



WAIOTAHE VALLEY SCHOOL

KA POIPOIA || KA TOHA || KA MAIA

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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 Tiggy for receiving the Kia Kaha Trophy last week. Tiggy received the trophy for consistently demonstrating our school values of Care, Share and Dare.

Ka rawe, Tiggy!

Kia ora e te whānau,

Today our Year 8s have headed off to camp at Blue Lake in Rotorua. This will be a fun way to celebrate the end of their time at Waiotaha Valley School. Next week there are more exciting events, with our School Prizegiving being held at the Waiotaha Settlers Hall on Thursday from 12:30pm. Our kapa haka will be performing, class prizes for students consistently demonstrating our values and our top awards for our seniors will be presented. We look forward to seeing any whānau that can make it. There are also two surf trips, a pool party, as well as a junior picnic happening next week. Thank you to our whānau and helpers for your support for these events.

There are a lot of building works being completed over the summer. These will be starting as soon as school finishes. For health and safety reasons there will be fencing up all around school. I have asked that they allow access for our community to enjoy the school pool. Over the summer break we ask that you enter the school through the paddock and gate beside our trampoline. Please be aware there will also be no toilet available for use, as it will be fenced off.

Last Friday we were able to present our ICAS students with their certificates. These optional assessments gave our ākonga the opportunity to test their knowledge in English and Maths. Well done to the 13 students who took on the challenge. Peyton and Eli both received Merits for English. Elena received a Credit for English and a Merit in Mathematics. These are fantastic achievements – ka rawe!

A special thank you to Caroline Reddish and her St Cuthbert's students for their mahi in our school wetlands. We really appreciate your help and value the fantastic relationship we have with you and your team.

This week we have been successful in a grant application and have been awarded \$30,000 from the Lion's Foundation to put towards a multi-purpose astro turf for our school. Hopefully this will be installed before winter in 2026!

Ngā mihi nui,
Tai Miskell

Upcoming Dates:

8th December - Rm 3 Surf Day

9th December - Rooms 1 & 2 Junior Picnic

9th December - Rm 4 Surf Day

11th December - Prizegiving

12th December - Last day of Term

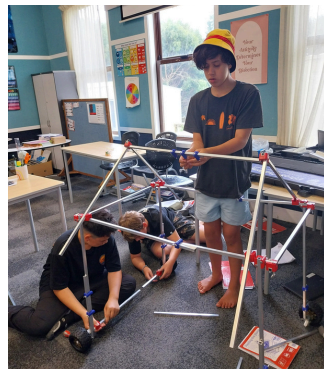
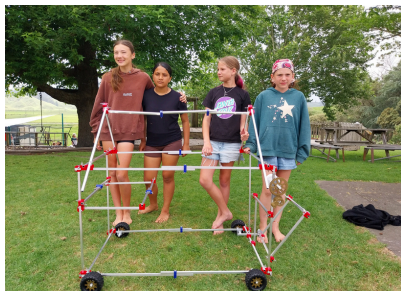
4th February - First day of Term 1

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING AROUND WAIOTAHE THIS WEEK

ICAS students received their certificates



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Happy Birthday



Congratulations to Te Awa for winning the attendance award last week.



Reminders

Junior Picnic

Rooms 1 & 2 will be having their end of year celebration. This will be held at the Opotiki Skatepark and playground. We will leave school at 10am and return at 1pm.

Please bring:

- Shared kai
- Scooters
- Sun hat and water bottle

Senior Surf Days

Rooms 3 and 4 will be attending a surf day at Westend in Ohope. (Room 3 Monday 8/12/25 and Room 4 Tuesday 9/12/25)

Please ensure to bring:

- Togs and Towel
- Warm Clothes
- Sun Hat
- Lunch and Drink Bottle

Te Maunga Fun Day

On Tuesday the 9th of December we will be having a wheel's morning, pool party and shared lunch. Please bring the following

- You can bring along bikes, scooters, skateboards, roller blades or roller skates
- Protective gear
- Shared Lunch

Students can wear their PJ's to school and bring their favourite soft toy

Prizegiving

Prizegiving will be held at the Waitaha Settlers Hall, starting at 12.30pm and finishing at 2pm.

Pool Key Holders

If you have not yet signed a Conditions of Use agreement, please contact the office and we will get an agreement to you. Over the holidays access to the school pool will be through paddock next to the trampoline.