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Kia Kaha Trophy



Congratulations to Lillian for receiving the Kia Kaha trophy. Lillian has a great attitude to school and learning, especially in writing. She is demonstrating that she is a true leader and is getting herself ready for high school in every way.

Ka rawe, Lillian!

Upcoming Dates:

5th & 6th March - Te Ngahere & Te Uenuku Camp (Rm 1 & 2)

12th & 13th March - Te Maunga Noho Marae (Rm5)

17th - 19th March - Te Ngaru Camp - Manawahe Eco Trust (Rm3)

25th & 26th March - Parent Goal Setting Interviews

20th April - TEACHERS ONLY DAY

Kia ora e te whānau,

This morning our Room 1 and 2 students are gearing up to visit and learn about some of our local sites of significance. Their first stop will be Maromahue Marae, before travelling further down the valley to see Pukunui-a-raho and enjoy a swim in the Waiotaha Awa. Students from Room 1 will also be camping overnight on our top field; always a fun experience! Tomorrow, the group will head to Hukutaia Domain to enjoy a bush walk.

Yesterday, we took a small but enthusiastic team to compete in the District Swimming Sports. The team performed exceptionally well, with nearly all of our competitors reaching finals. Several students have qualified for the next stage of competition – the EBOP Interschool Championships, held in Whakatāne. Results:

- Lenke – 2nd Breaststroke
- Abel – 1st Breaststroke
- Avie – 2nd (3 lengths Freestyle), 1st Breaststroke, 3rd Overall 10-Year-Old Girl
- Taylor – 1st (3 lengths Freestyle), 2nd Backstroke, 2nd Breaststroke, 1st (1 length Freestyle), 1st Overall 9-Year-Old Girl

Well done also to Zoe, Violet, and Jackson for representing our school with pride.

I would like to thank the families who were able to attend our whānau picnic on Tuesday evening. It was fantastic to catch up with parents and meet some younger siblings who will be joining Waiotaha Valley School later in the year. Students and parents alike enjoyed the pool, flying fox, pump track, and a game of pickleball. We will be holding more formal catch-ups with your child's kaiako for goal-setting interviews on 25th and 26th March.

We have received a few queries regarding dates for our School Gala. Unfortunately, this year the school and WHO group are finding it difficult to secure the support needed to run the gala in 2026. We will endeavour to bring this much-loved community event back in 2027. If you are willing to be part of the WHO group and help organise fundraising and community events for our school, please let Janelle in the office know. We are hoping to host some community Matariki events before the end of Term 2.

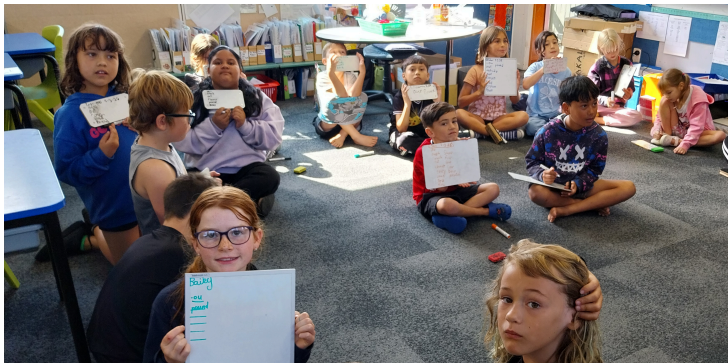
This week, our school focus is on looking after our environment – ensuring we care for our school grounds by cleaning up after ourselves and taking pride in keeping our kura tidy.

Ngā mihi nui,
Tai Miskell



WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING AROUND WAIOTAHE THIS WEEK

Attendance award goes to Te Maunga



Let's give back to Mr. Cass.

Many of you will know Mr Cass through Waioatahe Valley School. George is a valued teacher and hockey coach. George has had to take extended leave in order to provide constant support for Te Manawa as he goes through a period of long and challenging treatment. If you are able to donate, please visit givealittle.co.nz/cause/giving-back-to-mr-cass

