

Hello Tena koutou Talofa lava Fakaalofa atu Namaste
Talofa ni Malo e lelei Kia orana Konnichiwa Malo ni
Ni sa bula vinaka Bula Selamat Pagi Nin hao



Talofa Lava, Kia Orana, Bula Vinaka, Kia ora Whanau & Friends of Te Kura o Wairau

Welcome Back

Welcome back to your 'Te Kura o Wairau Whanau', and to the 2024 year. We have had a stunning start to this year.

Thank you so very much for helping to make the start of this year for your child/ren as special and positive as it has been by getting their school uniform sorted, their stationary brought, and their togs and towels labelled and in their bags every day.

Mihi Whakatau

We welcomed all our new staff and students at our Mihi Whakatau on Tuesday. It was so lovely to see new faces and whanau. One of our newest staff members is our new Deputy Principal/Senco 'Mrs Stephanie Algie. She will be joining us really soon. When you see her make sure you give her a big 'Te Kura o Wairau' welcome.

Beach Education

This week our Kahikatea and Rata Teams went to Foxton Beach to learn about Beach Safety. They went to the Foxton Surf Club to learn the theory of keeping safe at the beach when in the water, and then went out into the water to practice their learning. Thank you to all our whanau and friends who came and supported our tamariki and kaiako as they learnt how to be safe in water at the beach. Our Kowhai Team go to Himitangi next Friday 9th February for their Beach Education programme.



Swimming

Our swimming pool is up and running and looking fabulous. Our caretaker Mr Foss/Pa John, has been looking after our pool to make sure that every day it is ready to be used. Whanau, it is so important that your child/ren go swimming at school. It is here at our pool and in this safe environment that they begin to gain confidence and learn swimming/water skills that will help keep them safe as they get older and are around any water in the future.

Te Kura o Wairau

'Whanau Meet & Greet'

Next week on Thursday 8th February from 3-4:30pm we are having our 'Meet & Greet' at Te Kura o Wairau. This is how it is working. From 3-3:30pm you can visit your child/rens classroom environments and see what they have been learning about so far, as well as meet their teacher if you haven't had a chance to yet. Then from 3:30 - 4pm we will have a sausage sizzle and ice block (under the trees outside Rooms 7 - 10). Then from 4-4:30pm children can go and swim in the pool (they must have an adult with them from their family). We look forward to seeing you at our 'Whanau Meet Greet'. This is another opportunity to connect with each other and show our tamariki how much we are interested in their life at their kura.

Uara/Values

When you visit the classroom environments you will see that there is a 'PB4L (Positive Behaviour for Learning)/Uara/Values display. This display is used to motivate, celebrate and teach our students how to be 'Wairautanga'. On our certificates we have 4 of our Atua/Maori Gods (Papatuanuku, Tane Mahuta, Tangaroa and Ranginui). They adorn our certificates because they are important to us, as we teach our students about the Atua of Aotearoa. Throughout the year when a student achieves 25 Uara Points they get a Papatuanuku Certificate. When they get 50 Uara Points they receive the Tane Mahuta Certificate. When they achieve 75 Uara Points they get the Tangaroa Certificate, and when they reach 100 Uara Points they receive the Ranginui Certificate. We make a big deal out of these achievements and celebrate this alongside our students at our whole school assemblies. Keep a lookout for these as they come home. They are a treasure to stick on the fridge and talk about.

Whole School Assemblies

We have 3 'Whole School Assemblies' this term on Friday 16th February, Friday 8th March, and Thursday 28th March. These run from 2:15 - 2:50pm. Please always know you are welcome to these gatherings where we celebrate our students achievements and enjoy being together as a whole school whanau.

Dojo Points/Wairautanga Celebration

As part of our PB4L programme we also collect Dojo Points from each class. We set a goal to achieve, and once we achieve this goal we organise a 'Wairautanga Celebration'. Our first goal is to get 1000 Dojo Points. We look forward to getting a Wairautanga Celebration organised for our students in recognition of their positive behavior.

Plant to Plate

Today Room 6 participated in the 'Plant to Plate' programme. This is where our students learn about why we grow the vegetables and fruit in our raised gardens, and how to use it to cook yummy, healthy food. They also learn how to eat respectfully together at the table, and be part of the team who set up and pack up the hall during and after their learning alongside the Plant to Plate Team. Rooms 1 & 2 will participate in this during the year too.

Just Brass

Our Just Brass programme starts this year on Wednesday 14th February. Students who participated in 2023 can continue in this group, and any Year 5/6 students who are interested in joining have taken the notices home that need to be completed before the 14th February.

Nga Taonga Takaro - Kahikatea Team

Our Kahikatea students are fortunate to have Jayden from 'Whakapai Hauora' who is going to teach our Senior Students some traditional Maori games over six weeks. This begins on Thursday 15th February.

Waitangi Day

There is NO school on Tuesday the 6th of February as we observe Waitangi Day.

Nga mihi
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Up & Coming Events

School Assemblies for Term 1

- Friday 16th February
- Friday 8th March
- Friday 28th March

Assemblies start at 2.15pm

Vomiting Bugs

Please remember if your child is away from school due to vomiting, they should not return to school until 48 hours after vomiting.

Dental Treatment

The Mobile Dental Clinic is not visiting our school at present. To contact the Dental Team you can call the Dental Unit at The Palms in Ferguson Street - Phone 3547737 or 0800 825583.

School Facebook page

Keep in touch with the Kowhai, Rata and Kahikatea teams, on their facebook pages. Each team has their own page and regularly puts photos and exciting news of what is happening within their teams and around the school. Search for them:

[Te Kura o Wairau Kowhai Team,](#)
[Te Kura o Wairau Rata Team,](#)
[Te Kura o Wairau Kahikatea Team.](#)

School Uniform @ Academy Apparel

A reminder that Academy Apparel in Broadway Ave stock Te Kura o Wairau uniform, so if we don't have what you require in stock at school you have the option to purchase it there. You can also shop online through their website - & "Click & Collect". Our school community can also go to them for their Winz purchases.

LOST PROPERTY!

Please be sure to come and have a look through the lost property for any lost items on a regular basis. Items seem to accumulate very fast!

PLEASE remember to ring us if your child is going to be away from school for any reason.

Contact us on 3543274 or 0800 45 44 44 or download the school app (from School Apps or scan the QR code below) and leave a message.

If you do not inform us when your child/children are away from school, they will be marked as **TRUANT**.

If you have a change of address or your phone number changes, **PLEASE** let the office know.

Public Health Nurse visits

The Public Health Nurse is again visiting our school and pops in on Monday or Tuesday morning. Ring the school to make an appointment if you have any health concerns with your children or want to book an appointment to see her.

Download the School App for up-to-date notices, and to let us know if your child/ren will be absent from school.

