



WAIOTAHE VALLEY SCHOOL

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Key Competency:

Relating to others

Whakatauki:

He mana to te tangata

We value people and their differences

Tēnā koutou katoa,

Welcome back to another fantastic year at Waiotaha Valley School! It's wonderful to see our tamariki returning with smiles on their faces and ready to dive into learning. A very warm welcome to our new students and their whānau – we're excited to have you join our kura and become part of our vibrant community. Thank you to those of you who were able to attend our mihi whakatau yesterday and to Wiki for supporting our kura.

We also would like to welcome Sarah Akroyd and Jayde Amrein to our teaching staff. Sarah will be working in Room 2, Te Uenuku Monday - Thursday and Jayde will be working in Room 2 on Fridays. We know you will have a fantastic year! A warm welcome also to Waka Smith who will be joining our teacher aide team and will be working on some exciting projects with our tamariki - focusing on art, local history and māra kai.

We have an action-packed term ahead, with plenty of opportunities for connection, learning, and fun. One of the highlights early on will be our Pool and Picnic Evening, a fantastic chance to meet other families, connect with staff, and enjoy the last of the summer together. This is scheduled for Tuesday 11th February from 5- 6:30pm. Bring along a picnic dinner for your family and enjoy connecting with staff and whanau.

Later in the term, we'll also hold interviews with whānau to discuss progress and goals, but in the meantime, our doors are always open. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to come and see us – we're here to help.

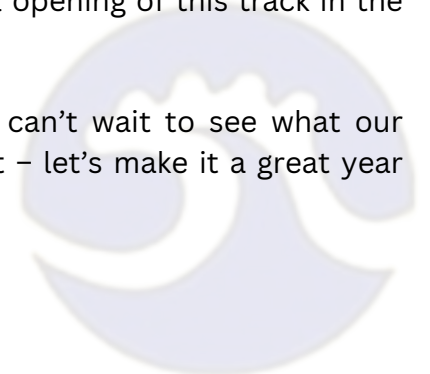
Our students and staff are excited about the Scooter and skateboard pumptrack being built at the moment on our top field. This project is thanks to many people from our community; the Waiotaha Helpers Organisation (WHO Group) have contributed \$15,000 from funds raised from events such as our school GALA. The Leeder's, have generously donated truckloads of much needed rock and fill, which has enabled us to reduce the cost significantly. Clint Beattie and his team have worked really hard to design and build a concrete track which is going to bring so much enjoyment to our tamariki. We will have an official opening of this track in the very near future!

We look forward to a positive and productive term ahead and can't wait to see what our tamariki achieve this year. Thank you for your continued support – let's make it a great year together!

Ngā manaakitanga,

Tai Miskell

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WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING AROUND WAIOTAHE THIS WEEK



School Lunch's

We have a new provider for lunches this year. Each day our students are provided with a lunch. Unfortunately, students will not be provided with snacks and fruit with their meal. Please make sure your child has some healthy snacks (fruit etc) in their bag to keep them going throughout the day. In previous years we were also able to provide fruit for our students on late buses, we will do our best where we can, but if your child is travelling on a late bus, please make sure they have something for after school too. **Please note, we will not be doing our Friday sausage sizzle until further notice.**

Attendance

At Waitotaha Valley School, we value attendance and encourage all our tamariki to be at school every day. Regular attendance is key to success, and we are working hard to lift student attendance to 90%. **If your child is going to be away, please contact the school office to let us know the reason.** We will follow up with families of students who are absent, and teachers will check in with whānau where attendance is inconsistent. For students attending less than 80%, I will be working alongside Attendance Services to support whānau in improving attendance. Together, we can ensure every child has the best opportunity to learn and succeed.

School Information

Our school Facebook page is a great source for school info, regarding upcoming events and photos from school activities. For those of you who prefer We also have Skool loop. Download the app and you will need to enter the password **caresharedare** to have access to our school information.

Upcoming Dates

6th Feb - Waitangi Day Public Holiday

11th Feb - Whānau pool and picnic evening.

13th Feb - EBOP Triathlon

19th Feb - Country Swimming Sports

24th Feb - Tech Class (Yr 7 & 8)

25th Feb - Te Awa class camp (Lions Hut)

27th Feb - Te Maunga class camp (Ohiwa Holiday Park)

4th Mar - Parent Interviews