

# Waipa Primary School

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## THE WAIPA WORD

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Principal: Steve Thackray

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Dear Parents/Caregivers/Whānau  
Kia Ora,

**Thack's Thought:** *I am not responsible for what my face does when you talk.*

**Trivia:** *The horned lizard of the American south-west may squirt a thin stream of blood from the corner of it's eyes when frightened.*

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

**CARING** – giving love and attention to people, things, and our environment. Showing kindness

**MANAAKITIA** – Ka tukuna te aroha me te aroha ki ngā tāngata, te taiao me ngā mea katoa. Me atawhaitia.

### **Whakatauki (Proverb)**

**He kokonga whare e kitea, he kokonga ngākau e kore e kitea**

*A corner of a house may be seen and examined; not so the corners of the heart*

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

**Maniac McGee** by Jerry Spinelli

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

**To Kill A Mockingbird** by Lee Harper

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

**Blinded By The Light** by Manfred Mann.

**Parent Tip** – Having a screenless day at home is certainly worth a trial. Out come the board games, cards, books, the crafts, colouring in, the paint by numbers, the puzzles and the lego! They will embrace it – eventually.

**Tamariki Tip** – Playing sport has so many benefits. Learning to occupy yourself is a great asset to have. Learning a craft can improve your skill set. Doing jigsaw puzzles is good for your observation skills and your patience.

### **Mr T's Mini-Study Challenge:**

**A SPORT OR SPORTS TEAM**

### **Champion Class** – Te Hikoi Roa

### **Mr T's Chance Card Draw -**

**Te Ohorere Hati** from The Changing Room.



### **Merit Awards 01/03/2024**

**The Bees Knees - Kainga Don** - *for a top effort in all areas of his mahi. You make Whaea Kim a very proud teacher. Tino pai!*

**The Orange Orange - Cherry-Jade** - *for working hard and putting your best effort into your mahi.*

**The Magic Morepork - Kory Singhkang** - *for showing extreme diligence in everything you do. You are thoughtful kind and helpful, tino pai!*

**The Custard Square - Elijah Ngairo** - *for a fantastic start to the year. You are focused on your mahi and growing your self management. The Custard Square is lucky to have you*

**The Dizzy Dragon - Ever Heu** - *for always working hard, being focused, engaged in your learning and putting your best effort into your mahi. Tau ke! You are awesome.*

**The Tinfoil Tiger - Kingston Yukich** - *for showing diligence in all you do, you are a fabulous role model to your peers.*

**The Red Parrot - Manaia Morgan** - *for the fabulous focus and effort you put into your mahi, consistently producing work to a high standard. Tu meke!*

**The Happy Frog - Riley Graham** - *for the courage that you showed stepping up to do the medley at swimming sports. You made us so proud.*

**Te Hikoi Roa - Carson Winikerei** - *for your amazing ability to focus on the task without being distracted, you are such a diligent learner. And you produce work that you can be proud of. Kia Kaha!*

**The Wise Weka - Taimana Whaiapu** - *for the courage he showed throughout swimming sports and the fantastic effort he displays in and out of the classroom each and every day!*

**The Wonky Donkey - Te Tairawhiti Tengu** - *for your positive presence in class and around school and your highly noticeable efforts to achieve your goals. I am enjoying how invested you are in your learning.*

**The Golden Goose - Billee Forrest** - for smashing it out of the park with your STAR results. You achieved the highest score in our class and I am super duper proud!

**The Silver Crown - Layton Smith** - for showing respect, self discipline and self confidence. You are an awesome addition to The Silver Crown. Keep it up!!

**He Wahine Kaha - Drew Fletcher** - for always demonstrating self-discipline and diligence in all areas of your mahi. You have a strong willingness to succeed and display the qualities of a top senior role model. Ka mau te wehi!

**The Changing Room - Anthony Payne** - for outstanding commitment and effort in the pool. You are a role model for showing perseverance and determination when facing challenges.

