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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 Ngapoti, this week's recipient of the Kia Kaha Trophy! Ngapoti consistently models our school values of Care, Share, Dare. She has an excellent attitude, gives her best effort, participates fully, and continues to make fantastic progress.
Ka rawe, Ngapoti!

Kia ora e te whānau,

It has been great to enjoy a settled week at school, without the challenges that heavy rain and flooding bring to our community. Unfortunately, we have had some nasty illness circulating throughout the school. Doctors have recommended that students stay away from school for 48 hours after recovering from a tummy bug. This precaution ensures they are not spreading illness to staff and other students.

Yesterday marked the final Wednesday netball game for the year. I'd like to thank all of the coaches for your time and for ensuring our tamariki had the opportunity to participate in netball. A special thank you to Whaea Jackie, our school's netball coordinator – you've done a fantastic job!

A huge congratulations to our Year 7 & 8 team, who received the Sportsmanship Award. Whaea Jackie also received the Referee Award for Year 5 & 6 – ka pai!

Our School Board Chair, Liz, entered Waiotaha Valley School into a competition with ANZ, and we've won a large box of sports gear, including balls, new bibs, and marker spots. Thank you, Liz – our teams will be ready to hit the court running in 2026!

Next week, 13 students from across the school will be completing the ICAS English exam. These international assessments provide a great opportunity for our students to challenge themselves and do their best. The same students have also opted to sit the Mathematics assessment, which will take place in just over a week's time.

Attached to this newsletter is some information from Sport Bay of Plenty. They have asked students across the region to complete an online survey. We will complete this survey at school. You do not need to take any action; however, if you choose not to have your child participate, or if you have any questions, please contact the office.

Finally, yesterday was the last day for School Board nominations. The next step in the process is voting. Voting papers will be sent out early next week. Please complete your voting form and return it to the school office. See the next page for the list of nominations.

Upcoming Dates:

11th August - Yr 7 & 8 Tech Class

13th August - School Board voting papers issued.

15th August - ICAS English

25th August - ICAS Math

22nd August - Netball Tournament

26th August - School Board Meeting

10th September - School Board Election Day

Ngā mihi nui,
Tai Miskell

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING AROUND WAIOTAHE THIS WEEK

Float my boat with Te Ngahere

This boat held 22 washers before it sank. The winning boat held 40



Thanks ANZ



Students from our drama club have travelled to Tauranga today to watch Te Tangi a te Tui - a powerful live performance held at Baycourt

Congratulations to Te Awa for winning the Attendance Trophy



The Year 7 and 8 netball team were presented with the Senior Sportsmanship Award at Prizegiving yesterday. Well done team!!!



SCHOOL BOARD NOMINATIONS

School Board Nominations – Now Closed

Nominations for our Waioatahe Valley School Board have now closed. We're pleased to announce the following candidates:

- Sharon Craig
- Eria Collier
- Lisa Reeve
- Courtney Andrews
- Elizabeth Leeder
- Christopher Anstis

Voting papers will be posted to eligible voters during the week of 11th August 2025.

Head Lice Notice

We have had an outbreak of head lice at school. Please continue to check your child's hair regularly for any signs of these little critters.

Free treatment and combs are available at school, thanks to the support of KidsCan. If you would like treatment sent home, please contact the office or your child's teacher.

Hockey Draw

Y7/8 - Friday
Team 1 - 4pm
Team 2 - 6pm
Team 3 - 5pm

Y5/6 - Saturday
Weka 1 - 1pm
Weka 2 - 2pm

Y1/2 - Saturday
10:30am