

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



Student Leaders News

I te taha o toku mama
Ko **HOROUTA** te Waka
Ko **WHETUMATARAU** te Maunga
Ko **KARAKATUWHERO** te Awa
Ko **HINERUPE** te Marae
Ko **NGATI POROU** te Iwi
Ko **TUWHAKAIRIORA** te hapū
Ko **RAPATA WAHAWAHA** te Rangatira
E **TEKAU** āku tau
Ko **WAIRAU** te kura
Ko **KAHIKATEA** te kahui
Ko **ATARANGI WAARA-PUHA** ahau



The highlight of this week was the Duffy Theatre assembly. Duffy has been our number one support for the love of reading. They entertained us about space and we all enjoyed it very much. Duffy has inspired us all to be great readers. I love art and Duffy inspired me to be a book illustrator.

Tangaroa Awards

Room 2 - Isalei & Ngataka & Arapeta
Room 12 - Nanuma & Haniya

Wairautanga Awards

Playground: Egypt Rm 14, Moli Rm 9, Ivory-Jayde Rm 2, Tianalisa Rm 14 & Ka'lei Rm 8
Classroom: Osharnia Rm 4, Louie Rm 8, Semaiah Rm 8, Isaac Rm 8 & Rakaia Rm 8

Tane Mahuta Awards

Room 2 - Te Awhina
Room 7 - Gloria, Tuwharetoa, Summer-Rose, Nevaeh, Faafetai, Analia & Raiha
Room 8 - Joshua & Semaiah
Room 12 - Aria, Mayson & Zavarah
Room 14 - Ebenezer-Grace, Yovela & WaiMaarie

Lunch with Mrs Johnson

Marcus Rm 4 & Ava Rm 7

Top Cat Class

Room 12

Star Staff Award



Whaea Amy for taking our Jump Jam class with such dedication.

Papatūānuku Awards

Room 8 - Jaelyn, Ishan, Joran, Louie & Quinn
Room 12 - Charlie-Rose & Eden

Te Kura o Wairau

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

Bunnings - Trees for our Year 6 Graduates

Two of the Bunnings Team came and planted 3 fruit trees in our orchard. These were gifted to us by Bunnings to recognise and celebrate our Year 6's this year. There are 3 of them because we have 3 senior classes with Year 6's in them. Two of the trees went into the orchard area beside the raised gardens, and one of them was planted beside the skyline garage and pencil fence. This fruit tree is a plum one. We will be able to watch them grow and benefit from the yummy fruit they are bearing. Thank you so much ladies for this contribution and for the mahi you did.



Speeches

We had the speech finals for the Rata and Kahikatea Team 2 weeks ago. The Rata Team students chose a poem from the 3 they were offered to deliver, and the Kahikatea Team students delivered a song. All finalists did very well, memorising the poem/song. Mrs A and I had difficulty judging due to the high standard set this year. Congratulations to the following students who were finalists in this year's speech competition...

Rata Team:

Year 2 - 1st Levi Rm 7,

Year 3 - 1st Mia Rm 9, 2nd Riley Rm 8, 3rd AJ Rm 9.

Year 4 - 1st Mia Rm 8, 2nd Ariana Rm 8, 3rd Caleb Rm 9

Kahikatea Team:

Year 5 - 1st Te Ahumairangi Rm 2, 2nd Joshua Rm 4, 3rd Yinale Rm 2

Year 6 - 1st Ngataka Rm 2, 2nd Nevaeh Rm 2, 3rd Savelio Rm 4 & James Rm 1

Congratulations too, to the students who placed first second and third in their year group.

Kahui Ako

At the Kahui Ako meeting I attended last week we thanked and farewellled Helena Baker who is one of the Lead Tumuaki of the Kahui Ako. Lovely words were spoken to her on behalf of the Kahui Ako. The 6 Maori Tumuaki roopu are part of this Kahui Ako and on behalf of us we gifted Helena a beautiful greenstone taonga.



Daffodil Day

On Friday 25th August we supported the Cancer Society. We donated money through the app, dressed in yellow and celebrated/remembered the lives of those whom we have lost due to cancer. Our students and staff looked amazing on this day. Here we all are at our whole school assembly.



