



SCHOOL EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

Matariki lantern parade, ceramics studio, carpentry, wetland restoration (pictured above), swimming lessons, music lessons, Passion Projects, Master Chef competition, sports, huge outside play area for hut building and tree climbing, and last but certainly not least: our team of passionate, experienced teachers.



TUAKANA PROGRAMME FOR YEARS 6-8



OUR MISSION
Light the mind
Fire the heart
Engage the whanau



OUR VALUES-BASED GROWTH JOURNEY

TERM 1 KOTAHITANGA WORKING TOGETHER

- Focus on building the tribe, and working together.
- Unity and diversity through relationships, introducing the William Pike Challenge that continues throughout the year.
- Term 1 Camp.

TERM 2 RANGATIRATANGA LEADING OURSELVES

- Focus on risk-taking and growing ourselves.
- GRIT - Guts, resilience, integrity, tenacity.
- Doing things that challenge me.

TERM 3 TURANGAWAEWAE CONNECTION TO PLACE

- Develop a project that gives back.
- Term 3 Camp (usually ski camp)
- Time, task and money management.

TERM 4 MANAAKITANGA CARING FOR OTHERS

- Master Chef Competition.
- Year 8 Speeches and Leaving Dinner.
- Completion of William Pike Challenge.

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As parents you'll know that kids have unique learning needs as they bridge from primary school to high school. It's an age where kids can really develop their critical thinking, independence and responsibility as they journey toward adulthood.

At Waitati we help this journey by encouraging kids to be active, to challenge themselves with new experiences, and to grow confidence as leaders within our close-knit school community.

Waitati is one of only four full-primary schools in the East Otago Cluster that cater for intermediate aged learners. Waitati Year 8 students go on to do exceptionally well, and local high schools rate our Year 8 leavers among their top students.

We have spaces in our learning community for this year. Consider joining us!

If you have questions or would like to chat, you can email us at office@waitati.school.nz, or call 03 482 2888.



HOW OUR FRIENDLY RURAL SCHOOL BENEFITS YOUR TWEEN

- A safe, protective, caring local community and learning environment, where all the teachers know all the students really, really well.
- Opportunity to lead peers and make an impact on issues which the kids are passionate about.
- Real-life, authentic project-based learning.
- Two days per term on fun, engaging, and challenging activities in our dedicated leadership programme with a focus on growing strengths, resilience and working out who you are as a leader so you leave a confident lifelong learner.
- Two camps throughout the year.
- Access to traditional technology lessons is exactly the same as city intermediate schools.
- Strong focus on academic excellence, with communication fluency including structured literacy, numeracy and other things important for today's world, such as digital literacy, creativity and collaboration.