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Dear Parents/Caregivers/Whānau
Kia Ora,

Thack's Thought: *Chocolate doesn't ask silly questions, chocolate understands.*

Trivia: *A seven letter word that contains nine words without rearranging any of its letter is 'therein' These words are: the, there, he, her, here, ere, herein, rein, in.*

This Week's School Value

COURAGE – Being brave when afraid. Giving things a go. Accepting challenges.

WHAKAARO ATAWHAI – Whakamahi i ngā āhuatanga pai ki roto i ngā kupu me ngā mahi-a-ringā.

Whakatauki (Proverb)

Tū whitia te hopo
Overcome your fear

Recommended Children's Book

Danny, the Champion of the World by Roald Dahl.

Recommended Adult's Book

The Wolf You Feed by Andrew Webster

A Song You Should Listen To

Going up to the Country, Paint My Mailbox Blue by Taj Mahal

Parent Tip – Large motor skills come naturally for many of our tamariki. Small motor skills need opportunities to develop – colouring in, jigsaws, lego, paint by numbers, craft making etc, all enhance those important skills.

Tamariki Tip – We all make mistakes. It's a really good idea to learn from them, so we don't keep making the same ones, especially when it comes to behaviour and / or attitude.

Champion Class – Te Hikoi Roa

Mr T's Chance Card Draw -

Addison Ireton from The Dizzy Dragon

Mr T's Mini-Study Challenge:

A SPORT



Merit Awards 21/02/2025

The Bees Knees – Liam van den Bemd – *I am so proud of you and I'm sure you will agree that your confidence has just exploded this week! Keep it up!*

The Orange Orange - Taiaha Ranga-Savage- *for focusing and engaging in your work. Tino pai to mahi.*

The Magic Morepork - Maea Hati - *for having an incredible work ethic and being a super swimmer. You are kind, considerate and always there with a smile. Thank you for being an amazing Morepork.*

The Custard Square - Ember-Rose Caccioppoli - *for starting the new year in a new kura with courage, kindness and a joyful attitude. Welcome to TCS, we are so blessed!*

The Dizzy Dragon - Horomanga Amuketi-Williams - *for being a focussed and hard working learner who provides great role modelling for his classmates. Horomanga lives the Waipa Way every day!*

The Tinfoil Tiger - Te Whetuaniwaniwa Joseph Taurua-Cullen – *for always being Respectful, Kind, Hard-Working and Humble. Keep up the fabulous effort. Tau Kē*

The Red Parrot - Ever Heu - *for consistently being on task and putting your learning into practise. You are a great example of a top Kea Team role model.*

The Happy Frog - Georgia Phillips - *for consistently meeting expectations. Your helpfulness, kindness, and perseverance in tackling challenges make you a true role model.*

Te Hikoi Roa - David Hamana-Vaka - *for always having the best attitude towards your learning and doing it with a smile on your face. Thanks for always making Whaea Tuaine's day!*

The Wise Weka - Eruera Rapana Morgan - *for being a joy to teach. You consistently approach your learning with enthusiasm*

*and a smile, always giving you best effort.
Your positivity will take you far.*

The Wonky Donkey - Olivia Hanes - *for your helpfulness, dedication to your learning and your outstanding STAR result.
Tino pai rawa*

The Golden Goose - Jordan Moana - *for the commitment you are showing to your house. You've made yourself available at lunchtimes and have shown strength and improvement in the water. Shot!*

The Silver Crown - Te Ariki Adams - *for being a great role model and leader in TSC. We are so lucky to have you.*

He Wahine Kaha - Harper Ngati - *for consistently coming to school with optimism and maintaining a positive attitude towards your learning.*

The Changing Room - Diijon Wharakura - *for the way you represented our kura during our trip to see the Chiefs at FMG Stadium! Ka Pai!*

Mrs Arnott - Dianna Hawker - *doing her absolute best in all areas all of the time. Especially in reading. You're a Star Dianna!*

Miss Hooker - Myah Nepia - *for the impressive strategic thinking and leadership you are already displaying in your role as a Deputy Leader of Kauri House and as a School Councillor. Keep it up!*

Mr T's - Cadenza Lee - *for displaying all the qualities we admire in a Waipa Senior. So mature, thoughtful, caring, striving to achieve and involved in all aspects of our kura. A superb role model and leader. I give thanks.*

Councillor Comment

Kia ora ladies and gentlemen of Ngāruawahia. This week was a very exciting week in the lunch time swimming relays for all of us. Nikau hit it out of the park with a sensational win against Rimu, Totara and Kauri yesterday. Once the pool relays are over, Karetu tag will be starting, so be ready. Good luck to all of the Y4 to Y8 children for swimming sports on Monday. I wonder which House will win! Good luck also to the Y4 to Y8 children who sit their PAT tests next week.
Ka kite ano.
Diijon Wharakura

Welcome

We welcome seven new students to our weird and wonderful world this week.

