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Grit - Niwha

Waitoki School believes our inclination to revere natural talent is misguided; in terms of achievement, the effort we put in and our reaction to set-backs count for far more. Grit is something that can be learned and offers a new formula for individual and collective success.

Tēnā koutou Whanau,

We are already halfway through Term 4 and the last few weeks of this school year will certainly fly by. Teachers have been busy assessing the students to identify progress and achievement to support them with writing end of year reports. These will be sent home with students on Friday 15th December and will be accompanied by an information sheet explaining the new report format.

Our learners have also been busy. There were 15 children who represented Waitoki School at Group Day on Friday 3rd November. The weather was not kind but our learners showed GRIT, once again competing in the rain with their animals. Congratulations to the many ribbon winners. A special mention must go to Koen Neville who was Supreme Champion overall. Well done Koen.

A group of senior students led by Serena Bateman took part in the Kaipara Kapa Haka festival on Saturday 11th November at Helensville Primary School. The competition was tough but our Waitoki Senior Kapa Haka group made us proud by performing their hearts out. We were presented with a Pittosporum tree for competing and this will be planted in our school garden. Well done to all those students who represented us.

There were 44 athletes from Waitoki who took part in cluster athletics on Tuesday 14th November. Chelsea Brown and Mark Van Dam were super proud of the sportsmanship shown by all the students who represented our school. The two 'Flying Squads' who competed at the very end of the day demonstrated great team spirit and did their best even though they were all extremely tired. Well done to all the students who took part.

The warmer days have meant the students have been able to make use of the school pool and it has been great to see so many families also utilising this great

resource after school and at weekends as well. There are still a few pool keys available to hire so if anyone is interested, please see Emma or Claire in the office.

A couple of reminders. As we have a large number of students off site for the Sustainability Challenge in Long Bay and at Mathex at Kaipara College, there will not be a full School Assembly on Friday 17th November. Also, **Monday 20th November** is a teacher only day so Waitoki School will be closed for students. The teachers will spend the day focusing on the Waitoki School local curriculum for 2024, making connections with Te Mātai-aho, along with the new English, Maths, and Social Science curriculum documents as we develop term overviews.

Enjoy the longer weekend with your families.

Ngā mihi nui

Jules McCourt

[Upcoming events to add to your diary:](#)

Teacher Only Day—Mon 20th Nov

Science Fair—Thurs 23rd Nov

BOT meeting—Thurs 23rd Nov 6pm

Helpers Morning Tea—Fri 8th Dec 10.05am

BOT meeting—Tues 12th Nov 6.30pm

Reports go home—Fri 15th Dec

Christmas in the Country—Fri 15th Dec 5pm—8pm

End-of-year Prize giving—Tues 19th Dec at 8.45am

Last Day of term—Wed 20th Dec (close at 12pm)

100th Centenary Celebration — Sat 6th April 2024

In other news

Lateness

Lately, we have been having a lot of children arriving late to school. We understand that sometimes life gets tricky, and it can be unavoidable. But please can you make sure that those alarms are set, and the children are at school on time whenever possible. The teachers are finding the lateness very disruptive for others!

Donations for Ruma Ono

Do you have any toys or games that your children have grown out of? Ruma Ono (Mrs Hartley's class) is looking for any good quality toy and game donations for the room for next year. If you do have anything you would like to donate to the Year 1 class, can you please pass these on to Mrs Hartley.

Gate closed during school day

You may have already noticed that during the day our black gate is locked outside the office and new entrants room. Please use the office if you need to pop in to school. Thanks for your understanding!

Pool keys

Just a reminder that pool keys are available at the office to purchase - the pool opened on Wednesday 1st November, and will remain open until Sunday 28th April 2024. Please enquire at the office regarding costs and any other questions you may have.

skids on Teachers Only Day—20th Nov

SKids will be running a 8am—6pm programme on the Teacher only Day on 20th November. You can book until either 3pm or 6pm by emailing waitoki@skids.co.nz.

Sports

Waitoki School & Kaipara Senior Athletics

Firstly, well done to all of our wonderful tamariki who participated in the Waitoki School Athletics at Sinclair Park on Thursday 2nd November. You all did so well, showing GRIT and determination, putting in the mahi. You should all be proud of yourselves.

On Tuesday 14th November, some of our Senior students attended the Kaipara Senior Athletics Day, competing with other schools, at Rautawhiri Park. Again, we couldn't be more proud of our tamariki, they had a great day! We also had some exciting results from the day:

Year 5 Girls:

Sprints 75m—Vivienne Meyer in 1st Place

Long Jump—Vivienne Meyer in 2nd Place
High Jump—Georgia Jackson tied in 3rd Place

Year 6 Girls:

Sprints 100m—Kaylee Vitali in 3rd Place

Year 7 Girls:

Shot Put—Charlize Taylor in 2nd Place

Year 4 Boys:

High Jump—Remy Bibbie in 3rd Place

Year 5 Boys:

Sprints 75m—Isaac Davies in 1st Place
Sprints 75m—Theo McDowell in 2nd Place
Sprints 100m—Isaac Davies in 2nd Place
High Jump—Isaac Davies tied for 2nd Place
Discus—Leo Medwin in 1st Place
Discus—Raoul Spark in 2nd Place

Community

Upcoming A&P Shows

There are two local A&P shows coming up:

- The 120th Helensville A&P Show—Sat 24th Feb 2024
- The Kumeu A&P Show—Fri 9th & Sat 10th March 2024 - animals compete on Sat 10th

A lovely opportunity for children to showcase their artistic or baking talents, as well as enter in their Ag Day animals. There are lots of prizes to be won, and is generally more relaxed than the very competitive Group Day! There's also lots of show day fun to be had after competing. These Shows are also very good extracurricular activities for children to have on their 'CVs' going forward, and can even help towards consideration for scholarship applications. It's great to have these Shows back after the pandemic years, so the Shows would be really grateful for participation.

