



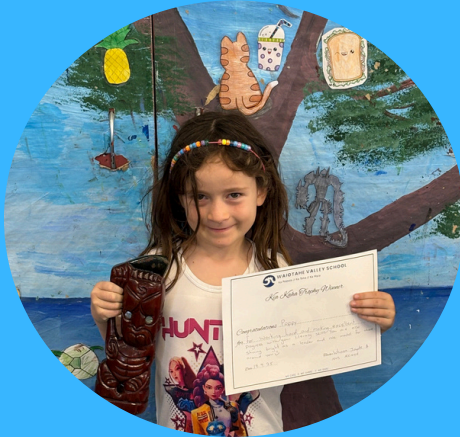
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Kia Kaha Trophy



Congratulations to Poppy for winning the Kia Kaha trophy for the last week of Term 3.

Poppy received the trophy for being a fantastic rolemodel for other learners. Poppy always tries her best with her mahi and is kind and caring to everybody.
Ka rawe, Poppy!

Upcoming Dates:

13th October - Teacher Only Day
school closed

16th October - Group Day/school Ag Day

23rd October - Teachers Strike - school closed

27th October - Labour Day

6th November - Production

10th November - Yr 7 & 8 Technology

12th December - Last day of Term

Key Competency:

Relating to others

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!

Kia ora e te whānau,

I hope you all had a fantastic two weeks with friends and whānau. Term 4 has started very well, with our students returning full of smiles and positive learning attitudes.

Next Monday, 13 October, is a Teacher Only Day. Staff will be attending professional development at Nukuhou North School focused on mathematics and the refreshed curriculum. We apologise for any disruption this may cause.

On Thursday, 16 October, is Group Day. All students who have entered will take their animals to Woodlands School to compete. Students who remain at school will take part in our own Ag Day activities. Please refer to the class notice for details about what your child will be involved in. Parents are warmly invited to come and see the fantastic creations our students have made.

The teachers' union NZEI has called strike action for Thursday, 23 October. This means our school will be closed for instruction on that day. We are hopeful that negotiations will be successful before then and the strike can be avoided.

The major event of the term is our School Production, which will be held in the De Luxe Theatre in Opotiki on Thursday 6th November. There will be a matinee at 12pm-1:30pm as well as an evening show from 6pm-7:30pm. Staff and students are working hard on their performances, and we can't wait to share this with our community – it's going to be a must-see show!

Congratulations to Room 1 for winning Term 3's Attendance Award. They have chosen to spend a day at Whakatane Aquatic Centre for their reward.

Finally, we are very pleased to welcome back Racheal Andrews, who will be working two days a week at Waiotaha Valley School, this term. Racheal will be supporting senior students in maths and reading through small group sessions.

Ngā mihi nui,
Tai Miskell

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING AROUND WAIOTAHE THIS WEEK

Congratulations to Te Ngahere Room 1 for receiving the attendance award for Term 3!



School closed:

Monday 13th October (TOD)

Thursday 23rd October (Strike)

Ag Day and Group Day 2025

Group Day:

Registrations will begin at Woodlands at 9:30 am. Judging will commence at 10:30am. School groups will be judged, and these scores will be used for Group Day placings. Good luck, everyone!

School Ag Day Activities:

Rooms 1 and 2: Please read the notice attached to this newsletter.

Rooms 3, 4 and 5:

Children can choose from the following activities; some activities are limited to specific classes. We ask that all projects are the work of the children.

Activities done at school on the day:

All room 5 students will be creating a **Sand Saucer**: If parents can provide flowers, our teachers will assist with making the sand saucers at school.

Activities to do at home and bring on the day: (Choose one or two)

Please make sure all containers, vases, plates etc. are labelled on the underside judging will start at 9.45am. Exhibits are not to be removed before 11.30am unless prior arrangements have been made.

Miniature Garden: Use a meat dish, pie dish or similar container. Gather a selection of flowers, lichen, moss, twigs, shells, rice, sand etc. to recreate a scene (farm, beach, city, space etc.) (Rooms 3, 4 & 5)

Novelty Arrangement: Flower arrangement in a novelty container eg old boot, tin etc. (Rooms 3, 4 & 5)

Decorating Biscuits: Decorate large biscuits. Use a plain biscuit, either bought or made, then decorate with icing and extras. (Rooms 3, 4 & 5)

Decorate a Cake: Let your imagination run wild, you can use a bought or homemade cake. Rooms 3, 4 & 5

Muffins: Make a batch of muffins/slice/brownie (Rooms 3, 4, & 5)

Recycled Creation: (Room 4) Make a creation using recycled materials e.g. jewellery, flowers, robot, animal.

Vegetable Creation: make an animal using vegetables and fruit. (Rooms 3, 4 & 5)

Whānau are welcome to come and view all of our student creations between 10:30am-11:30am.