

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 Leader news



### Our 2026 Student Leaders

Over the past 4 weeks students who wanted to be considered as a Student Leader this year have been meeting with me, filling in applications, and having interviews. Thank you to all the students who put their name forward for this role. This week we made the decision of who will be our Student Leaders. Congratulations to these students. Alice Noi, Arabella-Grace Langoia, Fa'afetai Fuafiva, Isabell Lawrence, Levi Puia, Nevaeh Etuale-Foua, Yovela Raboiliku, Malachi Down, Sisa Balekolo, Caleb Ioane, Fluent Attfield, Tianalisa Fauolo, & Maycee Martin. These students all received a certificate to show their families what they had achieved. Thank you whānau for helping your children learn and understand the importance of our values and guiding principles at Te Kura o Wairau.

Te Kura o Wairau

### Assembly Awards

#### Wairautanga Awards

**Classroom** – Emma-Jane R4, Caleb R11  
 Aubrey R4 & Nanuma R4

**Playground** – Lukas R4, Johnny-Mac R4,  
 Journey R6, Evan R7 & Tennessee R6

**Top Cat Class** – Room 6

Ka mau te wehi koutou katoa

#### Lunch with Mrs Johnson

Mikaere R11 & Alice R11



### Star Staff Award

Whaea Daina received this award for noticing when our students need support and helping out without being asked.

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

### **Welcome Back to 2026**

What a beautiful start to our 2026 year and our first term. Over these past 4 weeks our students have really enjoyed seeing each other and connecting again with their friends. Everyone looked so well and happy. Welcome to all our new whānau who have joined the kura. We hope you have had a fabulous term so far and wish you all a great year ahead. It was lovely to have our newest students, whānau and staff welcomed to our school through a mihi whakatau process.

### **Teacher Only Day - Mathematics & Statistics**

On the Thursday of the first week of school our kaiako took part in the 4th Mathematics & Statistics professional development alongside our accredited facilitator Bex Langton. This day was all about using the latest refreshed curriculum to plan from and what resources were available to do this well.

### **JDK Caterers**

These are our new Healthy Lunches in Schools providers. The feedback from our students, staff and whānau has been very positive. They are liking the taste of the food, and due to it having flavour more of our tamariki are having a go at eating new vegetables and new products they may not have tried.

### **Plant to Plate**

Room 11 had the Plant to Plate team with them in the second week of school. They worked on the raised gardens, and learnt lots about making healthy food options, which they then ate.

### **Meet n Greet**

On Tuesday 17th February we held our 'Meet n Greet' for our whānau and friends of Te Kura o Wairau. We had a sausage sizzle and an ice block, followed by a swim. The rain did try to join our event, but the wind helped to take that worry away.

### **Swimming**

I have been so impressed with how many students have their togs and towels every day. Because of this they are developing better swimming skills, and have a better understanding of the importance of being safe in a swimming pool. The new sunshades that have been put up in the holidays look fabulous and help keep us safe.



### **Road Patrollers**

I am so incredibly proud of our Road Patrollers Team this year. The rosters were organised and in place by week 2. The students who are taking responsibility for this have been 'on point' and very supportive of each other. We look forward to celebrating together at the end of this term.

### **Road Patrol/Using Crossings**

Can whānau and friends please encourage and remind their children about the importance of using our crossings on both Somerset Crescent and Highbury Avenue. It is vital that our children cross the road using these, and do not cross elsewhere because it is very dangerous.

### **Drayton Place Gate**

We are so pleased to have our back gate replaced. We had to wait a long time, and this caused some frustration. Thank you to all whānau who had to walk around to the front of our kura to help bring our students in safely.



### **New Bark in the Playgrounds**

Our playgrounds have had new bark placed in them to help keep our students safe.

### **Whole School Assemblies**

Our first 'Whole School Assembly' took place last week on Friday 20th March. This assembly was special because it was our first for the year, but it was made even more special because we were given a pou tiaki from Pa Alex's whānau and friends which has become part of our Uara/Values process. All of our relievers will now give out yellow uara vouchers which celebrate and recognise great students and classrooms they are in. At each whole school assembly we will draw these out too (like we do the pink and purple uara vouchers) and the classroom that is drawn out will then get to care for and learn more about this taonga. Room 7 were the very first recipients that Mrs Ayerst (Pa Alex's wife) drew out of our barrel.

