legislation around school boards and their requirements to give effect to Te Tiriti. The Waiotaha Valley School Board, and many people in our school community, feel strongly that these changes will have negative impacts on tamariki and schools around Aotearoa. We have written a letter to Education Minister Erica Stanford (attached) to share our disappointment and concerns about these changes. Thank you to our whānau for sharing their ideas with us. Our strategic plan, values and school policies will continue to demonstrate our commitment to Te Tiriti.

This week we had 14 athletes qualify for the EBOP athletics competition in Whakatāne. Twenty-four students from around the Eastern Bay attended this event. Our tamariki competed hard all day and came away with some fantastic results. Waiotaha Valley School came 8th out of 24 schools, an impressive effort for our kura! Many students received placings in their events:

Taylor 2nd long jump, 3rd 100m

Mekah 2nd high jump

Maggie 3rd long jump, 3rd 100m

Abi 1st long jump, 1st high jump, 2nd overall for 10-yr girl

McKenzie 1st high jump

Elodie 1st long jump

Maia 1st vortex

Karlos 3rd shot put

Taj 1st shot put, 2nd discus

Angel A 3rd high jump

This year, our school was fortunate to receive a donation from AFFCO New Zealand, made on behalf of AD Clark & KK Craig, Bristol Grove Dairy Ltd, and Sybton Farm Limited. We sincerely appreciate this contribution and thank all involved for their kindness and support. We would also like to thank Daniela and Gordon from McDonald's Whakatāne for their ongoing support of our kura. They support our hockey teams with Player of the Day Certificates and have just donated 60 footballs, some cones and two safety pads for goal posts.

Ngā mihi nui,

Tai Miskell

Upcoming Dates:

4th December - Year 8 Trip

8th December - Rm 3 Surf Day

9th December - Rm 4 Surf Day

11th December - Prizegiving

12th December - Last day of Term

4th February - First day of Term 1

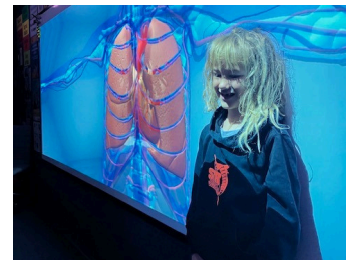
WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING AROUND WAIOTAHE THIS WEEK



A huge thank you to Hugh for creating this beautiful shield which will be presented as our House Shield



Life Education



Congratulations to Te Uenuku for winning the attendance award again last week.



Reminders

Sausage Sizzle Fridays are back - please be aware you are no longer able to pay for these through accounts, cash only please (\$2.50)

Swimming

Our school pool is open for lunchtime swimming. Please send togs and a towel each day with your child.

Summer

Please remember to send your child to school with a hat and water bottle