

## Student Leader News

Rizvi & Isla were our  
Fijian & Tuvaluan  
Student leader  
representatives for  
both language weeks  
and for our  
ceremony held in the  
hall this morning.



### Tangaroa Awards

Room 4 - Isalei, Muao, Mika & Loueni & Emon  
Room 9 - Te Ahumairangi  
Room 11 - Levi, Summer-Rose, Fluent &  
Taylor

### Papatuanuku Awards

Room 1 - Miziah  
Room 4 - Kloey  
Room 6 - Korbyn, Alexis & Leah  
Room 7 - Hakopa  
Room 9 - Destiny & Emma-Lee  
Room 11 - Rhythm  
Room 12 - Oriwia & Mikaere

### Tane Mahuta Awards

Room 1 - Razan  
Room 4 - Waimarie, Petone, Jamiee,  
Richard, Blayze, Colleen & Mele'ofa  
Room 6 - Hezekiah  
Room 7 - Riria & Benjamin  
Room 8 - Kaine, Adonai, Quinn, Kobie,  
Justmintara, Lucy, Isaac & Mia  
Room 9 - Angel, Prills, Deklin, California,  
Caleb, Lillie, Lesha-May, Jaxson, Te  
Ahumairangi, Luckie, Marcus, Moli,  
Rosaleigh, Ruby, Sekope, Tasi & Tiki  
Room 11 - Nataliah & Ruth  
Room 12 - Omira & Kevin

### Wairautanga Awards

**Playground:** Razan Rm 1,  
Kinkayde Rm 8, Peyton Rm 8,  
Oriwia Rm 12 & Mrs Day Rm 8  
**Classroom:** Emma-Lee Rm 9,  
James Rm 4, Lesha-May Rm 9,  
Nevaeh Rm 4 & Jaxson Rm 9

### Star Staff Award

Whaea Sam for  
all of her work with  
our ORs students and  
teacher aides.  
She goes above and  
beyond and we love  
having her in our kura.



### Lunch with Mrs Johnson

Julius & Tatai Rm 6

### Top Cat Class - Room 14



## Talofa Lava Whanau & Friends of Te Kura o Wairau,

### Children's University - Cooking with 'Chef' Brett McGregor

On Monday 12th September our Children's University group went to Massey University to take part in a cooking programme alongside a New Zealand chef Brett McGregor. Mrs Alefaio reported back that this experience for this group was outstanding and that our students were brilliant there. This experience counts towards their graduation that will occur in Term 4.



### Barbers Offer Free Haircuts

We were so fortunate to have 6 barbers from the Barbering Academy come to our kura and cut some of our boys' hair for free. The barbers barbered up to 35 students on this day. Our students were so excited and happy with this opportunity. Their whanau were also impressed. Thank you to the barbers. We are very grateful for this 'kind gesture' and the way that you 'gave back' to our community.



### Our New Mural

We had the Manawatu Standard reporter and photographer join us at school during Te Wiki o Te Reo Maori. They did an article in the paper about how we celebrate our language weeks at Te Kura o Wairau (see this link for the article) <http://www.stuff.co.nz/pou-tiaki/300685842/mori-language-week-embracing-te-reo-is-how-our-school-is-going-to-roll?cid=app-android>

They also included our new Mural in this article that showcases our Nga Atua, Tohu, Whakatauaki, Uara/Values and the Guiding Principles. Ms Etuale designed our Nga Atua for us.



### Queen Elizabeth II Memorial Day

On Monday 26th September we had Queen Elizabeth II Memorial Day. On Tuesday 27th September we raised our New Zealand flag from half-mast.

### Tuvaluan & Fijian Flag Raising & Lowering Ceremonies

This week we celebrated and acknowledged the Tuvaluan and Fijian Language Weeks by having our Flag Raising and Flag Lowering Ceremonies. We were very fortunate to have a performance group join us today which made our ceremony even more special.



