



# Waikaretu School

Continuously Thrive and Learn

**Newsletter Week 9 Term 1    27<sup>th</sup> March 2024    Roll: 23 students**

Tēnā koutou,

It is with pleasure and pride that I announce that the school has another amazing event happening on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April in time for our 100 year celebrations and that is the unveiling and blessing of a tomokanga (entrance way) to our school. Last year we secured some funding from the Ministry of Education through a 'Creatives in Schools' project which saw our students participating in an art project creating a covered entrance with our local artist Sam Welch. This has all been happening for at least 3 terms until now, where carvers are busily creating the finishing touches to a tomokanga which will include the students' artwork and ideas. We would like to thank our kaumatua Russell Riki who is guiding us through the process of local tikanga and te reo Maaori around the project and the centenary celebrations. What started as a school art project has become much bigger as community members, old students, parents, and board members are working nights and weekends to get the foundations finished which we are very appreciative of. Lastly, we would also like to acknowledge the wonderful support from the Nga Uri O Tahinga trust. The unveiling / blessing will take place on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April at 6am and you are all invited to join us for this momentous event.

Please, if you have not registered for our centenary yet, do so as soon as possible. The Waikaretu Centenary Committee would like to cater for everyone who is intending to visit us either on the 12<sup>th</sup> or 13<sup>th</sup> April or both days. The centenary celebration is also a great opportunity for our small school to raise funds which will create opportunities for our students that they otherwise wouldn't have. So, please also check out the variety of items that are for sale during this time to support us.

Thank you so much in advance for your support.

**Ngaa mihi nui,**  
**Bernie Denton-van Loon**  
Tumuaki - Principal



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 1

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February, Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February, Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March, Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March, Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April

### Important Date

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April

Good Friday (no school)

Easter Monday (no school)

School Holiday (no school)

Technology @ Huntly Year 7/8

School Term 1 Ends – Centenary Celebrations

Centenary Celebrations

*Happy Birthday*

*Aria who turns 8 on the 30<sup>th</sup> of March*

*Jasper turns 13 on the 31<sup>st</sup> of March*



## Community Notices

Play Group @ Waikaretu School Library All pre-schoolers welcome!  
1st and 3rd Monday of each month 9.30 a.m. Please contact Catherine  
Hore: 021 1137770 [cathhore@hotmail.com](mailto:cathhore@hotmail.com)



We cordially invite you to the

### **WAIKARETU SCHOOL**

TOMOKANGA / ENTRANCE WAY

### **UNVEILING & BLESSING**

Friday 12th April  
at 6.00AM



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1448 Waikaretu Valley Road  
Waikaretu

## 60<sup>th</sup> WAIMAI BUSH SPORTS

Reeves Paddock (Waimai Road) Easter Monday April 1st, 2024

**9.30am - Warm up Jump**

One of the few original old type horse events left in the country - a mix of games and jumping for ALL ages. There is one event for tiny tots before lunch time.

Cost - a donation.

Plus bring coins for a Gold Coin donation towards the Air Ambulance.

Food for sale will be available. **CASH ONLY.**

Riding helmets and riding boots must be worn by all riders. No horse may be entered twice in any one event. A rider can only ride one horse in one event. Entry forms at secretary's tent.

No Dogs Allowed.

Enquiries to Sue 07 825 4433



## Please help us fundraise for our camp



### The Ultimate Supreme SLABs

Our mixed fundraising packs of Whittaker's SLABs are a sensation and include top-selling, delicious flavours Peanut, Creamy Milk, Hokey Pokey Crunch, Coconut and Almond Gold — generous, top-quality ingredients.

Please contact the school office if you would like to pick up a box to sell chocolates for our fundraiser.

### ATHOL's LAWN MOWING and HEDGE CUTTING



Ride on or Hand Mowing Chain Sawing Water Blasting



Please phone Athol Berry 09 2333278

## New Date for Beach Cleanup, Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April 1:00pm

A background image for a beach cleanup poster. It shows two people in the foreground, one wearing a purple shirt and a white helmet, and another in a black shirt. They are standing near a metal cart filled with white bags of rubbish. The background shows a beach and the ocean under a blue sky.

Waikaretu Beach  
Annual Community Cleanup  
Saturday 6th April 2024  
Meet 1.00pm at Waikaretu Beach north end  
Sausage Sizzle to follow  
Please bring old feed bags for collecting rubbish  
Thank you to Brett, Anna and Kate for beach access  
End of Kokonga West Road



Sponsored by Waikaretu Sea Scouts ; supported by Titchmarsh family & Kate Broadbent

## School Assembly Friday 15th of March



Jasper, Eli, Margo & Sienna received the WAI Way certificates.

