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Fortnightly Newsletter - Paanui

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Kia ora e te whaanau,

What a fantastic way to wrap up Term 3! We are thrilled to share that our school has secured funding through Sport New Zealand's Tū Manawa fund, wonderfully supported by Sports Waikato, to upgrade our sports court and gear. The tamariki are already loving some of the fresh equipment—our new portable goals, pickleball set, hockey and cricket gear, and a whole heap of new balls have been getting a serious workout during breaks. Our courts are due to have a full-on makeover scheduled to be finished at the start of 2027 so watch this space!

A massive thank you to Dayne Woodley, who generously donated his time to repair all of our school bikes. They've been out on the court day after day this week and have proven to be an absolute hit with the kids!

Our legendary annual community quiz night is back! This is held at the Glen Murray hall on Saturday 10th October so dust off your trivia hats and start gathering your teams. It's always a brilliant and very entertaining night out, so rally your friends, whaanau, and neighbours to lock in a table. See the flyer in this newsletter for more details to register.

We are still looking for some more sponsors to donate prizes to our quiz night raffle, so if you know of someone that can contribute, big or small, please let us know.

Mark your calendars for early next term— Pet Day is scheduled for the 16th October. Our students have started their creative artwork for on display and we can't wait to see all the lambs, calves, and other animals on the day.

As this is our final newsletter for the term, I want to thank you all for your ongoing support. Have a wonderful, safe break with your tamariki, and we look forward to seeing you all refreshed for Term 4!

Ngaa mihi nui,

Bernie Denton-van Loon
Principal / Tumuaki



WAIKARETU SCHOOL

We are a full primary school,
catering for students years 1-8.

Our dedicated team of teachers is passionate about helping your child grow and thrive. We can offer all the benefits of small classroom sizes in a beautiful, rural setting.

Enrol Now for 2027



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For online readers: Click on the picture for an enrolment form.

IMPORTANT DATES

Wednesday 16th September
BOT Meeting 5.30pm

Thursday 24th September
Last Day Term 3

Friday 25th September
Teacher Only Day

Saturday 10th October
QUIZ Night

Monday 12th October
School Term 4 starts

Friday 16th October
Pet Day

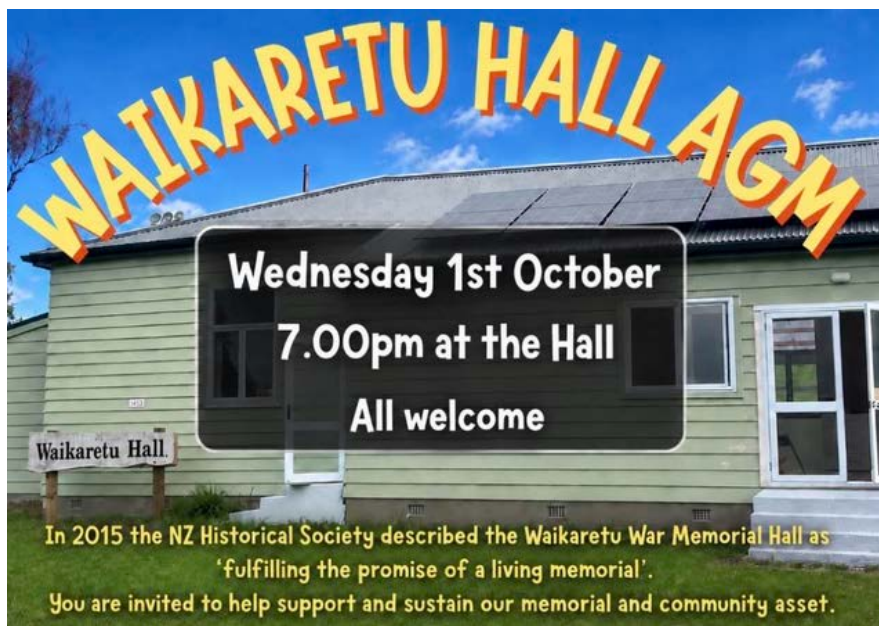
Monday 19th October
Teacher Only Day



Please note that a previous newsletter had the incorrect Teacher Only Day date for term 4! Sorry for the inconvenience this may have caused.



Community Notices



**To Lincoln, who
turned 8 on the
12th of
September.**



WAIKARETU PLAYGROUP

Bring your Tamariki along for a play. Have a chat and coffee and make lasting connections with the other mothers, fathers, or caregivers at the school. Please contact Catherine Hore 021 113 7770

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.

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

Community Notices continued



LINE DANCING & NACHOS

SAT 3RD OCTOBER | **DOORS 5:30PM 6:00PM START** | **WAIKARETU WAR MEMORIAL HALL**

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QUIZ NIGHT

10 OCTOBER

GLEN MURRAY COMMUNITY HALL

6.30PM DOORS OPEN 7PM START
SUPPER PROVIDED - BYO DRINKS
TEAMS OF 6 TO 8 - \$30 P/P
FOR BOOKINGS CONTACT EMILY 021776486 OR
SCAN QR CODE
RAFFLES AND AUCTIONS



FRIDAY 16 OCTOBER

Waikaretu School

PET DAY **From 10am-3pm**

Call 09 2333014 to register - pre-schoolers welcome

Assembly & Awards 4th September



The WAI Way prizes went to Margo and Libby.



Nelly, Sienna, Tilly and Will received the WAI Way assembly certificates.

