



WAIOTAHE VALLEY SCHOOL

KA POIPOIA || KA TOHA || KA MAIA

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Key Competency:

Using language, symbols and text

Whakatauki:

Ko taku reo taku ohooho, ko taku reo taku
mapihi mauria

My language is my awakening, my language is
the window to my soul

Kia Kaha Trophy



Congratulations to Taj for receiving the Kia Kaha Trophy. Taj won the trophy for having a great attitude to learning. He concentrates well and has made great progress in reading demonstrating that he is high school ready. We are also grateful for Taj looking after our school and keeping the rats away. Ka rawe, Taj!

Kia ora e te whānau,

We are now at the end of Week 7 in Term 3, and we look forward to catching up with all whānau and students at our interviews in Week 10.

A reminder to please return your voting forms for the School Board. These can be posted or dropped into our school office. Your participation is really important and helps shape the future direction of our kura. The closing date for returning these to the school office is Wednesday, 10 September.

Our netball teams had a fantastic day at the Ōpōtiki tournament last week. All teams made the semi-finals, with our Year 7 & 8 team narrowly missing out in a tough final against OPS. We are so proud of the wonderful behaviour and sportsmanship shown by all of our players. A huge thank you to our coaches and supporters for your encouragement throughout the day, and a special thanks to Whaea Jackie for the awesome job she has done organising netball this year.

Our hockey season has also wrapped up. Thank you to all of our parents who made the commitment to get your tamariki to Whakatāne each week for games. We are very grateful for the time and effort from our coaches—your tips, encouragement, and management of subs made a big difference. There will be a hockey break-up for all players at Whakatāne Pools this Friday. As our winter sports season comes to a close, we ask that all Waiotaha sports uniforms be returned to the office, washed and ready for collection, as soon as possible.

Looking Ahead

- Tuesday, 16 September – School finishes at 12:30pm. Whānau/teacher interviews from 1:00pm.
- Wednesday, 17 September – Normal school day, with additional interview times available from 2:50pm.
- Friday, 26 September – Last day of Term 3.

Ngā mihi nui
Tai Miskell

Upcoming Dates:

10th Sept - School Board
Election Day

16th Sept - Parent interviews from
1pm

19th Sept - Last day of Term 3

6th October - First day of Term 4

13th October - Teacher Only Day

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING AROUND WAIOTAHE THIS WEEK

Congratulations to Te Ngaru for winning the Attendance Trophy



Ruru visiting the wetlands



Te Awa buddy reading with Te Uenuku



Your Vote Counts!
Please return your voting form either by mail or by dropping it into the school office. All votes must be received by Wednesday, 10th September.

Sickness Reminder
If your child is unwell, please keep them at home to help minimise the spread of illness. In cases of vomiting or diarrhea, children should remain at home for 48 hours after symptoms have cleared, as per current health advice.

Agricultural Day Entry Form

Agricultural Day will be held on Wednesday the 8th of October. Goats and lambs must be born between 10th July and 20th September, calves need to be born between 10th July and 31st August. Please complete this form and return to the office if your child will be bringing a lamb, calf or kid

Childs Name _____

I am bringing a LAMB CALF KID

Animals Date of Birth _____