

# Waikaka School Newsletter ~ published fortnightly on Friday

## Friday 20 September 2024 ~ Term 3 Week 9

### SCHOOL MOTTO - LEARNING FOR LIFE

Waikaka School cultivates a culture that inspires all to achieve beyond what they thought possible  
*E hāra taku toa i te takitahi, he toa takitini*  
*My strength is not as an individual, but as a collective*

**Co-operation - Noho Tahi** Be compassionate and respectful to each other

**Collaboration - Mahi Ngatahi** We're in this together, work as a collective

**Competition - Tauwhāinga** By giving your all, your excellence will show



Kia ora koutou ~ Greetings to everyone,

As we all near the end of Term 3 I want to acknowledge that it's a busy time for many in our community. Our farmers are lambing and calving which brings its own set of challenges and rewards. We want to acknowledge the hard work and dedication that goes into looking after the land and animals that are such a big part of our lives here.

This week is also Māori Language Week, a great opportunity to celebrate our identity as New Zealanders. It's a time to appreciate the richness of Te Reo Māori and how it adds to the uniqueness of Aotearoa.

We've planned fun activities and competitions throughout the week, and we're encouraging our tamariki ~ children to join in and enjoy this important part of our culture.

Hopefully you have noticed that the school is starting to get a bit of a spruce-up! There's been lots going on. Some blasting has also been done with the goal of improving how things look around the grounds. We also have one car park sprayed out with the intention of getting more (the weather has not been on our side). It's about taking pride in our school and ensuring Waikaka School is a place we can all be proud of.



I'd like to acknowledge the incredible efforts of all our staff. They've been working tirelessly, both in the classroom and behind the scenes, to ensure our school remains a positive and thriving environment for all of our children. We're incredibly fortunate to have such a passionate and hardworking team of teachers, teacher's aides, support staff and amazing people we can call on in the community when we need help. There are many days where we've all had to step up and support one another when staff are away or an event is happening which demonstrates the strong sense of teamwork that we all value so highly.

As we approach the holidays which are a week away, I'd like to wish everyone a restful and enjoyable break. It's been a fantastic year filled with great moments and achievements, and I'm so proud of everything we've accomplished together as a school community. Take this time to relax, recharge, and enjoy time with whānau ~ family and friends. I look forward to seeing everyone refreshed and ready for the final term! Kind regards, Nicola Millar Principal ~ Tumuaki

## Waikaka Wonders

Mrs Millar was walking through Waikaka School and found...



Hazel Steel, Harriet Reeves, Charlotte Cameron and Oaklyn Cross from Noho Tahi who took the initiative to pick up rubbish around the school. Their hard work has made a big difference in keeping our grounds clean and tidy, and it shows the pride you have in our school. We really appreciate their efforts in making our school a better place for everyone!

James Hall from Mahi Ngatahi who has been doing an awesome job in science! He was able to name 5 out of 6 simple machines, including the wheel and axle, screw, and lever. He's really enjoying building levers and can confidently explain what he's working on. It's fantastic to see his enthusiasm and understanding grow in science lessons!

Holly McIntyre from Room 5 for taking the initiative to organise a Talent Quest all on her own! From planning the event to arranging prizes and getting a crew of helpers, she's done an amazing job without any teacher assistance. Her leadership, creativity, and organisation have really shone through, and we're very proud of how the Talent Quest turned out. Holly's crew of helpers are: Quinn Byars, Kaitlyn Wilson, Helena Byars, Natalie Eade, Erica Byars and Laura Chittock all from Tauwhāinga and Mahi Ngatahi.

## Waikaka Writers

Check out these amazing 100 word stories written by ... Emmie & Georgia



The quiet night air left an eerie feeling within, I lay in my usual nightly retreat but I knew it was not right. Something was different and strange almost, then I heard it. My heart was thumping as I heard the faint purr from above. I sat waiting, thinking, wondering. "It should have happened by now or..." My heart raced as I turned to look up at the rusted orange giant. Will it attack? Will I make it? The purrs became louder, it was ready, it could snap at any moment. I was prepared for my fate and then... By Georgia Bell

A taunting smile sat upon the ginger feline's face as it looked down on the small brown mouse. Oh how easy this would be, it thought. It was ridiculous how seldom these creatures actually think to look up. After all this was where the dangers always come from. Slowly and almost lazily the cat slid its lethal paw down toward the unsuspecting field mouse. Innocently it batted the bread away from the hungry mouse. The cat's smile widened as the little mouse spun around in a frenzy. It lifted its paw and just like the bread tossed the mouse aside. By Emmie Paterson



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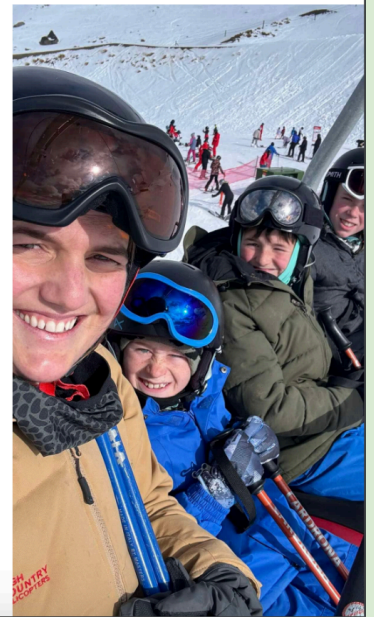
Bridget Crowe for winning the grocery hamper in our Health and Physical Education consultation. Thank you for taking the time to provide feedback on our health programmes. We really appreciate the input from our community, as it helps us ensure we're delivering the best for our students.



