

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 to 2025

What a beautiful start to our 2025 year and our first term. Our students really enjoyed seeing each other this week. We heard much joy and celebration as friends saw one another after the long break, and new families joined our kura and community. Everyone looked so well and happy. I wish you all a fabulous term and year ahead at our gorgeous kura.

Mihi Whakatau

On Tuesday at 12 noon we welcomed our newest whānau to our kura with a heartfelt mihi whakatau that our students led and showed much pride in doing so. I was very, very proud of everyone.

Team Newsletters

The Kowhai, Rata and Kahikatea Team newsletters went home on Monday with information about what each team is focusing on this term, and any news to awahi you during the weeks ahead. Please always reach out to your children's kaiako/teacher if you ever need any more details about events or expectations.

Meet n Greet

On Tuesday 18th February we will be holding our 'Meet n Greet' which is for all our whānau and friends of Te Kura o Wairau. This year we are opening our classrooms on this day from 2-2:55pm so you can come in and join your children who will be taking part in creating a classroom korowai. From 2:55 - 3:30pm we will then go into the hall to share some knowledge with you and gather some whānau voice. Then from 3:30-5:00pm we will have a sausage sizzle and ice block followed by a swim. It would be so lovely to see you all.

Whole School Assemblies

Our 'Whole School Assemblies' in Term 1 will be taking place in our hall on these Fridays at 10am...

Week 3 - Friday 21st February,

Week 6 - Friday 14th March &

Week 9 - Friday 4th April

Please come along to these if you are able to as we celebrate success and share good news about our tamariki and their achievements at our kura.

Don't forget to bring a
drink bottle of water
to school each day.



Don't forget to bring your togs
and towel to school every day



Our Learning Before School Began

In the holidays as part of our Teacher Only Days we took part in learning more about He Whakaputanga, and Te Tiriti o Waitangi/The Treaty of Waitangi. Veronica Tawhai and her brother Daniel Tawhai provided us with 2 days of historic knowledge and facts about the treaty's, especially in relation to information prior to the signing of the treaty documents. This learning occurred here at our kura. 5 other schools joined us for this opportunity [Te Kura o te Haonui (Winchester School), Te Kura o Roslyn, Te Kura o Miritana (Milson School), Te Kura o Turitea and Te Kura Tuatahi o Papaoiea (Central Normal School)]. The feedback from across all 6 schools, the kaiako/teachers, the board of trustees, and the Tumuaki/Principals was overwhelmingly positive. This level of professional development is something we have all been incredibly thankful to have, because what we all learn in our various roles from this supports us in our teaching, and also in our strategic planning for the future of our tamarikli and mokopuna.

On our 3rd day the kaiako/teachers of Te Kura o Wairau travelled to Wellington to Te Papa where we were extremely fortunate to be able to visit The Vault. The Vault is a place where Māori taonga and knowledge is kept and preserved in a 'climate controlled environment'. We went there to learn more knowledge about Māori history and in particular Rangitāne purakau/narratives. We then went to The National Library to see 'He Tohu' which is where the original He Whakaputanga, Te Tiriti o Waitangi/Treay of Waitangi and the Women's Suffrage Petition is kept, again in a 'climate controlled' environment, and behind glass. Again these 2 experiences have deepened our learning and supported our teaching for our tamariki.

Nga mihi nui
Teena Johnson
Tumuaki/Principal

Please remember to purchase your child/rens stationery from the office - you can purchase uniform from Academy Apparel or the school office.

Uniform & Stationery prices

Uniform

Shirts	\$53.00
Shirts Size S-XL	\$55.00
Black Fleece	\$46.00
Black Fleece Size S-3XL	\$57.70
Green Hoodie - sizes 4-14	\$62.60
Green Hoodie - sizes S-XL	\$69.60

Stationery

Kowhai - New Entrant/Year 1 & 2 - Rooms 11, 12 & 14 (if headphones needed add \$14.00)	=	\$20.00
Rata - Years 3 & 4 - Rooms 5 & 6 (if headphones needed add \$14.00)	=	\$20.00
Kahikatea - Years 4, 5 & 6 - Rooms 7, 8 & 9 (if headphones needed add \$14.00)	=	\$23.00

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) 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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Sports News

Netball

Netball continues – Mondays after school

Volleyball

Volleyball seasons – Tuesdays after school

Touch

Touch – Fridays after school at Monrad Park.

Tee Ball

Tee Ball on Saturday mornings.

Flippaball

Flippaball – Thursdays at the Lido

Reminder - Sports Fees –

Please, Please, Please, Pay your fees!

Touch \$35, Volleyball \$25, Flippaball \$35 & Netball \$40

Basketball & Badminton Fees

A reminder too, to those who played Basketball & Badminton this year to please pay your fees. Basketball fees were \$70 per child. The school subsidises the fees by \$30 to reduce the cost for our families, so the fees are now \$40 per child. Badminton Fees are \$50.

Please pay sports fees at the office.
If you have already paid your sports fees,
nga mihi nui/thank you.

Kahikatea Fundraiser

Kahikatea Team has 2 fundraisers going at present and funds will go towards 2025 camp.

Car Wash - bring your car in for a wash and inside clean/vacuum

Car wash \$5, & \$5 for inside car

Let the class teacher know if you'd like to book in.

Swimming - the school pool will be open for swims on Wednesday afternoons from 3.15-4.30pm.

Parental supervision is required.

Gold coin donation per person please.



MEMORIAL PARK SPORTS TRUST BOARD PRESENTS

Sunday Skate Sessions

MEMORIAL PARK, P.N
10:30AM – 12:30PM
B.Y.O SOCKS

\$5 SKATE HIRE

The poster features two cartoon illustrations of people skateboarding. One is a male skater in a blue shirt and orange shorts, and the other is a female skater in a white shirt and orange pants. There are also decorative starburst symbols.

School Photos with Photolife

To order your child/rens photos you will need a 'unique code' which will have been emailed to you if you have provided us with an email address (please check your trash/spam folder too) - otherwise you can contact the school office for the unique code, as we have a copy of the codes. You will need to order your photos online by the 1st of December to get free delivery. Photos are sent to the school before the end of the year.



Dates to Remember

- 29th Nov - Thank You morning tea
- 29th Nov - Year 6 Celebration
- 6th Dec - Wairautanga Day
- 9th Dec - School Prizegiving
- 11th Dec - Leavers Assembly
- 12th Dec - End of Term 4 - 12pm

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 has ceased.

School Uniform @ Academy Apparel

A reminder that Academy Apparel in Broadway Ave stock our school 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.

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.

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!

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](#).

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



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