



# Waikaretu School

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**Newsletter Week 8 Term 4    29<sup>th</sup> November 2023    Roll: 34 students**

Kia ora koutou,

Welcome to Week 8 of Term 4. Big shoutout to our Year 4 to 8 students who rocked it at the cluster athletics event – impressive stuff!

Our year 1-3 students are up for the Junior games this Friday – go team! Also, mark your calendars for December 14<sup>th</sup>; that's when we'll be premiering the school movie at our Prize Giving Evening. It's a work in progress, and we're excited to work towards sharing the final cut.

Our students have been writing entertaining stories and we have a few in this newsletter for you to read along with photos of recent events.

On a practical note, reports will be heading home on Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup>. If you'd like to chat about your child's report, don't hesitate to get in touch. We're here for you.

Speaking of communication, a few bugs are going around – both staff and students are feeling under the weather. If your child is out sick, give us a heads-up.

Thanks for staying in the loop. Let's wrap up the term on a strong note!

Ngaa mihi nui  
Justine Brock  
Principal

*Happy Birthday Mason who turns 6 today, the 29<sup>th</sup> of November*



PLEASE BRING A NAMED WATER BOTTLE AND YOUR OWN SPOON TO SCHOOL.



**Every Friday we will heat up any food the children bring (Pie, sausage rolls, toasted sandwich etc) for lunch in the pie warmer. Please let them know to give their wrapped (not clingfilm), named food to a teacher in the morning.**

## NEWSLETTER LIST UPDATES



Do you want to be added to, deleted from or have your details updated for our delivered (via rural delivery) or emailed fortnightly newsletter? Perhaps you know someone new to the area who might like to receive a copy?  
Please e-mail : [admin@waikaretu.school.nz](mailto:admin@waikaretu.school.nz)

### Newsletter Dates Term 4

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October, Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November, Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November, Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November, Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December

### Important Dates

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December Year 1-3 Cluster Junior Sports @ Ruawaro School

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December Waikaretu School Prize Giving @ 5pm

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December Last Day Term 4

Wednesday 31 January First Day Term 1 2024

Te Ara Huarau is the evaluation approach that the Education Review Office (ERO) is using in our school. This a developmental approach to evaluation where ERO and our schoolwork together over time rather than one off reviews that happened previously. Te Ara Huarau is used in most English-medium state and state-integrated schools.

ERO maintains a regular review programme to evaluate and report on the education and care of young people in the schools. Our school worked alongside ERO to write our Profile Report. This type of report will only happen once as part of our initial engagement with Te Ara Huarau. The profile report reflects our strategic goals and a shared evaluation focus one or more areas that are important to us as we work together to improve outcomes for all our learners. ERO, like us, have a strong focus on equity and excellence. Future reporting will show our progress and achievement towards meeting the goals we have set. Public reports like the Profile Report are published on [ERO's website](#).

A Board Assurance Report that shows how we are meeting regulatory and legislative Requirements has also been published.

## Community Notices

Play Group @ Waikaretu School Library All pre-schoolers welcome!  
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Hore: 021 1137770 [cathhore@hotmail.com](mailto:cathhore@hotmail.com)

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## Garden To Table

Our school is looking for a volunteer who either is experienced or wants to learn about growing vegetables and using these to prepare food.

Every Tuesday afternoon from 1.30pm to 3pm our Year 6 to 8 students learn about food technology by growing their own vegetables and using these ingredients to create delicious meals.

If you would like to share your knowledge on gardening or want to learn more, please contact our school on 09 2333014. For more information about Garden to Table please visit: [www.gardentotable.org.nz](http://www.gardentotable.org.nz)



## Garden to Table

### Herby Yoghurt Dip

1 cup plain unsweetened yoghurt

½ lemon

¼ teaspoon salt

1 cup picked fresh herbs such as chives, parsley.  
Mint, thyme, oregano, or whatever is in the garden.

Chop the herbs and mix with the yoghurt, lemon and salt.



### Classic Guacamole

2 ripe avocados

1 tablespoon lemon juice

1 clove garlic crushed

1 small tomato finely chopped

¼ cup red onion finely chopped

¼ tsp ground cumin

1 – 2 drops hot chilli sauce

### Quick Beetroot Hummus

1 can chickpeas

2 medium cooked beetroots

2 cloves garlic

Zest and juice from 1 medium lemon

2 – 3 tablespoons tahini

2 – 3 tablespoons olive oil

¼ teaspoon salt

½ teaspoon ground cumin

Place the beetroots, chickpeas and garlic into a food processor and process for 1 minute.