Georgia Bell and Erica Byars: For recently performing at the Broncbusters Talent Quest in Invercargill. They both did an outstanding job! Erica placed third in the Junior Open and also achieved second place in the Junior Open as part of the duo 'Cuzzy Cowgirls' with her cousin Taegan. Georgia competed in the Intermediate Section and showed great talent and enthusiasm. We're incredibly proud of both girls for their efforts and performances. Well done girls.

Thankyou ~ Ngā Mihi

A heartfelt thank you to Jess Lamb for organising the ski trip in August! Your hard work and dedication made it such a memorable experience for everyone involved. We truly appreciate the time and effort you put into making the trip run so smoothly. The children & families had an incredible time!



## PTA INFO

The PTA would like to do a grocery hamper raffle and would like families to donate a nonperishable item for this. Please drop your items off to the office and the grocery hamper will be drawn on Pet Day on November 1st. Thank you from the PTA.

## Events Calendar

20/09/24 Week 9 Newsletter

20/09/24 Week 9 Assembly 2.15pm in the Library

25/09/24 Year 7 / 8 to Maruawai College (Week 10)

27/09/24 End of Term 3

16 - 18th October Room 5 Camp to Omaui

First 4 Wednesdays of Term 4 are Year 7 / 8 Tech to Maruawai College



# CERTIFICATES

## **Henley Robertson: Competition**

Henley you work well with others in a group, sharing your ideas with confidence and complete your share of the work. You have become a more organised learner, which has helped you become more independent in your learning. This shows you can cooperate and collaborate....but this award is for your ability to show competition with self. Henley you put 100% into any art activity (which you are very talented in) Taking pride in what you create. You work hard during group learning sessions, listening and sharing your ideas. It is easy to show competition when you are doing something you really enjoy, Henley you show competition when you are doing things you find tricky. You ask for help to make sure you are doing it correctly. Henley your ability to persevere has really improved. You understand that as long as you have done your best, you can be proud of your efforts and that the only way to learn something new is to first get in wrong. Henley I have loved watching you settle into life in Mahi Ngatahi and I am proud of all you have achieved!

## **Hazel Steel: Competition**

Hazel, you are an amazing member of Noho Tahi. You are dedicated to all areas of your learning and you set very high standards for yourself. Hazel, you are a kind and caring member of our class. You show respect to everybody in the classroom, you are responsible for getting your work done on time and to a high standard. Keep up the great work Hazel we are lucky to have you!

## **Hunter Taylor: Competition Award**

Hunter, we have noticed you stepping up 'into those rather sizable' senior leadership shoes! Both in the classroom and in the playground, you are role-modelling appropriate ways to handle yourself to others, and encouraging your classmates to act appropriately. You have been taking more opportunities to extend your thinking and giving your schoolwork more of your deep attention and effort. You have also taken the opportunity to share your vast skill and ability on the basketball court by coaching the year 3-4 miniball team - for this we thank you. Well done Hunter. Keep striving to be the best version of yourself that you can. We all look up to you (in more ways than one!)

Laurence Robertson	Despite having a great deal of challenges this year you have demonstrated remarkable strength and a good attitude. Well done Laurence!
Helena Byars	You shine when it comes to collaboration! You are always positive, tolerant and patient. You work well with others making you a valued team member!
Kaitlyn Wilson	You show the value of excellence through your inquisitive nature. You have a desire for self improvement, always asking insightful questions. Ka pai!
Mac Lamb	Being focussed and using great sound-marking skills during spelling.
Charlie McCall	Continually staying focussed during iDeal spelling, you demonstrate good sound-marking skills.
Natalie Eade	Working hard on your fraction knowledge and skills to show your understanding.
Stevie Lamb	Showing great determination and focus to continually improve your art skills.
Zara McCall	For being an amazing helper and a great, organised learner.
Lylah Winter	Working really well and creatively with others during reading construction time.
Alec Duff	Amazing effort during reading time and iDeal learning sessions.
James Eade	Working really hard during reading to ensure his independent activities reflect his best efforts.
Annabelle Bould	For being a super helpful and a very organised learner.
Charlotte Cameron	You are working so hard in all areas of your learning.
Caitlin Paulsen	For concentrating hard on your learning and a great attitude in Noho Tahi.
Felicity Paulsen	For being in the right place at the right time and being ready for learning.
Charlie Cunningham	Super work decoding sounds and sharing great ideas at writing time.

