



# WAIOTAHE VALLEY SCHOOL

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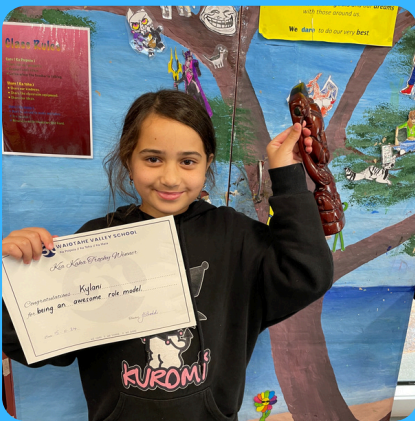
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## Key Competency:

### Thinking

Whaia te matauranga hei oranga mo koutou  
Seek after learning for the sake of your  
wellbeing

## Kia Kaha Trophy



Congratulations to Kylani for receiving the school trophy. You are an awesome class member who shares and cares for her mahi and her friends. Well done

Tēnā Koutou,

It's hard to believe we're already in Week 6 of Term 4! This term is flying by, and we've had another busy and exciting week at Waiotaha Valley School.

Congratulations to our students who competed at the Ōpōtiki Primary School Junior District Athletics this week. Our tamariki gave it their all, showing resilience and sportsmanship throughout the day. A big thank you to the whānau who came to support – your encouragement made a huge difference!

Tomorrow, it's the seniors' turn to represent Waiotaha Valley School at the Senior District Athletics. We know they've been training hard and will make us proud. Best of luck to all the competitors – we're cheering you on!

Next Monday, our Year 8 students will head to Rotorua's Blue Lake Top 10 Holiday Park for an overnight camp. This is a special opportunity for our senior students to bond, reflect on their time at Waiotaha, and enjoy some exciting activities together. Thank you to the staff and parents helping to make this camp possible.

Olympic Parade – Tuesday 26th November

Next Tuesday, the Eastern Bay of Plenty will be celebrating its athletes with an Olympic Parade at Rex Morpeth Park from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. Our students have the exciting opportunity to be part of the parade! If your child would like to participate, they will need to arrive at the park by 12:30 p.m. Please note that this is an optional event, and parents will need to transport their children to and from the venue. We hope to see many of our tamariki there to celebrate our local athletes!

Next week, we will begin issuing pool keys for the summer swim season. If you would like a key, there is a \$10 cash deposit, which will be refunded at the end of the season. You'll also need to fill out a form regarding pool supervision and usage. If you still have a key from last year, please let us know and complete a new form so we can keep an up-to-date record. We're looking forward to seeing our whānau enjoy the pool over the warmer months.

Thank you for your continued support and involvement in our school community. Your participation and encouragement help create an environment where our ākonga can thrive.

Ngā mihi  
Tai Miskell

## Upcoming Dates

22nd Nov - Snr District Athletics

25th Nov - Year 8 Trip

26th - Olympic parade (Whakatane)

27th Nov - Board Meeting

12th Dec - Junior school picnic

16th Dec - School prizegiving

17th Dec - Last day of Term 4

28th Jan - Teacher Only Day - New Enrolments 10am - 12 noon

29th Jan - First Day of Term 1 2025

WE CARE || WE SHARE || WE DARE

# WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING AROUND WAIOTAHE THIS WEEK

Pool keys are available for summer swimming



Congratulations to Te Maunga for receiving the Attendance awards last week.



## Syndicate Sports

### Olympic Parade

Some of our hockey and netball players will be taking part in the parade on Tuesday. If you would like your child to be part of the parade, please contact the office for more details.



### Haiku's from Te Ngaru

#### **The swim by Maia**

I went for a swim  
Children screamed very loudly  
The pool was very cold.

#### **The beach by Wairua**

Shimmery water  
Gleaming golden sand warming  
Kids are playing tag.

#### **The beach by Angel A**

The sand was shining  
I went swimming at the beach  
The waves were massive.

### Imaginative writing from Te Uenuku

Bang! What was that big noise?  
It was an asteroid falling and pushing the earth into the sun to melt. **By Noah**

Bang! What was that noise?  
It was a tree from the sky. **By Tipene**

Bang! What was that noise?  
It was Santa's sleigh crashing onto the road. **By Indie**

### Instructional writing from Te Maunga

#### **How to pluck a possum by Logan**

##### **Materials**

- Hands
- Fingers
- A bag
- A possum

##### **Method**

- 1** Hold the possum by the tail
- 2** Pick the fur
- 3** Put the fur in the bag