## School Assembly Friday 22nd of March



Jack, Ben, Levi & Archer received the WAI Way certificates.



Jack & Riria were the WAI Way Prize Draw winners.

A promotional poster for an 'INTRO HOLIDAY CAMP' by Franklin Basketball. The background shows children playing basketball in a gym. The text includes: 'WHO: BOYS &amp; GIRLS AGED 8-15', 'WHEN: 15th &amp; 16th APRIL', 'TIME: 9AM - 3PM', and 'COST: \$45 SINGLE DAY \$80 BOTH DAYS'. A QR code is in the top right corner. The Franklin Basketball logo is at the bottom right, with the address 'FRANKLIN POOL &amp; LEISURE CENTRE' and the date 'REGO'S CLOSE 12.4.24' below it.



## Edventure Holiday Programmes & Camp

We are excited to announce that Edventure Hamilton will be back up and running these coming school holidays.

- Edventure Everyday (themed days) - 5-13 yr olds - \$50/day
- Dungeons and Dragons with Lewis - 9-13 yr olds - \$75/day

Daily activities based at Berkley, OSCAR available, 8.00am - 5.30pm,

Todd is also running a Brand New Camp...

Edventure Young Adventurers Camp 2024 (8-12yr olds)

based at Omokoroa TOP 10 Holiday Park and Thermal Pools (Tenting)- Mon 15th April - Fri 19th April \$650. (20 Spaces available)

Please visit [www.edventure.co.nz](http://www.edventure.co.nz) to BOOK NOW

## Young at Art

'Young at Art offer Children's, Teens & Adult Art classes in Pukekohe. Our Holiday workshops are open for booking. These holidays we are offering Papier Mache, Acrylic & Watercolour Painting, Printing, Craft, Mixed Media and illustration workshops in PUKEKOHE and ARARIMU. Term 1 ART ADVENTURES after school classes are open for booking in groups for children aged 6-9yrs, 9-12yrs and 13yrs+ on Monday's, Tuesday's and Wednesday's. If there is no space in your chosen class please email Anna to join the waiting list we often have an odd spot come up at the beginning of term. Adult workshops include watercolour, Resin Art and Family Mixed Media workshops. For more information or to book please check out:

<http://www.youngatart.co.nz/> / email: [admin@youngatart.co.nz](mailto:admin@youngatart.co.nz). Bookings are essential as places are limited'



### Autumn Holiday Programme

Ready, set, go! Bookings now open for April holidays!

An array of exciting activities awaits with Wizarding World, KAS Bake-Off, CSI Day and Tag-tastic! Plus a trip to see Kung Fu Panda 4 at the movies, Hamilton Zoo and Lawn Bowls (8yrs & up) or a Storyteller (5yrs & up)!

Open Monday to Friday 7am-6pm.

For more information & to make your bookings visit:

[www.kidsafterschool.co.nz](http://www.kidsafterschool.co.nz)

Any questions please contact our office on 09 236 4078  
MSD Social Sector Level 3 Accreditation

WINZ Subsidies available for eligible families

For any information regarding the Waikaretu School Centenary, please contact:

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# WAIKARETU SCHOOL

1924 - 2024



## CENTENARY

Honour the Past  
Connect in the Present  
Look to the Future

FRIDAY 12 APRIL - SATURDAY 13 APRIL  
2024

Register to be kept informed as plans are finalised and tickets go on sale.



*This QR code takes you to an online registration form*

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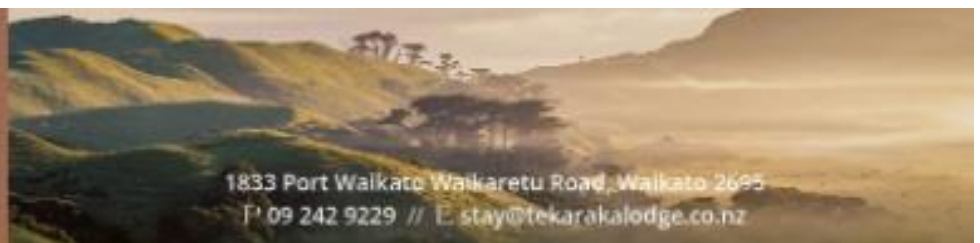
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