They are;

Cloud Semira and **Joziah Bennett-TeAurere** join Whaea Kim and the great little troopers in The Bees Knees.

Zoey Bennett joins Whaea Becs and the excellent team of Year 2's in The Custard Square.

Eden Bennett joins Whaea Deanne and the fabulous achievers in The Red Parrot.

Nevaeh Bennett-TeAurere joins Mrs Wiggins and the switched on learners in The Wise Weka.

Odin Shaw joins Miss Grant and the excellent workers in The Golden Goose and **Ava Te Ngoungou** joins Whaea Priya and the wonderful young ladies in He Wahine Kaha.

Wonderful

Great news! Maea Hati and Lily Webster-Nelson have mastered the essential words to become Waipa Wonders. Well done girls. We congratulate them. They will appear on our Hall Wall of Fame.

Waipa Hats

We have just replenished our supply of Waipa bucket hats slight change in design. And they look sharp and are on special for \$10 from the office, where everyone gets a bargain.

Royalty

Four of our Juniors have hit the ground running, quickly achieving royalty status by achieving well in literacy tests. We congratulate Hinemaia Ngatai-Maxwell, Te Waituru Emery Davenport and Ivory Draper who have become Waipa Princesses and Inigo Gubb has become a Waipa Prince. They will appear on our Hall Wall of Fame.

PAT's

Progress and Achievement Tests start happening for our Yr 4-8 tamariki. They do Reading Comprehension, Reading Vocab, Punctuation and Grammar and Mathematics. Again, we can't hang our hats on the final

results, but they do give us a good indication of where our students are at academically. We share the results with you during interviews later in the term. We wish them well for these.

Inter-House

Today was the last day for our lunchtime pool relays. Teams of six competed each day with a variety of races followed by a synchronized event where teams could score up to ten points for a top performance. For example, the six of them would make a circle, and have to do a handstand. If they could go down together and surface together they would score highly. They got really good at it. The winning House overall was Rimu who were solid performers right throughout. Defending champions pushed hard but couldn't quite pull them back. I was very impressed with the increase in speed shown by those who swam regularly. We are into Karetu Tag next week, which is one of our favourite games to play! I look forward to that.

SWIMMING SPORTS

Our annual Yr 4-8 Swimming Sports is at the Town Pool next Monday 3rd March. Here's the important stuff.

- Students should arrive between 8.30 & 8.50am
- A walking bus leaves Waipa at 8.35 should students want to come to school first.

Bring:

- Togs
- Hat
- 2 Towels
- Water Bottle / Snacks
- Sunblock
- House Colours
- Sunglasses
- Day will end approx. 2.45pm

Going home arrangements organized etc. A walking bus will come back to school. School lunches will be delivered to the pool. We look forward to a fabulous day, with lots of kaha and support of each other. Yr's 1, 2 and 3 will be putting the swimming skills on display here at school on Thursday 13th March. Inter-School Swimming Sports are at Huntly on Wednesday 12th March.

BIG DAY IN

Next Thursday 6th March, Tui Team are having a 'BIG DAY IN' Jumping Castles, Slide, Obstacle course and animals to meet and pat. I can't remember any of this fun stuff happening when I was five and six. Good on them. I know it will be something they remember for a long time, and I'm confident some learning will take place. Fingers crossed.

Observational Drawing

We do this regularly here at Waipa. Obviously over eight years at our kura, no matter how good you are, there is always improvement. So some of the work done by students at the upper end of the school is quite remarkable. It's great skill to possess.

Stationery

We have had an excellent result with people paying for the stationery that was given to students in the first few days of school and we so appreciate that. Still some to come in as soon as you can please.

Stay happy,
Steve

Numbers of Interest

<p>15</p> <p>Students per team for Karetu Tag.</p>	<p>95</p> <p>Yr 5 & 6 Students at our kura.</p>	<p>91</p> <p>Yr 3 & 4 Students at our kura</p>
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