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Tēnā koutou Whānau,

Welcome back to Term 2! It was great to see the children return to school ready for learning on Monday. I am delighted to announce that we have appointed Nicolette Land as a 0.4 teacher in Ruma Rima. Nicolette is an experienced teacher who is originally from Holland but has been living and teaching in New Zealand for over 10 years now. Dee Hattaway's last day at Waitoki School will be Friday 24th May and Nicolette's first day in Ruma Rima will be Thursday 30th May. We are looking forward to welcoming Nicolette to our Waitoki School family.

The teachers have been busy planning exciting Term 2 learning experiences for our tamariki. This term our inquiry learning will focus on science experiments using scientific language such as prediction, fair test, observation, comparison and results. This will be a great segway towards the science fair the Y7 & Y8 students will be involved in with the Kaipara Kahui ako later in the year. In addition to this our learners will be working towards the full school production, which will be performed at the end of Term 3. All our students will be involved with the production whether it be performing on stage, singing, working backstage or making props. We are really excited about the learning experiences we have planned and are looking forward to another busy term ahead.

Throughout Term 2 our AIMS Games Squad will be running a number of fundraisers to cover the cost of taking part in the games in September this year. Each Monday Kristy Vitali will support some of the Y7 & Y8 students to run a sausage sizzle. Sausages will cost \$2.50 and as we did with ice blocks last term, they can be pre ordered for the whole term. That is lunch every Monday sorted! To pre-pay, please visit the office and pay by eftpos, or you can deposit money in to the school account (just email the office to let them know). Otherwise you can bring cash on the day. The students will also be running a car wash on Sunday 26th May along with a bake sale. We hope you will be able to support the first ever Waitoki School AIMS Games

Squad's fundraising efforts in some way. To read more about the AIMS Games, click [here](#).

The intermediate area of Waitoki school has grown significantly from 4 students when I started in April 2023 to 25 students this year. We will be holding a whānau hui on **Tuesday 28th May at 6.30pm in Ruma Tekau**. The purpose of the meeting is to showcase how we deliver the Y7 & Y8 curriculum at Waitoki School, to hear from current Y7 & Y8 students and to answer any questions you might have about the Y7 & Y8 programme to help you to identify if Waitoki School is a viable option and the school of choice for your soon to be Y7 child. Whilst the evening is aimed at parents with students in Y5 & Y6, everyone is welcome to attend.

I hope you have a wonderful weekend.

Ngā mihi nui
Jules McCourt

[Welcome / Nau mai haere mai:](#)

We have so many lovely new faces join us at the beginning of this term. Welcome to Dorothy, Harper and James in the New Entrants room, and to Shiloh in Rūma Rua. We hope you've had a wonderful first week at Waitoki School.



[In other news](#)

Returning Pool keys

A reminder that the pool season has ended and we are now collecting keys which are due back on Friday 10th May. The \$25 bond refund will be paid in the third week of term. Please note that if no key is returned, there will be no bond refund and a further \$25 will be charged.

100 Year Celebration reflections

We would like to thank everyone for attending our Waitoki School Centenary event last month. It was fantastic to see over 300 guests come together to celebrate our wonderful school and share the memories they have from over the past 100 years. It was a privilege to have such awesome speakers from different generations. A huge thank you to the organisers, and volunteers who put in lots of time and effort to make this event such a success. Also, to the staff and students, a big congratulations on your amazing displays of learning. Group photos taken by Belinda Tustin will be shared out very soon.

ERO Profile Report

Te Ara Huarau is the evaluation approach that the Education Review Office (ERO) is using in our school. This is a developmental approach to evaluation where ERO and our [school work](#) together over time rather than one off review that happened previously. Te Ara Huarau is used in most English-medium state and state-integrated schools. ERO maintains a regular review programme to evaluate and report on the education and care of young people in the schools. Our [school worked](#) alongside ERO to write our Profile Report. This type of report will only happen once as part of our initial engagement with Te Ara Huarau. The profile report reflects our strategic goals and a shared evaluation focus on one or more areas that are important to us as we work together to improve outcomes for all our learners. ERO, like us, has a strong focus on equity and excellence. Future reporting will show our progress and achievement towards meeting the goals we have set. Public reports like the Profile Report are published on [ERO's website](#).

A Board Assurance Report that shows how we are meeting regulatory and legislative Requirements has also been published.

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

Term dates

Term 2 – Mon 29 April 2024 to Fri 5 July 2024

Term 3 – Mon 22 July 2024 to Fri 27 Sept 2024

Term 4 – Mon 14 Oct 2024 to Thurs 19 Dec 2024

Bi-weekly Assemblies: Friday at 1.15pm (next assembly is Fri 10th May)

World Vision Youth Conference—Mon 6th May

Kaipara Triathlon @ Parakai—Mon 13th May

BOT meeting— Wed 15th May 6.30pm—8.30pm

Pink Shirt Day—Fri 17th May

Whānau Hui— Tuesday 28th May 6.30pm in Ruma Tekau

Wānanga at Helensville - Fri 24th May

Rippa Rugby Activations—Fri 24th May, Fri 7th June, Fri 14th June & Fri 21st June

Yr 4—8 Science Roadshow —Wed 29th May

Teacher Only Day—Fri 31st May (school closed)

Kings Birthday Weekend—Mon 3rd June (school closed)

BOT meeting— Wed 26th June 6.30pm—8.30pm

Matariki—Fri 28th June (school closed)

Yr 7 & 8 Zespiri AIMS Games— Sat 7th—Fri 13th Sept

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Blain Music Scholarship recipient

A message from Blain Austin, one of our music teachers

I am delighted that Asher Hawkins has accepted the Blain Music Scholarship for 2024.

This Music Scholarship was set up in honour of my family and the musical skills that have been passed down.

The name Blain has been given to the eldest female in my family for generations. Music has been a big part of life for all of them - teachers, examiners and performers. The Scholarship was set up in honour of this and is given each year to one student. This student has shown great focus during the lesson, a willingness to commit to practice and shows great musical understanding. The Scholarship is designed to bring out their full musical potential.

Asher has shown all of these skills and I'm excited to see his progress over the coming year.



Grappler Oceania Jiu Jitsu Championship—Manu

Congratulations to Manu who competed in the Grappler Oceania Jiu Jitsu Championship over the school holidays where he took out gold in Gi and silver in NoGi. He then participated in the Stealth Jiu Jitsu competition and won Bronze in both Gi and NoGi. We're so proud of you Manu!

Manu's focus will now turn towards Judo, as he prepares for the Judo International Open in July.