Below are photos of the unveiling of the pou tiaki that Fa'afetai and Arabella-Grace helped with and the whānau and friends of Pa Alex who attended this occasion.



The next Whole School Assemblies are on Friday 13th March (Week 6), and Thursday 2nd April (Week 9).

Nga mihi  
Teena Johnson  
Tumuaki/Principal

## Sports News

### Badminton

We have 1 badminton team which plays on a Thursday afternoon.

Look out for more sports coming soon.

### Attendance

As a kura we have had an excellent start to the term. The government continue to set the target that 70% of our children need to be attending 80% of the time. It was so exciting to see that as of today we are at 61%. This is an awesome effort for our kura. Well done whānau, teachers and students!

To make reaching this target successful, it is important that if you child is away you do let us know.

We are here to support everyone so please reach out if you have any concerns. - Whaea Steph -

### Reminder – if late to school or if picking up children early

Tēnā tātou e te whānau, just a reminder If a child is coming in late in the morning please go to the office and get a late card. School finishes at 2.55pm - if you pick up your child early you must sign them out in the 'Out of school safety' book at the office and take a blue card to the teacher. Please do not just grab a card. This is for health and safety, so we know who is here and who is not. Ngā mihi.



Room 10  
having  
fun in the  
school pool

## Monrad - Te Kura Waenga o Tirohanga



### Join Our Whānau Kapa Haka! (Kapa ā-Whānau)

Tēnā tātou e te whānau whānui.

Are you ready to take the stage? Following the amazing success of our very first Tirohanga whānau group in 2024, we are thrilled to announce that we have officially registered a *kapa ngahau* (non-competitive, entertaining group) to perform at the upcoming Tangata Rau Regional Festival on **Saturday, 18 April**.

This kaupapa is all about whanaungatanga, connection, and having fun. It caters to absolutely all levels of experience! Whether you are a first-time performer wanting to give it a go, someone looking to dust off their piupiu and get back into waiata after a long break, or a seasoned kapa haka performer, there is a place for you here. If you love swinging a poi, laying down a fierce haka, or simply standing proud to sing your heart out alongside our community, this group is for you. Though founded for Te Whānau o Tirohanga, this is a fully inclusive kapa—absolutely everyone is welcome to join!

**We also need your skills!** We are currently putting the call out for keen leaders, tutors, and guitarists who would love to help guide and support this special group.

If you are keen to join us on this journey, please fill out the **Expression of Interest form** [[Link here](#)]. Once we have our numbers, we will arrange a practice schedule and get the ball rolling. Come and be a part of something special!

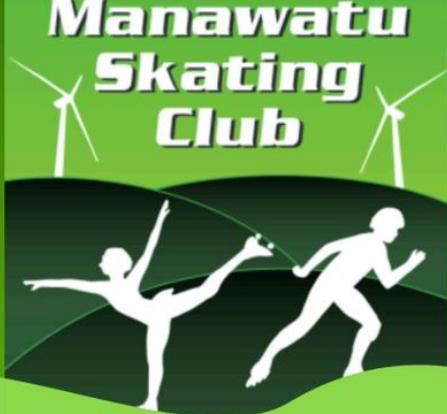


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SEE OUR FACEBOOK PAGE FOR MORE DETAILS

**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**  
You can call the Dental team on 0274440085. Or you can contact the Dental Unit after hours 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.

**School Facebook page**  
[Te Kura o Wairau Kowhai Team,](#)  
[Te Kura o Wairau Rata Team,](#)  
[Te Kura o Wairau Kahikatea Team.](#)

**PLEASE** remember to ring us if your child is going to be away from school for ANY reason.  
Contact us on 0800 45 44 44 or 3543274 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.  
*Also, if you have a change of address or your phone number changes, PLEASE let the office know.*

## Our School News

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