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Kia ora e te whānau,

We have had a great week, with our students enjoying the opportunities to be active with their friends in this beautiful weather we have had. Well done to our AIMS Hockey team for completing their fun run to raise money for their tournament!

Kia Kaha Trophy



Congratulations to Tanekaha & Kōwhai for receiving the Kia Kaha Trophy. Tanekaha and Kōwhai are consistently hardworking and positive tauira/students who follow the school's motto to make Te Maunga a great place to learn

Next Friday, our Year 5 - 8 students will be supporting Coastcare with a dune planting day. Waiotahe Valley School has supported this planting project for many years. We will be asking for parents to help support us with transport to and from the surf club, so if you are available, please let your child's kaiako know.

Our Kapa Haka Rōpū continues to practice for the Delamere Cup which is being held on the last Friday of the term. This will be a very exciting day for our kura and whānau. We are currently working to confirm some dates for our upcoming practices at Maromahue Marae and a permission slip will be coming home as soon as these details are finalised.

I would also like to share our 'Engagement Norms' with you—the classroom habits our teachers use to keep every child actively involved and on track.

- **Mini-Whiteboards:** Students write answers on individual whiteboards and hold them up. This gives the teacher a real-time glance across the room to see who understands and who needs extra help.
- **Pair Shares:** Students partner up to talk through ideas before answering out loud. Speaking helps them process information, practice sentences, and build confidence with a buddy.
- **Non-Volunteers:** Relying only on hand-waving volunteers makes it hard to tell if everyone understands. Using a fair system like drawing named popsicle sticks ensures every student stays focused and gets an equal opportunity to participate.

What this means for whānau: These small shifts mean no one can "hide" at the back of the room! Your child might mention using whiteboards or waiting for their "stick" to be pulled. It's all about making sure every child is seen, heard, and supported every single day.

Ngā mihi nui, Tai Miskell

Upcoming Dates:

7th August - Rms 3 & 4 Dune Planting

11th August - Opotiki Fire Brigade School Visit

31st August - Yr 7 & 8 Technology Class

7th September - AIMS Games (Hockey Team)

15th & 16th August - Parent Interviews

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING AROUND WAIOTAHE THIS WEEK

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



Our Hockey AIMS team after completing their 6km fun run



Rooms 2 and 4 buddy reading



Congratulations to our netball Players of the Day



WHAKATANE
SAVE THE DATE!
• JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM •
YEAR 5 & 6 & YEAR 7 & 8 GROUPINGS

 MUSTER / RUN AROUND NEXT SUNDAY 2ND AUGUST 12PM	 5-7 TRAININGS	 TOURNAMENT
YEAR 5 & 6 TOURNAMENT 12 / 13 SEPTEMBER COST \$100	YEAR 7 & 8 TOURNAMENT 1 / 2 OCTOBER COST \$120	

➤ MORE INFO TO FOLLOW! ➤

Agricultural Day Entry Form

Our Agricultural Day will take place at the beginning of Term 4. If your child is bringing an animal, please note the required birth date windows below:

- Lambs & Goats (kids): Born between 10 July and 20 September
- Calves: Born between 10 July and 31 August

Please complete this form and return it to the office if your child will be bringing a lamb, calf, or kid.

Childs Name _____

I am bringing a LAMB CALF KID (circle one)

Animals Date of Birth _____