### Unveiling - Mr McInnes Plaque

On Friday 16th September I met with 6 past pupils who had gathered together at our school to remember and pay respect to a teacher who was well known and well loved at our school back in the day when our kura was called Highbury School. His name was Mr McInnes. We had an unveiling ceremony alongside these past pupils in his honor. There is a lovely remembrance plaque in the entrance to our school hall that now hangs underneath Sam Mikaere's plaque. When you are next in our kura have a look at this as it is lovely. You'll also see our greeting signs in Maori, Samoan, Tongan and Cook Island Maori. There is also a framed tapa cloth that was gifted from 'Rev Periti & Tiana Fauolo and Malamalama Moni Aoga Amata EFKS PN' to us. We have a lot of treasures in our school.



### Just Brass

Just Brass went to Tirohanga to take part in a powhiri and to see the Melbourne Staff Band perform. Later that evening these students also got to attend a special concert at the Salvation Army alongside the Melbourne Staff Band. This was their end of the term celebration.

Whanau attended this event.

### Successful Whanau Hui

On Wednesday we held our Whanau Hui. We shared how we teach 'Structured Literacy' at our kura, and also how we teach and learn maths through our 'DMIC' process. Thank you teachers for the professional development you provided our whanau. Our two roopu 'He Haupihiki Hine' and 'Pasifika Pride' performed for us, and they were both stunning. I am so proud of all the work Ms Etuale, Whaea Breanna and Whaea Jahnae do to support these groups, and I am very impressed with the tamariki in this roopu too.

### Pa Brett

It is bitter sweet to let you know that our Caretaker Pa Brett is leaving us today. He is going to become an engineer. We are very proud of him for starting this apprenticeship. Pa Brett has been an outstanding kaitiaki at our kura. His work ethic has been 'top notch'. Thank you so much Pa Brett for the mahi you have done, and the huge contribution you have made to our school. We wish you all the best in your new career and want you to know that you are always welcome to come and see us.

### Wairautanga Celebration

Today we had our Wairautanga Celebration. All classes chose what they wanted to do and had lots of fun beside each other. Mrs A, Mrs Alefaio and I cooked all our tamariki, a homemade hamburger. These were very yummy.

### End of Term 3 - Happy Holidays

This term has been a busy one, like each one always seems to be. Thank you for all the awhi and effort you have put into making your child/rens journey at Te Kura o Wairau memorable. These times are so important and very special. I wish you all a happy and safe break and look forward to seeing you all next term.

Nga mihi  
Teena Johnson  
Tumuaki/Principal

## Welcome

We would like to welcome Tamia and her family to the Te Kura o Wairau community.

# Sports

**Touch & Volleyball** - Touch and Year 4-6 Volleyball notice of interest was given out on 3 weeks ago. Notices can be collected from Whaea Lisa Rm 9. Coaches are needed for all teams. We are in need of coaches for Touch - Under 6's, 8's, 10's teams. Without coaches, these teams cannot go ahead, so please consider coaching your child's team and talk to Whaea Lisa in Room 9 if you can help out.

**Reminder** - to please pay your Sports Fees at the office. Thank you to those who have already paid their fees.

## SOFTBALL

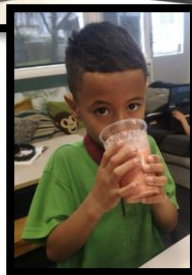
- at Takaro Park (on Botanical Road), Friday the 30<sup>th</sup> of September - 5pm (for 11 year olds, 13 year olds & 16 year olds).

## Duffy Role Model Assembly

Last week we held our first Duffy Assembly in two years. We were privileged to have author Jo Guy or 'Granny Jo', visit Te Kura o Wairau as part of the Duffy Books program. Granny Jo spoke about her latest book 'Search for the Lighthouse People.' Her hope is that kids will know how to find their 'lighthouse' person to help them on their way when life gets complicated. It was inspired by encountering children who have experienced loss and grief in their lives. Thank you Granny Jo for sharing your inspiration with us. We look forward to reading your book!