He Haupihi Ki Hine

On Wednesday last week during our Wairautanga block the Tumuaki 'Jared Ratana' from Aokautere Kura and two of his Senior Leaders came to listen to and watch our kapa haka roopu 'He Haupihi Ki Hine'. Jared Ratana is part of the MAC (Maori Achievement Collaborative) and he is wanting his school to sing waiata and perform haka from Rangitane. Our students showed our guests the beauty of the Rangitane waiata and other waiata too. They were so impressed with our students and staff and also about our kura. We received 2 lovely emails from them that I have shared below.

'We just wanted to say thank you for letting us come and watch your lovely kapa haka roopu. What a wonderful group of tamariki. Your kaiako were so welcoming and warm, and we appreciate the time they gave us. Cecily, Tasha and myself would like to say THANK YOU.'

'Just wanted to say thank you so much for letting us visit yesterday. We absolutely loved listening to your wonderful Kapa Haka group. Such strong singers! And so much passion and leadership from your older students. It felt a privilege to be there. Breanna and Darnielle are talented kaiako! I just wish I could play the guitar half as good as that!'

Teena your school is a credit to you. The tidiness of the school grounds, and the murals and colours; it is very impressive and it speaks volumes about your care and hard work. Congratulations, you must be so proud of what you are achieving. Arohanui, Cecily Hoskins'

Powhiri

On Monday this week we had a powhiri to welcome our newest staff members and all our new students to Te Kura o Wairau. We welcomed Jahlon Katene-Governor, who is one of our teacher aides, Nia Matafahi who is a teacher in Room 6, and two student teachers Cecelia Autagavaia who is in Room 9 beside Whaea Lisa, and Sam Burton who will be beside Whaea Darnielle in Room 9. Sam starts with us on Monday 11th September. Thank you to everyone who supported this powhiri process. It is so lovely to see everyone together and to share more stories and history of our kura and community.

Whaea Helena Baker - Tumuaki (Te Kura o Takaro)

On Wednesday after school Mrs A and I attended Helena's farewell afternoon tea. Helena is leaving Takaro School after 20+ years of service. Her whanau, friends and colleagues all celebrated her, sharing stories, photos, memories and songs. It was a beautiful hui in recognition of Helena's service to education and in particular her service to the Takaro kura, and community. Helena was presented with a stunning patu gifted from the Takaro Staff and Board of Trustees.



Whanau Connect

Today from 1:55 - 2:55pm we opened our doors and welcomed in our students whanau. Whanau came and worked alongside their children sharing in their schooling and lives at Te Kura o Wairau. We did this to trial something different from the traditional 'parent/teacher interviews' because we felt that we could serve our community better this way, and that it was an opportunity to really see our students and teachers in action in their classroom environments.

Our goal is to hold a Whanau Connect time every term. If you didn't manage to get along to our first one please look out for when our Term 4 one will be so you can come and see, feel and listen to what it's like to learn at Te Kura o Wairau.

Tongan Language Week

Next week we celebrate our Tongan Language Week. We begin on Monday morning at 9am with our flag raising ceremony. Please come along and join us in this. During the week our students will learn more about the Tongan culture through their classroom programme. I encourage our students and staff to wear traditional attire during the week especially at both flag ceremonies. We will conclude our celebration of the Tongan culture by holding a flag lowering ceremony on Friday 8th September at 2:15pm. You are also very welcome to attend this ceremony and celebration.

Language Festival

On Friday 8th September we are holding our annual Language Festival. This will take place in our hall and go from approximately 9:30am - 12noon. This year our students have to recite their pepeha in the language they have chosen. We have finalists in the following categories - Te Reo Maori, Samoan, Tongan, Cook Island Maori, Tuvaluan and Fijian. Our annual Language Festival is always such an amazing time. Please come and join us for this celebration.