**Mrs Arnott - Jonah Lal (TTT)** - for your bright and bubbly demeanour, which adds warmth to every interaction. Your energetic presence makes you a joy to be around.

**Miss Hooker - Wanakore Herangi** - for the maturity, responsibility and determination you are displaying as a Y8. Willingly involved, helpful and using initiative. An impressive start to the year. A top role model. Tino pai e tama!

**Mr T's - Eilidh Doyle** - for always being such an impressive Waipa Senior. So mature, thoughtful, caring, involved, strives to achieve, takes on challenges and always such an impressive role model and leader. A shining light in the Senior ranks. I give thanks.

### **Councillor Comment**

Kia ora boys, girls and citizens of Ngāruawāhia.

Congratulations to Kauri for winning the first round of Karetu Tag on Tuesday and to Totara for winning on Wednesday. Good luck to the waka kopapa for the upcoming Turangawaewae Regatta on the 16th of March, look forward to seeing you there. Congratulations to all of the students who sat the PAT tests this week and who tried their best in them. We are excited to see our results for all of them. Good luck to all of our representatives who are going to the

Huntly pools for the interschool swimming next Wednesday. Rest up and get lots of training and sleep before the big day. Our value this week has been caring. It has been really nice to see how Waipa kids care about each other and our school. Way to go Waipa. Well, that's all from me.

Kia Ora

Asher James Morley (AJ)

### **Website**

If you have the time please check out the school website. Jam packed with interesting stuff and you even get to see our state of the art trophy cabinet that was installed and opened last week.

### **Swimming**

A squad of our finest represent us at the Inter-School Swimming Sports next Wednesday the 13<sup>th</sup> at Huntly. They are training every day at lunchtimes. We wish them all the best. Our Yr 1-3 students put on their swimming displays next Thursday 14<sup>th</sup>. Class teachers will let you know the times.

### **Kōpapa**

Our tamariki have trained well for this. Yes, next Friday 15<sup>th</sup> our crews take part in the Primary section of the regatta. We wish them well for this great event.

### **Wall of Fame**

In our office reception area we have our Wall of Fame. There are photos of our high academic achievers, Waipa club members and sports achievers. You are welcome to check it out at anytime.

### **Excellence Board**

Also in our reception area. It displays some pretty amazing and clever work done by our tamariki. They receive a certificate acknowledging their work and a humungous round of applause.

## Parent/Caregiver Survey

Here is a brief summary of the survey we did late last year. Hope you find it worth reading through.

We had 77 responses which equates to 21% of our school community.

Community perspective on how we are delivering the following curriculum areas is as follows:

	Poor		Good		Excellent		Unsure	
Literacy	1	1%	29	38%	40	52%	3	4%
Maths	3	4%	27	35%	41	53%	3	4%
Physical Education			32	42%	40	52%	2	3%
Fitness			33	43%	39	51%	2	3%
Maaori	9	12%	39	51%	23	30%	3	4%
Topic Studies			31	40%	29	38%	13	17%

### Preference For Newsletter:

Printed Copy	61	61%
Website	2	3%
Email	12	16%
Skool Loop App	24	31%

### Listen To Wadio Waipa Occasionally:

Yes	20	26%
No	51	66%

We appreciated the honesty and thoughtful comments. Many aspects of our school were acknowledged in a positive manner and reinforced what we are trying to do.

While there are many aspects to celebrate there are always areas or things we can do better, and we acknowledge the suggestions and ideas given. They have given us food for thought and ammunition for our strategic planning.

Personally, I was thrilled to see so many of you acknowledge the positive atmosphere and the 'whanau' feel of our school. We work hard on that and try to ensure every child is happy and feels safe. It is essential if a child is to learn, and that is what schools are all about, and that definitely is the Waipa Way.

Stay Happy  
Steve

## Numbers of Interest

<b>32</b> Students representing us at the Inter-School Swimming	<b>6</b> Classes doing their swimming display next Thursday	<b>36</b> Tamariki can play Karetu Tag for their House at lunchtimes
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