

# Waipa Primary School

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Dear Parents/Caregivers/Whānau  
Kia Ora

**Thack's Thought:** *Dear Friday, I'm so glad we're back together. I'm so sorry you had to see me Monday to Thursday, but I was thinking of you the whole time.*

**Trivia:** *There are no penguins at the North Pole. In fact, there are no penguins anywhere in the Northern Hemisphere (outside of zoos). All 17 varieties of the bird are found below the equator, primarily in Antarctica.*

### **This Week's School Value**

**CO-OPERATION** – Co-operating with teachers, parents and other children.

**MAHI NGĀTAHI** – Mahi ngātahi i waenga i ngā kaiako, nga mātua, me ngā tamariki.

### **Whakatauki (Proverb)**

**Naku te rourou, Nau te rourou ka ora ai te iwi.**

*With your basket of knowledge and my basket of knowledge the people will prosper.*

### **Recommended Children's Book**

**Tomorrow When the War Began** by John Marsden

### **Recommended Adult's Book**

**Untouchable Girls: The Topp Twins** by Jools and Linda Topp.

### **A Song You Should Listen To**

**Somewhere Down the Crazy River** by Robbie Robertson.

**Parent Tip** – Try hard to be mindful of the detriments of too much screen time for our Tamariki. Take time to explain to them your reasons for your time limits. They will eventually realize you're doing it because you care.

**Tamariki Tip** – Work hard to get back in the groove of school as quickly as you can. It helps to get to bed earlier, read more, increase water intake and be active, and have all your stationery sorted.

## **Mini-Study Challenge – A FAMOUS CASTLE**

### **Champion Class – TCR**

### **Mr T's Chance Card –**

**Carter Mackie** from TCR and  
**TJ Kalonihea-Talitua** from THR



### **Merit Awards 22/09/2023**

**The Bees Knees - Turner Tawha** - for always showing courage, determination and reaching for the stars. You make Whaea Kim a very proud teacher. Ka pai Turner!

**The Orange Orange - Brianna Nicholson** - for doing your best in all her mahi, especially trying hard with your writing.

**The Magic Morepork - Jonah Lal** - for working so hard to improve your learning and behaviour. You are showing a great desire to learn.

**The Custard Square - Georgia Phillips** - for a massive effort in her learning. You have been trying so incredibly hard and it shows!!! Keep it up!

**The Dizzy Dragon - Dylan Pointon**

**Tuatuha** - for settling into your new class and having a fabulous term in The Dizzy Dragon. You are well mannered, hardworking and I love the way you have taken on many opportunities that Waipa has to offer.

**The Tinfoil Tiger - Nepia Noble** - for an awesome term, you have worked super hard and I'm proud of your progress.

**The Red Parrot - Jahrell Pittams** - for your excellent mahi in Science. You have an analytical mind for science concepts, taking the time to stop and think about what and why something is happening.

**The Happy Frog - Navy Heu** - for an outstanding effort in Term 3. You are a dedicated learner and display many qualities of a Waipa role model. Well done, Navy!

**Te Hikoi Roa - Kaizen Walters** - for your excellent humour, your ability to befriend almost anybody and your steady progress throughout the term.

**The Wise Weka - Ataamia Nepia-Moana** - for persevering and working hard to achieve your goals! Well done on a great term!

**The Wonky Donkey - Mauriora Campbell** - for an epic turn around in attendance. It has been fantastic having you at school every day, you are learning heaps, and you are learning it quickly!

**The Golden Goose - Paulie Thompson** - for being a great role model to our buddy class. You have been patient and sensible and I appreciate your maturity. You rock!

**The Silver Crown - Hinemawhia Tai-Rakena** - for her positive attitude towards her maths this term. Your efforts are really paying off.

**He Wahine Kaha - Isaani Wairepo** - for her hard work and perseverance this term and her willingness to always help others.

**The Changing Room - Kobby Bosu** - for always applying himself to all aspects of school. Excellent work and study habits and achieving great results. A valued Brother in TCR.

**Mrs Arnott - Sage Wesche** - for being an absolute champion learner. Eager to try new things and making phenomenal progress in reading, writing and math. You make us all proud Sage!

**Miss Hooker - Rayan Nagel** - for your manners, for your diligence and for your increased self-confidence and initiative this term. Impressive!

**Mr T's - Jasmin Sorensen- Edgecombe** - for showing inner strength to take on challenges and overcome fears. Always mature & caring. An excellent Senior Role model. I give thanks.

