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Fortnightly Newsletter - Paanui

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Kia ora,

As the air turns crisp and the mornings get a bit darker, it's clear that the colder weather has settled in. We are seeing a typical seasonal rise in colds, flu, and other respiratory illnesses. To keep our classrooms a safe and productive environment for everyone, we wanted to share a few friendly reminders regarding health and attendance.

While we value every day of learning, a child who is unwell cannot perform their best and risks spreading germs to classmates and staff. Please keep your child home if they exhibit a fever, vomiting or diarrhoea, or a persistent cough. We are reinforcing these habits in the classroom: The "Elbow Cough"- Teaching kids to cough or sneeze into their sleeves, not their hands. Frequently washing hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially prior to utensil use, after bathroom use and before eating.

Students' mid-year reports will go home on 12th June and the three-way interviews are scheduled for **Monday 15th June and Thursday 18th June**. This year, the reporting system is changing to reflect the new national progress descriptors. Please read more about these changes on the Ministry of Education parent portal website about reporting. You will receive booking details for the 3-way conferences within the next two weeks via Skool Loop.

This week is also Support Staff Appreciation Week, and I want to take a moment to shine a light on them. Our office administrator, Ulrika, and our teacher aide, Justine, got a little gift to thank them for their contributions to our school, staff and students.

Ngaa manaakitanga,

Bernie Denton-van Loon
Principal-Tumuaki



Support Staff

Appreciation Week

*Thank you
Justine &
Ulrika!*



Huge thanks to Justine and Ulrika!

Whether it's providing vital support in the classroom or keeping the school running smoothly from the front desk,

We appreciate everything you do.

Principal, Teachers & Students

IMPORTANT DATES

Wednesday 13th May
BoT Meeting 5.30pm

Thursday 14th May
Year 4-8 caving @Nikau caves

Friday 22nd May
Senior Winter Sports @ Te Akau Community Complex

Thursday 4th June
Koowhai Room trip to
Hamilton Zoo

Wednesday 17th June
Year 3-8 Junior Tough Guy
and Gal Challenge

Monday 15th June and
Thursday 18th June
Three-way conferences

Friday Pie Day

Every Friday we will heat up any food the children bring (pies, sausage rolls, toasted sandwiches 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.



Community Notices

Community Meeting.

Community Meeting at Waikaretu Hall, Monday 18th May @ 7:00pm. The funds raised from this year's Waikaretu Trail Ride have now been deposited into the Community Fund Account.

A discussion is required to consider and approve donations to the following community organisations:

- Waikaretu School
- Waikaretu Hall
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Bring your Tamariki along for a play. Have a chat and coffee and make lasting connections with the other mothers/caregivers and the school. Please contact Catherine Hore 021 113 7770

SAVE THE DATE!
 THE
GREAT WAIKATO
CRITTERS COMP 2026
 KIDS HUNTING COMPETITION

POSSUMS RATS TURKEYS

26TH - 28TH JUNE 2026
 GET READY FOR AN EPIC WEEKEND OF ADVENTURE!

FULL LIST OF CATEGORIES TO COME! SPONSOR LIST TO COME! DETAILS TO COME!

MORE DETAILS COMING SOON!
 KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR ENTRY INFO, RULES AND PRIZES.

See the last page of our newsletter for our sponsors and their services.

Community Notices



**Next Meeting Thursday 18th June @
6:30pm at Port Waikato Fire Station
- Everyone Welcome!**

**Please click below on the photo
for minutes and other CB
information.**



Assembly & Awards 4th May



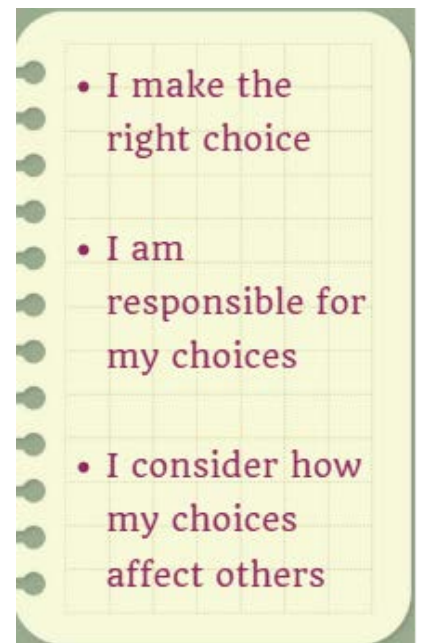
Jack and Ayla received their WAI Way bands.



The WAI Way prizes went to Will, Eli, Mason and Mac.



Sienna, Amelia, Will and Aria received the WAI Way assembly certificates.



**Brave
Leadership**

Assembly & Awards 11th May



Will, Mac and Mason received a special reward for showing respect throughout the entire assembly by respectfully engaging and listening to the assembly leaders.



The WAI Way prizes went to Libby and Ben.



Caeley, Nelly, Jack and Jasmin received the WAI Way assembly certificates.

Hoki mai ki te kura kia rite

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GARDEN TO TABLE

GROW, HARVEST, PREPARE, SHARE

Crumble Topping for any fruit

- 50 gram Butter
- ¼ cup Flour
- ½ cup Rolled oats
- ¾ cup Brown sugar

Rub butter into flour before adding the rest of the ingredients.

Set oven to 190 deg. fan bake.

Prepare fruit by washing and peeling if necessary and cut into medium pieces.

For apple, add cinnamon and around ¼ cup sugar.

Place fruit in oven proof dish and sprinkle topping over and cook for half an hour.



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