**SAVE THIS DATE !!**

*50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Hay Day  
27<sup>th</sup> June 2025*

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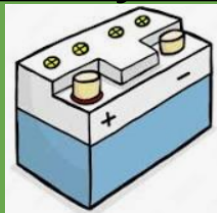
**SAUSAGES**

We are selling sausages and saveloys again this term for Friday lunches. Please have all orders to the school office by Thursday lunchtime with your money. They are \$3.00 per sausage / saveloy.

**HAY DAY FUND GRANTS**

At our recent Hockey Club meeting \$6,700 in grants were distributed. Waikaka Hall, Waikaka School, WCSA, Waikaka Squash & Waikaka Jnr Rugby all received grants. Also 6 young people were supported to attend events for either basketball, hockey, karate or rugby. Our next meeting will be in November, applications by 31<sup>st</sup> October please. Contact Frances [paulandfrances@xtra.co.nz](mailto:paulandfrances@xtra.co.nz) with any enquiries or to apply. Thank you.

**Battery Drive**



**Waikaka School would like your old vehicle batteries to sell to fundraise for classroom resources.**

Please drop off your batteries to Waikaka Transport - there will be pallets set up for this in the shed along from the office.

**Cut off date - 20th September**

Many thanks from your Board of Trustees  
Nicola Millar, Donna Hamilton, Matt McCall,  
Mel Taylor, Victoria Weir, Nathan Wilson &  
Jess Lamb

**WAIKĀKA ARTS & CRAFTS**

**'welcome back'**

**JO JAGO'S WATER COLOUR WORKSHOPS**

2 full days 9.30 am – 4.30pm  
SAT. 9<sup>th</sup> NOV – Beginners  
SUN. 10<sup>th</sup> NOV – Advanced  
Numbers limited to 10 per day.

Enquiries and further details

contact Frances  
[paulandfrances@xtra.co.nz](mailto:paulandfrances@xtra.co.nz)





## RECYCLING STATION ~ WAIKAKA HOTEL

There is a Cardboard Bin and an Aluminum Cans & Milk Bottle Bin sitting around the back of the Waikaka Hotel shed ready to be filled up with recyclable items! It is up the 2nd drive. Everybody, please feel free to use!

**Domain AGM and  
General Meeting  
7:30 pm 23/9/24 at  
Waikaka Hall**

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I highly recommend Claire's I AM ME retreats. Claire has helped my girls to build positive self image, confidence and strategies to help them to deal with challenges. They are always so excited to see Claire and see what she has in store for the day! - Kath, Balfour

You are so awesome! You should be so proud of what you've created, thank you! - Jodie, Gore

## KIDS RETREAT I AM ME

A 3 day programme designed for 7-10 year olds including: Active Movement Games, Yoga Fun, Creative Crafts & Mindful Moments

**WHEN?**  
School Holidays  
**OCT 7TH - 9TH**  
10am - 3pm

**WHERE?**  
**GORE LIBRARY**

**HOW MUCH?**  
\$80 PER DAY  
OR  
\$225 FOR ALL 3  
Limit of 12 per session

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**COOKING 4 Kid's**  
**SCHOOL HOLIDAY CLASSES - GORE**

Come along and have a fun day learning various cooking and baking techniques.

Practice safety in the kitchen with utensils and good hygiene practices.

During the day children will make:

- Mini Pizzas
- Chocolate Brownie
- Penne Pasta Bake

\* Please bring a packed lunch & containers to take food home \*

\* Please note these classes are for students aged 8 - 12 years old.

**Wednesday 9th October 2024**  
**Southern REAP - 6 Fairfield Street, Gore**  
**9.30am - 2.30pm**  
**\$50**

**Tutor: Claire Burgess**

For more information, or to enrol in this class please phone **0800 111 117** or email **info@reap.co.nz**

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Monday & Friday Afternoons  
(During school terms. No Kiwiskate on Public Holidays)

3.45pm - 5pm  
Skaters will be grouped according to level.  
Warm up time plus 30 minute lesson.

Kiwiskate starts 14th October.

1 DAY/WEEK TERM \$125  
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- 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.
- Subscribe to the groups that are relevant to you, then click the 'go back' button on your phone, which will bring you to the main screen of your schools app.



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Go to [www.schooldocs.co.nz](http://www.schooldocs.co.nz)

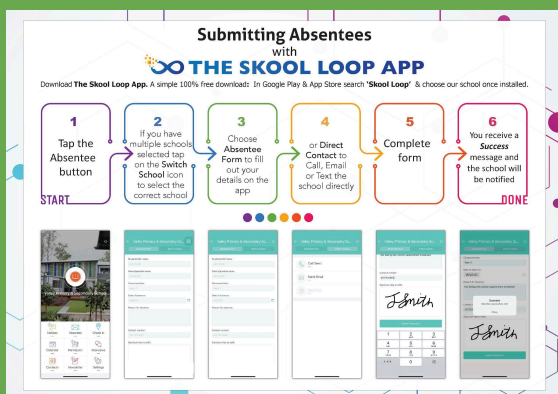
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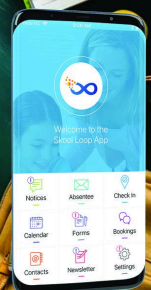


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