



WAIOTAHE VALLEY SCHOOL

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Key Competency:

He aha te mea nui o te ao?

What is the most important thing in the world?

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

Kia Kaha Trophy



Congratulations to Indie for winning the trophy last week! You always have a positive, happy attitude towards all of your learning and school life.

Tēnā Koutou,

What a busy and exciting time of the year it is. This Friday is a Teacher only day; where our staff will be developing our understanding on the Curriculum Refresh which will be implemented from 2025. It will mean students get a long weekend with Labour Day on Monday 28th October.

Our ākonga have been enjoying the updated climbing wall, which was completed by Kevin Crawshaw, with money fundraised from the WHO group. Thank you all for your mahi - it looks fantastic.

Today, we have two students representing our school at Group Day being held at Woodlands. Rocky Petersen will be taking along his lamb and Jackson Tregoweth will be taking his calf. All the best boys!

We have started filling up the pool for swimming. Students can bring togs and towel for voluntary swimming at lunchtimes. Rooms 1 and 2 will have swimming lessons on Monday and Tuesdays for 6 weeks with instructors from Whakatane. Rooms 3, 4 and 5 Will have their lessons on Tuesdays and Thursdays starting Tuesday 5th November.

We are all very excited about the school Disco happening Friday 1st November at the Waiotaha Hall. Cost is a can donation which be given to a local Food Bank. Our students will receive a goodie bag, sausage sizzle and a can of fizzy. There will also be prizes for best dressed. We will also have free of charge Facepainting and nail stickers. Only Waiotaha Valley School students to attend, please.

As a staff, we have been working on a plan for Māori learners Success. We would love some whanau feedback; if you are interested in reading through our draft, please message the office and we will supply your child with a copy, and you can write any ideas on it and give it back to the office.

Our year 8 students have worked hard all year fundraising for their end of year trip, and the time has come that they are getting ready to spend the hard-earned money. If you have outstanding sausage sizzle payments on your child's account, can you please get these payments up to date as soon as possible.

The days are getting hotter fast, **please make sure your child brings a hat and water bottle every day.**

Ngā mihi
Tai Miskell

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Upcoming Dates

25th Oct - Teacher Only Day

28th Oct - Labour Day

30th Oct - Board Meeting

1st Nov - Disco

4th Nov - Tech (Yr 7 & 8)

6th Nov - WHO meeting - Gala prep

8th Nov - Marae Visit

11 Nov - Dental Van

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING AROUND WAIOTAHE THIS WEEK

Our climbing wall got a revamp over the holidays.



Te Awa & Te Uenuku have been enjoying buddy reading.



On Friday some of our students attended planting at Maromahue Marae, we were able to help plant 700 rakau plants.



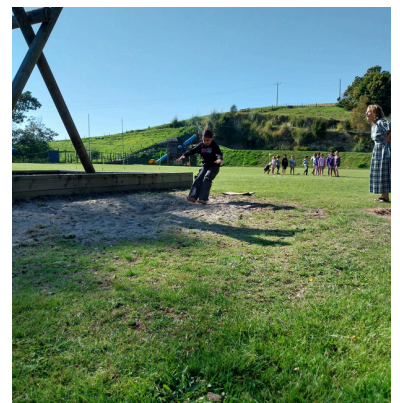
Harold the Giraffe is visiting this week



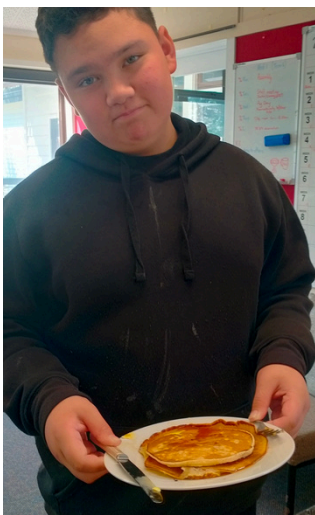
Te Uenuku have chicken eggs in an incubator, we are hoping for some chickens before the end of the term



Practice is underway for athletics



Karlos enjoyed making pancakes with Whaea Ashleigh



Thanks to the Eastern Bay Community Foundation we were able to purchase new cushions and local history books for our library.

