

# Waipa Primary School

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## THE WAIPA WORD

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Dear Parents/Caregivers/Whānau  
Kia Ora,

**Thack's Thought:** *Of all the things  
I've lost, I miss my mind the most.*

**Trivia:** *The average adult stands  
approximately one centimetre taller in the  
morning than in the evening, because the  
cartilage in the spine compresses during  
the day.*

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

**FRIENDLINESS** – Taking an interest in  
people and going out of your way to make  
others feel welcome.

**WHAKAHOAHOA** – Whakahoahoa ki  
ngētehi atu, me te manaaki tangata ahakoa  
ko wai.

### **Whakatauki** (Proverb)

**Ko au te whenua. Ko te whenua ko au.**  
*I am the land and the land is me.*

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

**The Mouse and the Motorcycle** by  
Beverly Cleary.

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

**Some Thing In The Water** by Catherine  
Steadman.

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

**You Can All Join In** by Traffic.

**Parent Tip** – Try a TV-less night once  
a week. Get out the Board Games, the pack  
of cards or dust off the books. Initially  
won't be well received by tamariki, but  
they'll grow to love it, and it becomes  
special family time.

**Tamariki Tip** – Learn to play different  
card games, like Solitaire. Learn to play  
chess. These can be played throughout  
your whole life and are good for the brain.

**Mini-Study** – A COUNTRY

**Champion Class** – The Dizzy Dragon.

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

**Winner** – Wanakore, from TGG.



### **Merit Awards 25/03/2022**

**The Bees Knees - Taj Unka** - for a  
super-duper effort at his phonics,  
reading and writing. You make me  
proud Taj!

**The Orange Orange - Sophia Tuitama-  
Newton** - for always making fantastic  
choices in class. You are kind, responsible,  
an excellent listener and always have  
amazing manners. Well done!!

**The Magic Morepork - Leo Boy**

**Pungatara - Salvation** - for the hard work  
you are putting into your school work. You  
try your best every day and we can see that  
with your great reading skills.

**The Custard Square - Aiden O'Connor** -  
for being the 'Custard to our Square!!' You  
add that special spark of happiness to our  
class. Always encouraging others, doing  
the mahi, and making us smile! We love  
your sweet wairua. Tino pai rawa atu!

**The Dizzy Dragon - Leeah Fox** - for being  
AMAZING! I love the enthusiasm you bring  
to class daily, and you always put 100%  
into everything you do. An absolute  
superstar in The Dizzy Dragon.

**The Tinfoil Tiger - Aalyiah Marino**

**Ounsworth** - for your amazing attitude  
towards maths this week, you have shown  
huge improvement. You should be very  
proud.

**The Red Parrot - Terence Tepana** - for  
your improved effort to complete tasks in  
class and your enthusiasm in reading. Keep  
up the hard mahi!

**The Happy Frog - Tokotaua Herangi** - for  
always being a great helping hand. You are  
selfless and always willing to help those  
around you. Well done!

**Te Hikoi Roa - Amiria Te Namu** - for  
coming to school each and every day  
prepared to work hard. She is committed  
and keen to progress her learning.

**The Wise Weka - Mei-Ani Graham Naera**  
- for your willingness to lend a hand, the  
enthusiasm you show towards your learning  
and the high standards you set for yourself.  
A great Kākāpō kid in the making.

**The Wonky Donkey - Dash Tua** - for your  
increased positivity towards school life,

*always stepping up for your house and volunteering to help out anywhere needed. Kei te tino poho korerū au i a koe!*

**The Golden Goose - Egypt Poutapu** - for the high standards you strive for in all areas of your education. You consistently improve on your results and continue to impress. You are bound for great things Egypt!

**The Silver Crown - Wiremu Harris** - for stepping up as a Kiwi Senior and reading on Wadio Waipa. You read with superb fluency, expression and pronunciation! Ka mahi te tawa uho ki te riri.

**He Wahine Kaha - Te Arorangi Ngataki** - for the diligence, manners, maturity and thoughtfulness you display in class. Tino pai!

**The Changing Room - Kingston David-McBeth** - for diligently working on his research skills and developing his ability to present his findings in a mature fashion.