Bilingual/Full Immersion Education at Te Kura o Wairau

We will not be holding a hui after our Whanau Connect as planned. Instead we will be sending out a survey to gather voice from our whanau about offering te reo Maori at Te Kura o Wairau. Please look out for this survey as your voice is very, very important to us as we begin to navigate our way to revitalize our language in our kura.

Teacher Only Day in Term 4

In Term 4 on **Friday 17th November** we will be having a Teacher Only Day to support our kura implementing Te Mataiaho/Curriculum Refresh and Aotearoa Histories.

For your information – please look at the link below and be aware:

<http://www.stuff.co.nz/national/crime/300959129/man-in-black-van-attempts-to-lure-students-in-palmerston-north?cid=app-android>

Nga mihi
Teena Johnson
Tumuaki/Principal



On Saturday the 26th of August two teams from Te Kura o Wairau competed in the regional Jump Jam Competition. The Funky Monkeys (coached by Whaea Amy) competed in the year 1- 4 section, and Wairau Kanikani (coached by Whaea Lisa) competed in the year 5 - 8 section. Both teams put in lots of mahi in their lunch hours in the last few weeks, and represented TKOW with mana on the day. The Funky Monkeys received a Merit in Technical Execution and Wairau Kanikani received an Excellence in Technical Execution. Ka mau te wehi tamariki mā!



LOST PROPERTY!

We have a **very** overflowing Lost Property bin! Please be sure to come and have a look through it for any lost items. There are lots of school hoodies and fleeces in there along with other items of clothing.

Welcome

We would like to welcome Tehokio, Ezrael, Tupou and their families to the Te Kura o Wairau community.

Kahikatea Team - Life Education.

Last week the Kahikatea team were fortunate enough to have a visit from the Life Education organisation to teach us all about essential life skills and also ways around making the right choices with our friends at school. We thoroughly enjoyed hanging out with Tim and Harold here at Te Kura O Wairau. Heaps of laughs were shared and positive memories were made. Ka nui ngā mihi ki a kōrua, hokihoki mai rā!



Breakfast Club Helper

We have a vacancy for a Parent Helper for our Breakfast Club. If you are able to help out on a Friday with Breakfast Club from around 8.10am-9am please see Mrs Alefaio or one of the ladies in the office.



Big Brothers Big Sisters
of Manawatu
Taukaha Teina

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- SPORTSPERSON
- CELEBRITY
- SUPERHERO
- COMMUNITY HERO
(POLICE, FIREFIGHTER,
HEALTH WORKER)
- COACH
- PARENT
- EVEN YOUR FAVOURITE
TEACHER!

THURSDAY 14 SEPTEMBER

THE BIG DRESS UP

SUPPORT BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS WITH A GOLD COIN DONATION
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Mentoring tamariki in your community

YOUTH UAKA

Mental Wellbeing Focused Workshop for Y11 - Y13 Pasifika Students

Niuvaka Trust in collaboration with BE360 are excited to work together to hold two Pasifika Youth Wellbeing Workshops. We look forward to sharing an interactive, educational and a range of fun activities with Youth throughout this event

PALMERSTON NORTH

- Thursday 31 August
- 9am - 2pm
- Marist Sports, 19 Pascal Street

LEVIN

- Thursday 7 September
- 9am - 2pm
- Te Takere Youth Space, 10 Bath Street

Please register your interest by emailing info@niuvaka.org.nz or by scanning the QR code

Kia manuia, Vinaka vakalevu, Fa'afetai lava, Malo aupito,
Kia monuina, Faka'apa'apa atu, Ia manuia, Fakafetai,
Fakafetai lasi, Ffiäkse'ea, Ko bati n rab'a



SCAN ME



Up & Coming Events

6th September- Board of Trustees Meeting @ 5.30pm in the Staffroom - All Welcome

14th September - The Big Dress Up - come to school dressed as someone you look up to - Gold coin donation

15th September - Full School Assembly - Do come along, everyone is welcome. It will be lovely to see you there.

20th September - Board of Trustees Meeting @ 5.30pm in the Staffroom - All Welcome

School Facebook page

Keep in touch with whats 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.](#)

Lost Property

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

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.

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



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.

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 and appointment to see her.

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.



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