



# WAIOTAHE VALLEY SCHOOL

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## School Trophy



Congratulations Jaylah for receiving the school the trophy. You are always exhibiting our school values of share, care and dare.

## Upcoming Dates

**16th May** - Rooms 1 & 2 day trip

**17th May** - Rippa Rugby  
Tournament

**20th May** - WHO meeting @  
2.45pm

**24th May** - Cross Country

**29th May** - Board Meeting

**31th May** - Teacher only Day

**3rd June** - King's Birthday

**5th June** - District Cross  
Country

Tēnā Koutou,

This week we welcome back Liah Swann to Waiotaha Valley School. Liah will be teaching Te Reo Māori to all classes, for 45 mins each week. The staff and students are excited for these lessons and to have Liah back regularly in our kura.

The weather has been beautiful, but it is much cooler, so please ensure the kids have warm clothes for school. It makes life a lot easier to home lost items if these are named too, please.

Our winter sports are under-way and it was great to see so many students and Waiotaha supporters at the Whakatane Hockey turf last week. A big thank you to JP & DL Reeve Partnership for sponsoring some new socks for our hockey players. Our netball teams are also enjoying their first games.

A reminder that we still collect Yummy fruit stickers; we send these in at the end of the year in exchange for sports gear for our students. We have blank sheets in the office to stick them on. We appreciate your support with this.

Next week, on Thursday 16th Rooms 1 and 2 will be going on a day trip to Ōpōtiki library and museum; this relates to their inquiry topic 'Then and Now'. The other 3 classes will be involved in a Rippa Tournament on Friday the 17th at Memorial Park. We would love to see you there to support us, if you are free.

Ngā mihi  
Tai Miskell

**He aha te mea nui o te ao?**

**He tāngata! He tāngata! He tāngata!**

What is the most important thing in the  
world?

It is people! It is people! It is people!

WE CARE || WE SHARE || WE DARE

## WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING AROUND WAIOTAHE THIS WEEK

**Te Ngahere** are sampling the new snack from Pita Pit. These are a beetroot crisps



**Te Awa** having fun while working hard



### Hockey

Well done to all the players, you all played great games. Thank you to everyone that came all to support our players.

**Congratulations to our players of the day!**

**Year 7 & 8**

Weka 1 - Te Manawa

Weka 2 - Maia

**Year 5 & 6**

Weka 1 - Remko

Weka 2 - Jackson

### My Lone Fishing Trip

Fishing on the weekend, at the Ohiwa Boat Ramp. Dad and I went into town to get bait and a few other things for the house. We arrived at the boat ramp and set up our rods. Dad quickly shot off home to drop the groceries to mum, I got to stay behind with our fishing set up. It wasn't long until my rod started to get bites. I sprang into action and picked up the rod to reel it in. It was pretty difficult to reel in and once I could see it's silvery orange coloring, I figured out it was a snapper. It was more than 30 centimeters long so I snagged me a good one and threw it in the fish bucket. I baited my line up with squid this time and cast my line out. As I threw it I saw two bits of squid flying off in the opposite direction. Dammit it, I thought to myself and began reeling it in again to bait up. Dad was still at home when I was casting my third line. I looked to my left and saw some other fishermen reeling in a giant trevali and I was jealous. I wanted one too. I sat impatiently waiting for my giant trevali but needed to go to the toilet. Good thing I'd set up just beside the toilets and shot off quickly hoping nothing started to bite whilst I was in the toilet.

While I was in there I heard voices and I quickly ran out and saw the other people reel in their second fish. I sat on my chair feeling frustrated. Suddenly "ZZZZZT" my rod was on. I excitedly jumped out of my chair and began reeling in my catch. It didn't put up much of a fight but at least I had me a fish. "Dammit!" I shouted to myself. I couldn't feel the fish anymore and my line went loose. I kept winding it in and to my surprise I had caught a little herring. I felt stoked with myself. "Beep Beep" I heard a car. Dad had arrived to pick me up. I packed away my things and got in the car to tell Dad all about my day of fishing.  
By Te Mauri

### Netball

We would like say a big thank you to our coaches Liz, Courtney/Geraldine, Jackie and Jayde and the parents/whanau who go along and support our players.

**Congratulations to the following players for receiving Player of the Day!**

Year 7 & 8 - Memory

Year 5 & 6 - Maggie

Year 3 & 4 - Thea

Year 1 & 2 - Poppy & Cassandra