## Welcome

A very warm welcome back to our weird and wonderful world. As you would have read in class newsletters, it's an extremely busy term, with the production about the 'Wizard' guy dominating proceedings for the first three weeks. Lighting, sound, costumes and props are all coming together nicely as we get into the final round of rehearsals next week. **Tickets for the show can be purchased from the office - \$5 adults and \$2 students.**

We bid a welcome back to Terry Casey who returns to teach the Senior boy's

class and Jane Telfer who also returns to us taking up the reins in The Custard Square, and a warm welcome to trainee teacher, Rebecca Gilberd who will be part of the Dizzy Dragon.

## Inter-House

The race for the House Shield is as close as ever. With finals of Waipoccer and Volleyball fast approaching, and Softball, School Singing and Athletics still to come, it is going to be a really interesting race.

**Leading their Houses this term are:**

	Captains	Deputies
Kauri	<b>Aramaia TeMoanaroa Morunga</b>	<b>Vyla Nicholson</b>
	<b>Conrad Soundy</b>	<b>Issac Harris</b>
Nikau	<b>Harper David-McBeth</b>	<b>Sunnie Aspinall</b>
	<b>Walter Tongotea</b>	<b>Joseph Tongotea</b>
Rimu	<b>Cassius Pungatara-Salvation</b>	<b>Kahuremu Haunui</b>
	<b>Michael Morgan-Litt</b>	<b>Lycan Moana-Greenland</b>
Totara	<b>Aurora Piko</b>	<b>Tegan Tolchard</b>
	<b>Zyon Ofanoa</b>	<b>Mitai Ngataki-Matthews</b>

We wish them well.

**Current overall points:**

**Kauri - 25**

**Rimu - 34**

**Tōtara - 31**

**Nikau - 35**

## On Fire

Tui Team finished last term strongly with two of our five-year-olds becoming Waipa Wonders by nailing the essential words, and nine of them becoming royalty, by scoring highly in writing vocab. Top Stuff! **Raveena Gindha** and **Turner Tawha** have become Waipa Wonders.

**Willow Hemopo** and **Khloe Mackie** have become Waipa Princesses and **Jhett Bartlett**, **Marcellius Erihe-Randall**, **Asher-Reid Grace**, **Mihaka Paniora**, **Taj Unka**, **Kingston Yukich** and **Sage Wesche** have become Waipa Princes.

Congratulations to you all. They receive a Certificate, Chance Cards and a huge

round of applause from the rest of the school, because we love celebrating the successes of others.

***It's the Waipa Way!***

## **Wadio Waipa**

We started our radio station back in 2010. It broadcasts 24 hours a day and its signal goes to a 5km radius throughout the town on the 107FM frequency.

You do need one of those traditional radios to pick up the signal.

The computer plays music all the time so you can listen throughout the day – ad free. There are times throughout the school week, you can hear our Tamariki on the radio.

**Daily @ 10:30** – News bulletin prepared by our seniors.

**Tuesday & Thursday @ 12:30** – Tui Team – story reading.

**Daily @ 1:30** – Students from different classes reading.

**Fridays @ 1:35** – Friday Feature Story – the old classics like Dianna and The Golden Apple, Flick the Fire Engine, The Noisy Eater etc. Does the happiness ever end?

The news broadcast put together by two seniors each day requires research, rehearsal and presentation. The bulletin should include international news, national, local, school news, sports, weather forecast and a joke. They usually do a very good job.

We try hard to avoid bad or sad news, but it may come as no surprise to you that 'good' news is often hard to find in a newspaper, and we all know why that is.

## **Study Club**

Last week to join our Study Club for this term. Open four afternoons a week, 3:00 pm – 4:30 pm. Available for Year 3 – 8.

If your child would like to be part of this group, please complete the form below and return it to the office by tomorrow.

Yes, I would like

from Room \_\_\_\_\_ to be part of the Study Clubs this term.

## **Champions**

The game of gutterboard is a popular pastime for many of our Tamariki. At this time of year, we turn it into a competition with each class finding out who is their best and in turn the best in their class competes to see who the best in their syndicate is, then those four compete to see who is the school champion.

***Syndicate Champs were:***

**Tui Team – Hazel-Lee Moana-Hepi**

**Kea Team – Meadow-Haze Tumaki Durham**

**Kākāpō Team – Cove Heu**

**Kiwi Team – Isaani Wairepo**

So the Grand Final was hotly contested. Coming out on top, and the School Champion for 2023 is ***Isaani Wairepo***. Congratulations!

Stay happy,  
Steve

## **Numbers of Interest**

<b>3</b> Of the four Gutterboard Champions were female.	<b>3487</b> Dollars our latest water bill. Thanks Mr Council.	<b>4</b> Shows of 'The Wizard' being put on.
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