

NEWS FROM AROUND SCHOOL

NAU MAI HAERE MAI WELCOME BACK TO 2026

It's wonderful to see all the tamariki back! They certainly seem to have grown over the break, or perhaps I'm just getting shorter.

Our team has hit the ground running with several productive professional development days. We've focused on Structured Literacy, explored our history as an Enviroschool, and sharpened our PB4L (Positive Behaviour for Learning) strategies for the year ahead.

What's New:

- **Weekly Focus:** Keep an ear out for our weekly PB4L goals. Students caught demonstrating these specific positive behaviors will be rewarded with gems.
- **The Waitati Way Award:** Introduces a traditional "star of the week," this award celebrates a student who truly embodies our school values. Recipients will be announced every Friday. We ask that the trophy be returned the following Thursday.
- You can always check the office noticeboard to see our latest "Waitati Way" superstar. Wishing you all a relaxing and lovely long weekend!

Nga mihi nui, Bex Williams

DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE LOOKING FOR A HOUSE TO RENT?

We are extremely happy to announce that after a lot of hard work from our community of volunteers, the school house is now ready to rent!

A well-presented three-bedroom home in a quiet, private setting. Features include, three bedrooms, one bathroom, an open-plan kitchen and living area, a separate lounge, wood burner, new oven, established gardens, garage, and off-street parking.

Suitable for tenants seeking a peaceful property surrounded by natural beauty. No pets.

\$450 per week

All enquiries to: schoolhouse@waitati.school.nz

COMMUNITY WORKING BEE & BBQ CELEBRATION - SAT 21 FEB

All community members are invited to a general grounds working bee on 21 February, 2-4pm, followed by a BBQ at the School House. Take this opportunity to come and see how fabulous the schoolhouse has been renovated, thank the volunteers, and celebrate the end of this huge project!

Working Bee tasks include:

- Kapuka garden maintenance
- Roadside path tidy-up
- Mound planting
- Weeding and general gardening
- Edging to playground

PB4L Focus of the week

Saying hello to all and having a two-way conversation

Using kind and gentle voices

Taking Turns



SAVE THE DATE!
TEACHER ONLY DAYS IN 2026
Friday 29 May
Monday 31 Aug

COMING UP THIS WEEK!

Friday 06 February

- **School Closed for Waitangi Day**

Tuesday 10 February

- Music with Jamie 11.30am - 3pm

Wednesday 11 February

- Tech at DNI for Year 7 & 8 12-3pm

Thursday 12 February

- Piano with Brenda 11am-2pm

Friday 13 February

- Guitar & uke with Che 9-9.45am

FUTSAL

Bec DF is currently working hard to organise our futsal teams for the upcoming season! We are excited to get started, but we need a few more players to make these teams a reality.

Currently, we have:

- Year 5/6 Team: 3 players registered (Need 3 more)
- Year 3/4 Team: 3 players registered (Need 3 more)

For these teams to go ahead, we need to fill these remaining spots. Please chat with your children to see if they'd like to join the fun!

Need a hand with logistics? If transportation or scheduling is the only thing holding you back, please reach out to us. We would love to help find a solution to ensure every child who wants to play can participate.

Please check your email for a link to let us know.

FUNDRAISING OUR SCHOOL NEEDS YOU!

We will be fundraising at the Waitati Market on the first Sunday of every month.

Please let us know if you can help at the next one, **on Sunday 01 March.**

AGM

Wednesday 04 March, from 3pm in the kitchen. Come along to reflect on our fundraising in 2025 and plan for 2026.

BLUESKIN NURSERIES CAFE

Here is the latest menu from the Blueskin Nurseries' Cafe. Place your orders at the cafe by midday on Tuesdays for delivery to school on Thursdays. The first lunch of the term will arrive here at 12.30pm on Thursday 12th Feb.



MUSIC AT WAITATI SCHOOL

At Waitati School we are passionate about music.

We even released an album in 2024!

We offer, drums, piano, guitar and ukulele lessons.

If you are interested in getting involved then contact us in the office:

office@waitati.school.nz

WEEK 1- 12TH February	COST
American Hotdogs	\$5.90
Vegetarian hotdogs	\$5.90
Boysenberry muffins	\$4.00
	TOTAL MONEY
WEEK 2 19th February	COST
Bacon buttie with sauce & cheese	\$6.00
Tomato and cheese buttie	\$5.90
Banana Smoothie	\$6.20
	TOTAL MONEY
WEEK 3 26th February	COST
Ham and Cheese Pizza (gf on request)	\$6.00
Tomato and cheese pizza	\$5.90
Banana Choc chip muffins	\$4.00
	TOTAL MONEY
WEEK 4 5th March	COST
Chunky Fries	\$4.70
Raspberry Marshmellow slice (gf)	\$4.70
	TOTAL MONEY
WEEK 5 12th March	COST
Cheese Burger (gf on request)	\$6.50
Vegetaran burger	\$6.00
Orange Chocolate Chip Muffins	\$4.00
	TOTAL MONEY
WEEK 6 19th March	COST
Sausage Rolls	\$6.00
Vege roll	\$5.90
Peppermint Slice(gf)	\$4.70
	TOTAL MONEY
WEEK 7 26th March	COST
Our famous cheese Rolls	\$5.90
Cheese toasties(gf on request)	\$5.90
Banana & berry Smoothie	\$6.20
	TOTAL MONEY
WEEK 8 2nd April	COST
Chunky Fries	\$4.70
Raspberry Marshmellow slice (gf)	\$4.70
	TOTAL MONEY



Remember to wear sunscreen and bring a hat every day in Term 1

DONT FORGET!

SCHOOL IS CLOSED ON FRIDAY 06 FEB FOR WAITANGI DAY.

Have a great long weekend.



AFTER SCHOOL WATER COLOUR FUN!

WEDNESDAYS @ 4:15PM

www.theimaginationarium.studio
or call Jo 021-234-8855 for info

BE QUICK! LIMITED SPACES

East Otago Musical Theatre presents

Let Us Entertain You!

A musical showcase of hits from the 1960s to the 2000s

July 2026

Are you 3... or 30 (or more!)? Then this is your invitation to step into the spotlight!

Auditions 14th & 15th February

Please email comtproductions@gmail.com for audition information.