



WAIOTAHE VALLEY SCHOOL

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Key Competency:

Thinking

Whakatauki:

Whāia te mātauranga hei oranga mō koutou
Seek after learning for the sake of your wellbeing

Kia Kaha Trophy



Congratulations to Jade for receiving the Kia kaha trophy last week. Jade embodies our values of care, share, and dare. Her kindness, helpfulness, and bravery inspire her classmates.

Well done, Jade!

Kia ora e te whānau,

Last Friday, our Year 7 and 8 students had an exciting visit to the solar farm on Waiotaha Valley Road. They were taken on a bus tour with expert commentary, learning about how solar panels generate power and contribute to sustainable energy solutions. It was an engaging and informative experience, and the students thoroughly enjoyed it. A huge thank you to Lodestone for not only hosting us but also generously donating solar-powered car kits to our school! Our students had a fantastic time in the afternoon assembling their vehicles and are eager to test them out tomorrow—fingers crossed for some sunshine!

At Waiotaha Valley School, we are committed to using the rich local expertise and businesses around us to create real-life learning experiences for our tamariki. This visit was a perfect example of how hands-on learning can spark curiosity and deepen understanding.

A big thank you also to all the whānau who attended our goal-setting interviews on Tuesday. These conversations are such an important part of ensuring our ākonga have clear goals and support in their learning journey. If you weren't able to make it, it's not too late! Our kaiako are more than happy to arrange another time for you to come in or, if more convenient, they can give you a call. Please reach out to your child's teacher to make arrangements.

Yesterday, 24 of our students proudly represented Waiotaha Valley School at the District Swimming Sports. Despite the chilly wind, they gave it their all, demonstrating fantastic perseverance and sportsmanship. A special congratulations to Lillian and Cormac for finishing first in their respective age groups—an outstanding achievement! The following students have qualified for EBOP swimming sports in Whakatane. Taylor, Milayah-Lee, Lillian, Eli, Charlotte, Levi, Marley, Taj and Cormac.

We are incredibly proud of all our swimmers.

Ngā mihi nui,
Tai Miskell

Upcoming Dates

7th Mar - Sea Week Trip (Rooms 1 & 2)

10th Mar - Technology (Room 3)

12th Mar - WHO Gala Meeting 2.45

13th Mar - EBOP Swimming Sports

13th Mar - Junior Camp (Rooms 1 & 2)

25 Mar - School Board Meeting 5.30pm

27th Mar - Fun4 U Day (Rooms 1 & 2)

5th April - Gala

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING AROUND WAIOTAHE THIS WEEK



Thank you

We extend our gratitude to all the families who supported our Te Awa and Te Maunga students during their camps last week. Your involvement made a significant difference.

District Soccer Day

On the 4th of April there is a soccer tournament being held in Opotiki. Do we have anyone that would be interested in managing a team? If so please let Mr Tai or Mr Cass know.

Gala Helps Needed

We are still looking for the following stall helpers on our gala day.

BBQ x 4

Bouncy Castle x 4

Quickfire Batons x 3

Hangi Ticket Sales x 2

Stuffing Prep x 1

Set up x 4

Clean up x 5

Nail painting x 1

Please let the office know if you can help.

