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## THE WAIPA WORD

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Dear Parents/Caregivers/Whānau  
Kia Ora

**Trivia:** *Poached egg means egg-in-a-bag from the French word Poche. When an egg is poached, the white of the egg forms a pocket around the yoke; hence the name.*

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

**COMMUNICATION** – Listen carefully, respond appropriately.

**WHAKAWHITI KŌRERO** – Āta whakarongo, whakahoki tika nei.

### **Whakatauki (Proverb)**

Kia hōhonu ai te puna kupu.

Let the pool of words be deep.

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

*The Twits* by Roald Dahl

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

*Boy* by Roald Dahl

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

*When I Get There* by Pink.

**Parent Tip** – What are three of the main qualities you value in a person? Role model these qualities to your Tamariki. Your influence is immense.

**Tamariki Tip** – Remember, that what's right isn't always popular and what's popular, isn't always right.

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

### **Champion Class – TMM**

**Mr T's Chance Card** – Layton Taha-Williams from The Silver Crown



### **Merit Awards 13/10/2023**

**The Bees Knees** - Chris-Zeta Kutia - for working hard at her reading this week and learning to stay focused. Tino pai Chris-Zeta!

**The Orange Orange** - Lynka Matherson - for settling well into the Orange Orange.

**The Magic Morepork** - Khloe Mackie - for being so fantastic! You are an excellent listener, and you put a huge effort into your work. The Morepork is lucky to have you!

**The Custard Square** - Katana Poutapu - for your quiet respectful nature. You are a good listener and always try your very best.

**The Dizzy Dragon** - Carter Gilgen - for having an amazing first week back at school. You are focused, motivated and engaged in all of your learning and I am so impressed. Keep it up.

**The Tinfoil Tiger** - Diaz Kutia - for your positive attitude and great work ethic. You always give 100% to everything you do. You are a star in our class!

**The Red Parrot** - Marnie-Rae Matthews-Hilaire - for displaying our school value of cooperation this week, sharing her ideas when working with a partner and within a group to complete a variety of STEM challenges.

**The Happy Frog** - Leeah Fox - for an outstanding start to Term 4 and challenging yourself in the Basic Facts test. You have achieved your goal of becoming a 100 clubber and I couldn't be prouder.

**Te Hikoi Roa** - Dante Fred - for his extra effort when writing his speech, his excellent attitude towards reading and his huge improvement in basic facts.

**The Wise Weka** - Nature Church - for a great start to Term 4! Managing himself to get to production practices and in class getting an awesome score in his basic facts! Well Done, Nature!!!

**The Wonky Donkey** - Cyan-May Rameka - for constantly showing self-discipline and always striving to do your best with your mahi. I can't wait to see you as a Year 7!

**The Golden Goose** - Manaia Davis - for your unstinting support of others, your awesome efforts in all learning areas and your wholehearted commitment to our kura.

**The Silver Crown** - Aurora Piko - for being a self-motivated and independent student, with a great love of learning. You're awesome Aurora.

**He Wahine Kaha** - Vyla Nicholson - for the way you are stepping up and showing rangatiratanga. You have made us all so very proud.

**The Changing Room** - Brodie Hill-Liddle - for showing the most improvement in his

Basic Facts test scores in the TCR: 88% - 99%

**Mrs Arnott - Wiremu Hutchins (TRP)** - for showing dedication to learning consistently ALL year. Well done on your 4th Golden Child achievement.

**Miss Hooker - Kingston David-McBeth** - for the maturity, responsibility, thoughtfulness and initiative you continue to display in and out of the classroom. Impressive!

**Mr T's - Vyla Nicholson** - for stepping up to the plate as a Waipa Senior. Showing maturity, care, for taking on challenges and wanting to give back to our kura. A great role model with exciting leadership potential. Awesome.

## Councillor Comment

你好, Namaste, bula vanaka, kia ora, malo e lelei and greetings to you all.

As usual, it has been a very busy week here at Waipa.

The Waipoccer playoffs for third and fourth between Rimu and Totara were held on Monday, with Rimu taking that win. (It's alright Totara).

The Waipoccer Grand Final on Wednesday resulted in a draw, so it was replayed today. It was a very good game. Blood sweat and tears went into that.

Congratulations to \_\_\_\_\_ on their win and on becoming Waipoccer's 2023 Champion House!

Well done to those of you who did well in the Basic Facts Test and good luck for the upcoming Computation Test.