Add all the remaining ingredients and process until creamy.

Adjust seasonings, adding more salt, cumin, olive oil or lemon if needed.

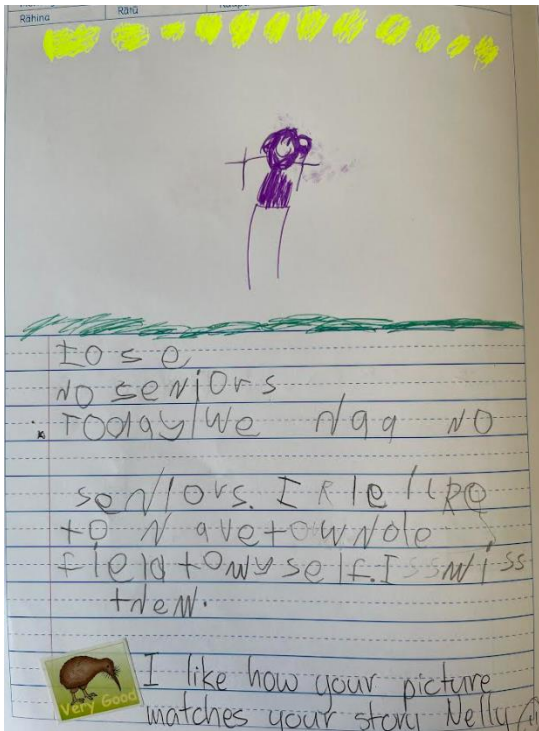
Beetroot hummus will keep in the fridge, covered well, for 4 – 5 days.





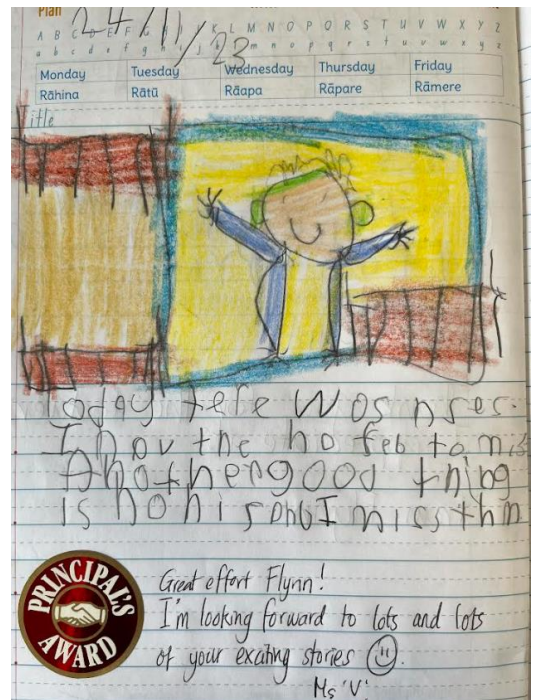
# Koowhai Room

## Stories about the senior students being away at Athletics Sports Day.



Today we had no seniors. I liked having the whole field to myself. I miss them.

By Nelly



Today there were no seniors. I had the whole field to myself. Another good thing is no noise. I miss them.

By Flynn





# School Assembly Friday 17th November



Felicity, Mason, Theo & Johnny received the WAI Way certificates



Will, Muireann, Libby, Zoe and S.J received their WAI Way bands.

## Downloading the Skool Loop app - a step by step guide

Once you have downloaded the Skool Loop App, via either your Google Play or App store, please follow the below instructions to select your school -

- Open the Skool Loop App - you will land on a welcome page.
- Click the 'Select your schools' this will bring you to a menu you can either search your school or follow the country/region prompts.
- Once you reach your school, select it with the tick on the righthand side.
- Tap the 'select schools' button in the top right corner.
- Tap the big orange choose button. This will load your school and bring you to the settings page.
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<b>CHRISTMAS GAME</b> FRI 22 DEC SPARK ARENA	<b>CHINESE NEW YEAR</b> FRI 9 FEB SPARK ARENA
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