



*Together we are growing the seeds of success*

*Na too manaaki, na tooku manaaki, ka puawai mai nga kaakano*

## Principal's Update

Newsletter - Week 4, Term 3, 2025

Kia ora Waitetuna Whaanau,

Final board meeting this week for our current board—This week we had our final board meeting for two long standing board members. I wanted to take the time to thank all of our board and to also acknowledge Bevan Marquand and Daniel Bateman for their time on the School board as they are standing down from their positions. As a beginning principal 6 years ago Bevan and Daniel and all of the board have been hugely supportive. Their knowledge and commitment have been greatly appreciated. I have been hugely thankful for the board's support. I will share with you our board members for the next three years in the next couple of weeks. Board nominations closed on Wednesday. Bevan and Dan will help with the hand over of the new board.

Inter School Cross Country—One week to go! We Need Your Help! Planning continues for the Inter-School Cross Country event! An email with a Google Doc outlining various jobs and roles is in your inbox. Please take a moment to look through it and add your name to any job you can assist with. Please note that the doc doesn't appear to work on phones unless you have the correct google app downloaded. These events rely heavily on our amazing community, and by helping each other out, we can make it a fantastic experience for all our tamariki and the other 7 schools in attendance. Our school speech competition information for the 18th August is on page two.

Our much-loved Ag Day is just around the corner, taking place on the 22nd Oct and Group Day here on the 24th Oct. We really want this annual event to continue strongly. It is a cornerstone of our rural school's tradition. Ag Day offers a unique and incredibly rewarding experience for our students. It's an institution we are passionate about keeping alive, as the benefits for children who participate are immense. Caring for an animal teaches responsibility, patience, empathy, and provides a fantastic hands-on learning opportunity about animal husbandry. Children are invited to bring along their **lamb, goat, or calf** to participate. Whether you're a seasoned animal rearer or new to the experience, we encourage everyone who can to get involved! To help make participation easier for our families, we are excited to introduce a **Lamb Crèche at school!** From **8:30 am to 3:00 pm**, you'll be able to bring your lambs to school, and we will take care of their lunchtime feeds early on, so they are well-fed and happy. If you would like your child's lamb to be part of a Lamb crèche please email me—[principal@waitetuna.school.nz](mailto:principal@waitetuna.school.nz). Lorna will be sending out registration forms for our Ag day at the end of August. Look out for these. They include an option for a Caged Pet entry. Let's make this year's Ag Day and Group Day an unforgettable success! Have a lovely weekend, Ngaa mihi Amanda and staff

## All The Happenings

Inter School Cross Country—Fri 15th August

School Speeches—18th August

Outdoor Ed Day at RAS for Year 7 and 8s—  
19th August

Inter School Rippa Rugby—Fri 22nd August

Inter School Speech Competition—Te Uku  
School—Wed 27th August (note date change)  
for year 5 and 6 students only—5.30pm

Assembly—29th August

American Hotdogs—29th August

WFPSA (Year 7 and 8 students)—Regional

Speeches—Te Uku  
School —3rd Sept at  
6pm and then if  
placed attend Final—  
Tues 9th Sept at at  
6.30pm at Ohaupo  
School

Keeping Ourselves  
Safe—Constable Tom  
in—10th Sept

WFPSA—Cross Country—11th Sept (PP—12th  
Sept)

Last day of Term 3—19th September







## Action Stations

Congratulations to Senna who won the Te Uku hall design competition for the new playground area

**School Speech competition**—Monday 18th August for the Year 5, 6, 7 and 8 students

Year 7 and 8 competition is starting at 9.30am

Year 5 and 6 competition starts at 11.30am—held in the multipurpose room

Planting Day for the Senior Room



Thank you for the offers of help for Cross Country so far. Keep them coming in.

Menu for Cross Country food tent—bring cash

**Nachos - Beef or Vegetarian**  
small - \$5  
large - \$7  
**Sausage/bread \$3**  
**Steak Sandwich - \$5**  
**Baking \$2**  
**Large Can of Juice \$5**  
**Can of sugar free flavoured soda water - \$4**  
**Sweet Crepes - \$4**

## PTA NEWS



## Junior Room Masks



## Waitetuna Way

Well done Senna

For Creativity

Use your imagination to develop ideas

Be creative with your friends socially and in play

Think outside the square to solve problems