Our production shows are all on next week, so get in quick if you'd like to buy tickets.

Well, it seems like that's all from me, 再见, alavida, Moce, Ka kite, Nofa a, and goodbye for now.

Mitai Ngataki Matthews

## The Wizard Of Oz!

A story that was written in 1939, which is still loved and enjoyed today!

The Wizard of Oz!

Yes, The Wizard of Oz!

Our school production!

And ... pretty soon you will be able to see it in action – Waipa style!!

The clock is ticking, so if you want to come along to watch, you'll need to get your tickets fast, as there are **NO door sales**.

Tickets can be purchased from the school office.

Adults - \$5

Children -\$2

Under Fives - free

The show dates/times are as follows:

Wednesday 25 October - Matinee @ 12:30pm.

Wednesday 25 October - Night show @ 6pm.

Thursday 26 October - Night show @ 6pm.

## Life Education

We are thrilled to welcome Whaea Amy and her giraffe Harold back to Waipa School. Amy and Harold are part of the Life Education Trust, which provides education to support our children's health and wellbeing, delivered through interactive learning experiences in schools. Life Ed visits more than 1400 schools and kura each year in their unique mobile classrooms, where students learn about their body, friendships, their identity, food and nutrition and helpful and harmful substances.

Life Ed will be on site this week and part of next week. Our Y1 to Y6 students will receive 2 class visits each to the mobile classroom.

## NZ Shakeout Earthquake Drill

Today at 9:20am, Waipa Students and staff participated in the 'Great NZ Shakeout' earthquake drill.

Classes have been practising their 'Drop/Cover/Hold' procedure in preparation for today's drill. Classes were timed to see how quickly and safely they could get into position.

## Inter-House Waipoccer

Kauri and Nikau battled it out in the Grand Final of our Waipoccer series on Tuesday, resulting in a one all draw. Wednesday - we tried again and can you believe it ... another one all draw. So, for the 3<sup>rd</sup> and final time, the game will be re-played at lunch time today. We wish both teams good luck. I'll let you know the outcome in next week's newsletter!

## Athletics

In preparation for our upcoming Athletics days, all of our classes from Year1 to Year 8 are working hard on their run/jump/throw skills.

It's great to see this in action. High jumping, long jumping, ball throwing, discus throwing, shot-putting, relay running plus sprinting! Dates to put into your diary – or into your phone!

**Year 1 to Year 3 Athletics: 9 November**

**Year 4 to Year 8 Athletics: 15 November**  
and the afternoon of **16 November.**

**Inter-School Athletics (Year4-Year 8 only)**  
**21 November**

## Councillors

Our councillor interviews were held last week and again, we are thrilled by how many of our Y8 students are keen to step up and help us run our great school. Record numbers of students applied this term.

Students spoke about wanting to give back to a school that has given them so much during their time here. That made us proud. Students also spoke about being keen to improve their confidence and about being keen to be good role models for the younger children – that made us proud too.

*This term's councillors are:*

***Te Puna Rintoul, Katie Ward,  
Havarnah Takiwa, Saanchi Reddy,  
Janae Kelly, Vyla Nicholson,  
Paretapu Perese-Roberts,  
Cassius Pungatara-Salvation,  
CJ Lines Tawha, Mitai Ngataki-Matthews,  
Zyon Ofanoa, Michael Morgan-Litt,  
Shay Whanga, Leo Louw, Walter  
Tongotea, Kingston David-McBeth, Ihaia  
Emery-Davenport, Ahurei Nepson,  
Conrad Soundy, Logan Bredesen.***

*We wish them well in their role.*

## Tomorrow's Assembly

### ***Change of Plan***

With our school hall now doubling as 'The Wizard of Oz' land, we will hold tomorrow's assembly at the front of the school, outside the office - weather permitting - 2:15pm.

You are welcome to attend.

## Lost Property

Well, we've only been back at school for two weeks and our lost property is starting to stack up again. Please have a look next time you are at school.

Clothing usually gets left on the field and playgrounds at the end of our break times. Luckily, we have a team of students who run around to collect it all and bring it to the rack outside the office.

## Long Weekend

Don't forget, due to **Labour Day**, school will be closed on Monday!

Back to normal though on **Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> October.**

Stay happy,  
Sally

## Numbers of Interest

<b>5</b> Dollars per adult to the Wizard of Oz.	<b>07 824 8228</b> Is our school's landline phone number.	<b>12</b> December is your child's final day of term this year.
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