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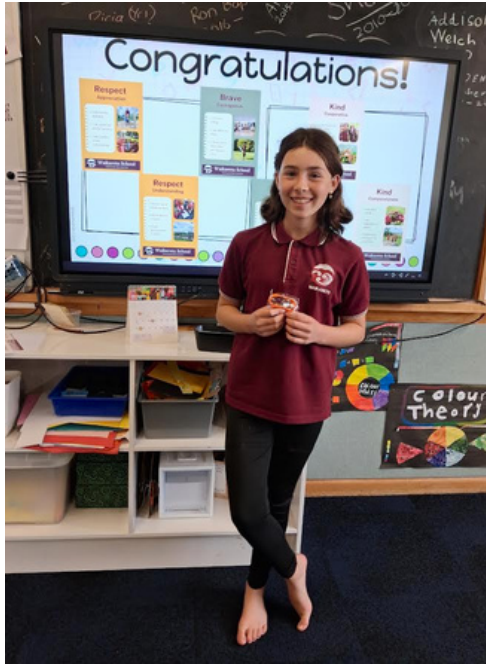
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Jack received his WAI Way band.

Assembly & Awards 11th September



Jasmine received her WAI Way band.



Chip, Aria, Jasmine and Libby received the WAI Way assembly certificates.

Kind Cooperative

- I can share and take turns
- I can work in a team
- I am an important member of my community



The WAI Way prizes went to Eli and Ayla.

Cluster Speech Competition



Speech competitions Results

Years 5&6

- 1) Libby Lovegrove - Waikaretu
- 2) Paige Van Den Bemd - Te Akau
- 3) Chloe Hona - Waingaro
- 4) Phoenix Kira - Ruawaro Combined

Years 7&8

- 1) Will Marshall - Waikaretu
- 2) Billie Van Den Bemd - Te Akau
- 3) Jah-Dei Hotene - Ruawaro Combined
- 4) Akaea Matangi-Tengu - Waingaro

Congratulations Libby and Will on winning their categories in the Huntly West Rural School Cluster Speech Competition. We couldn't be more proud of these talented two speakers.



Garden to Table

Another blustery day in the garden. We celebrated Libby's 11th birthday with the cooking team making a favourite of hers: lemon muffins. The lemon curd added another dimension of yum.

Luckily the garden is sheltered, the borage is booming, broccoli and mizuna have gone to seed; we will reap and take the seeds next week.

It looks like the radish seeds are coming up and the lettuce seedlings are doing well. More weeding and composting, with a combination of cut 'n drop also. We added to the growing collection of Karo seedlings being potted up for the pet day sale.

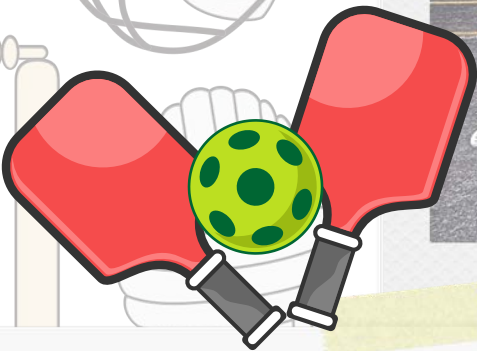
We talked about the Bio Blitz the day before and listened and looked out for our garden companions. Today we had a wee piwakawaka keeping us company in the garden. The team went hunting for snails and we talked about maybe having a snail race.



Enjoying Our New PE Gear & School Bikes



PE



Spring Fun for the School Holidays



YOUNG AT ART

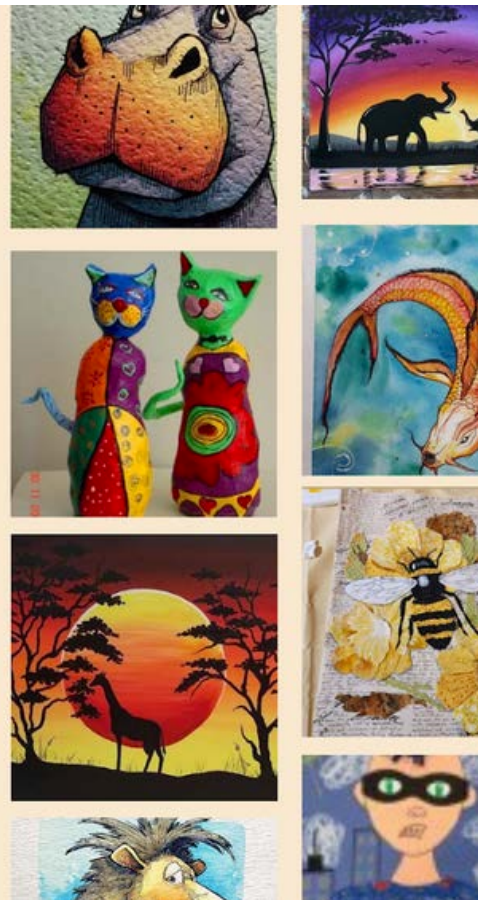
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- ✓ Small group sizes

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**RACQUETS
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IF NEEDED**

DAYS RUNNING: START DATES

MONDAY - STARTS 12TH OCT
TUESDAY - STARTS 13TH OCT
WEDNESDAY - STARTS 14TH OCT
THURSDAY - STARTS 15TH OCT
FRIDAY - STARTS 16TH OCT
SATURDAY MORN - STARTS 17TH OCT



(30MIN)
\$140.00

Cost 8 Week Term

(45MINS)
\$160.00

(1 HOUR)
\$180.00

Starting Week MONDAY 12th October 2026

VENUE: OUTDOORS - ROSA BIRCH PARK, 82 – 86 WEST ST, PUKEKOHE,
Register Today: Email: lenettennissnz@gmail.com

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