Room 8 have started Athletics. We began by learning how to throw a shotput



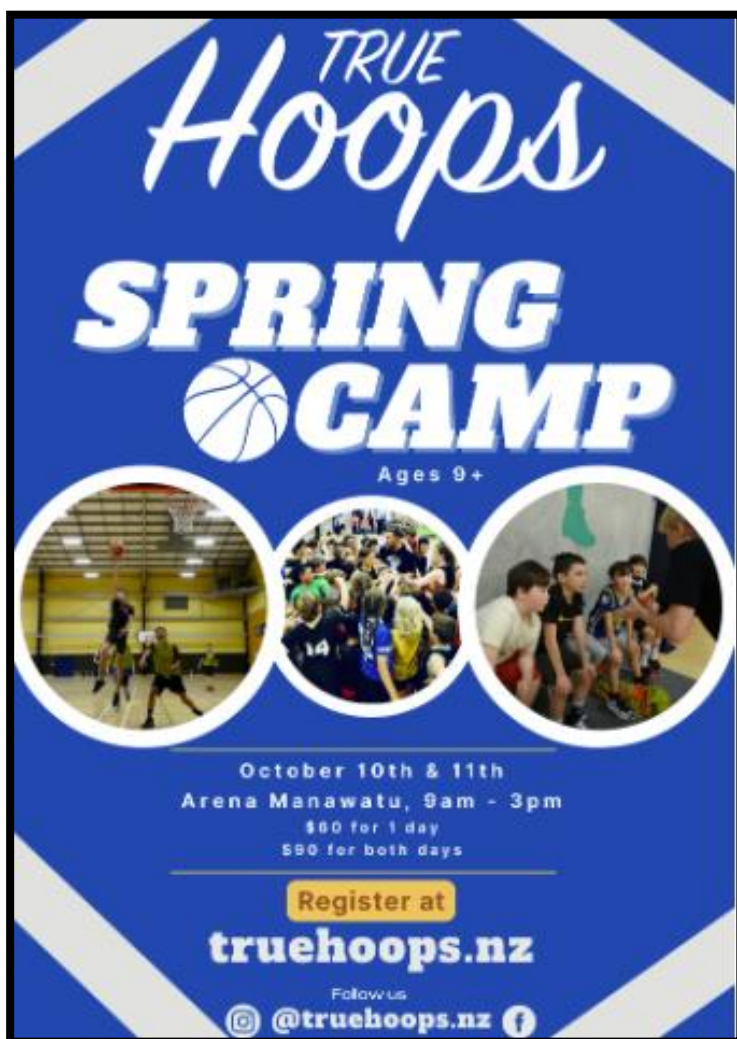
**Room 8 happenings** - Each week in Room 8 we try to make something yummy and simple that we could make at home. A few weeks ago we made rice bubble cupcakes and last week we made a healthy fruit smoothie.

## 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 can purchase it there. It is available in-store and through their website - online shopping "Click & Collect". Our school community can also go to them for their Winz purchases too.

## Up & Coming Events

- 30<sup>th</sup> Sept - End of Term 3
- 17<sup>th</sup> Oct - Start of Term 4
- 24<sup>th</sup> Oct - Labour Day - **NO School**
- 26<sup>th</sup> Oct - Board of Trustees Meeting @ 5.30pm - All Welcome
- 28<sup>th</sup> Oct - World Teachers Day
- 31<sup>st</sup> Oct - School photos - practice your best smile!
- 15<sup>th</sup> Dec - Last Day of Term 4



**TRUE Hoops**  
**SPRING CAMP**  
Ages 9+

October 10th & 11th  
Arena Manawatu, 9am - 3pm  
\$80 for 1 day  
\$90 for both days

Register at  
**truehoops.nz**

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The poster features three circular images: a basketball game in progress, a group of children in basketball uniforms, and a group of children sitting on a bench. The background is blue with white and yellow geometric patterns.

## Dental Treatment

The Mobile Dental Clinic is not visiting our school at present. To contact the Dental Team please phone 027 616 6516 or you can call the Dental Unit at The Palms in Ferguson Street - Phone 3547737 or 0800 825583.

## Lost Property

Please check the lost property boxes if you have lost anything. You can find lost property to the right of the entrance to the office (at the back of Room 3). Please make sure you name all your items of clothing.

## Public Health Nurse visits

The Public Health Nurse is unable to visit our school at present as she is involved in the Covid vaccination programme. We can still send in a referral on your behalf if you have any health concerns with your children.

**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.

## School Facebook page

Have a look at our Kowhai, Rata and Kahikatea teams 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.](#)



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