**Mrs Arnott - Wanakore Herangi** - for giving 150% in sport at lunchtimes. You are an asset to your house!

**Miss Hooker - Brooke Rayner** - for your maturity, your leadership, your willingness to lend a hand and for your support for others. Impressive!

**Mr T's - Manawa Inia** - for being a top-drawer Waipa Senior, all day, every day. Mature, thoughtful, caring, strives to achieve and involved in all our school has to offer. A superb role model and leader.

## Councillor Comment

Kia ora boys, girls and citizens of Ngaruawahia.

On Monday, the Ministry of Education came to our kura to check out our property, and they were impressed. I'm sure you all made them feel welcome.

The scores are close between the houses in the easter egg raffle. Totara have come storming back! The cut off for eggs is next Friday. Let's go Totara!

Totara also won against Nīkau on Tuesday to verse Kauri in the final round of Karetu Tag. I think its going to be a great game! Well that's all from me,

Ka kite ano,  
Sam Paniora.

## Welcomes

This week, **Aylah Butler** joins Whaea Shea and the and the excellent workers in The Custard Square.

We know that she is going to love being a part of our weird and wonderful world.

## Easter Raffle

Tickets go on sale next week. \$1 a ticket, or 3 for \$2.

It's part of our annual Good Samaritan Week with the funds raised going to Starship Hospital. The eggs have been coming in nicely.

House Totals at the beginning of this morning were:

Rimu -	64
Nīkau -	53
Kauri -	29
Totara -	70

The prizes will be drawn at our Final Assembly on 14<sup>th</sup> April.

## Solar

As you may be aware, we got Solar Power installed and operational at the start of last year. The table below shows our power bills over the last two years. 2020, we were with 'Energy Online'. 2021, we switched to 'Mercury' who installed the solar.

	2020	2021
January	\$1,716	\$1,131
February	\$1,414	\$758
March	\$1,821	\$907
April	\$1,297	\$1,004
May	\$689	\$979
June	\$1,055	\$837
July	\$1,791	\$307
August	\$1,212	\$1,338
September	\$1,748	\$1,122
October	\$1,145	\$818
November	\$1,563	\$741
December	\$1,668	\$423
	<b>\$17,119</b>	<b>\$10,365</b>

So, we saved \$6,754 in the first year. I think it will pay for itself in 8-9 years. Does the happiness ever end?

## Hula Hoop

If you can Hula Hoop for over a minute here at Waipa School, you become a Life Member of our Hula Hoop Club, receiving three 'Chance' cards, a certificate and your name on our Wall of Fame.

There's been a resurgence of interest of late. New members this month are:

**Jade Fox**

**Cyrissa-Lei Tawha**

**Paa Bosu**

**Parekaarau Moanaroa**

**Fortress Ratai**

**Wanakore Herangi**



We congratulate them and look forward to more joining the club.

## Clubs

Aside from the Hula Hoop Club, we do have other clubs that children can strive to be part of.

They require self-motivation, perseverance and for the most part, self-teaching.

They are available during the breaks for children to try their hand at.

### **Juggling Club**

Juggle 3 balls for one minute.



### **Silver Juggler**

Juggle 3 rings for one minute.

### **Gold Juggler**

Juggle 3 skittles for one minute.



### **Stilt Club Walkers**

Two figure eight circuits of a set course.

### **Unicycle Club**

Unicycle one Lap of the Basketball Court.



### **Upside Down Club**

Walk on your hands across 5 lanes of the Sprint Track.



## Whaea Tiffany

Tiffany has been working in a part time capacity here at Waipa for the last few years. She provided outstanding support for teachers and students and has kept our resource room catalogued and up to date. She finishes here next Wednesday. We thank her and wish her well for the future.

## Dining

We have a dining table and six chairs that are surplus to our requirements. If you think they would look fabulous in your whare, you are most welcome to come down and check them out.

They're free to a good home.

You'll need to organise transport though, we don't do free delivery.



Stay Happy  
Steve

## Numbers of Interest

<b>117</b> Life Members of the Juggling Club.	<b>61</b> Life Members of the Unicycling Club.	<b>4</b> Life Members of the Upside Down Club.
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