WAIOTAHE VALLEY SCHOOL

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Kia Kaha Trophy



Congratulations to Aroha for receiving the Kia Kaha trophy. Aroha has worked really hard to improve her attendance and this has helped her make huge progress in her learning. You have a fantastic attitude towards your learning. Ka rawe, Aroha!

Upcoming Dates:

9th November - Year 7 & 8 Tech Class

13th November - Athletics Day

18th November - District Athletics (Junior)

18th November - Keeping Ourselves Safe Programme

20th November - District Athletics (Senior)

1st December - Te Awa (Rm 4) Class Camp

10th December - Year 8 Camp

Prizegiving - 14th December

Last day of Term 4 - 15th December

First day of Term 1 2027 - 2nd February

Kia ora e te whānau,
We had a fun-filled day on Friday, with students making a range of different exhibits for Ag Day including sand saucers, flower arrangements, vegetable and fruit creations, as well as cake and biscuit decorations. Thank you to our judges and to our community for donating flowers.

To support our junior teachers and new entrants, we have employed Whaea Soraya for Term 4. Soraya will teach some of our youngest students who have started this term. Soraya has a fantastic skill set and great energy, which makes her perfect for this role. Thanks for a great start, Soraya!

Some students in Years 3–8 have begun their SMART assessments. These are new standardised assessments for Reading,Writing, and Maths, which will all be completed by the end of Week 5. Kaiako will use these results, alongside observations, examples of student mahi, and other class assessments, to make judgements about your child's progress within the New Zealand Curriculum.

Over the coming weeks, students will be practising their skills for the School Athletics Day. Results from this sports day will help teachers select a team to go through to either the junior athletics day or the senior athletics day. Athletics Day will be held on Friday, 13th November. We aim to begin at 10:00 am sharp and finish around 12:30 pm. The events on the day include sprints, long jump, vortex, high jump, discus, and shot put.

A big thank you to Kevin and Connor for spraying our prickles over the long weekend. Kevin has done this for our school at no cost. We really appreciate the work you and Connor put in—it makes our grass areas much more comfortable to walk on in bare feet!

This week, Room 4 students have moved into the library so the builders can focus on Room 4. I want to acknowledge Mr Cass and Te Awa for being so flexible and working so well with construction happening all around them.

Ngā mihi nui, Tai Miskell

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING AROUND WAIOTAHE THIS WEEK

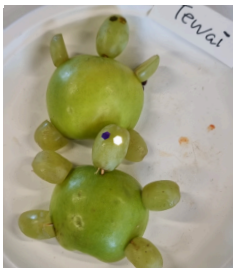
Well done to Te Awa for winning the Attendance Trophy last week!















Notices

Drink bottles – Please remember to pack a drink bottle every day.

Sun hat – We have random spot prizes each day for students who are consistently wearing hats at break times.

Dental Van – Unfortunately, the dental van will not be coming to our school this term. If your child needs an appointment, please call 0800 TALK TEETH to arrange this.







