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Dear Parents / Caregivers

Kia ora, Talofa, Malo e lelei, Kia orana, Fakalofa lahi Atu, Taloha Ni, Ni sa bula, 你好, Namaste, 안녕하세요, Hola, اَلسَّلَامُ عَلَيْكُمْ .

Nau mai, haere mai. A warm welcome to Term Three. We trust you had time over the school holidays to recharge and to find time to meet with family and friends.

Term Two concluded with the opportunity to meet many of you at our student learning conferences. Thank you to those of you who were able to attend; we value this partnership with you. We hope it enabled you to gain further insight into your child's learning journey and their goals for the term ahead. If you missed meeting your child's teacher, I urge you to contact them by email so that you and your child can still make a time to talk about their progress. Teacher emails, if you are not familiar with them already, can be found on our school website: www.wairau.school.nz (click on tab 'Our school,' 'Our staff')

Term Three promises to have highlights that we know your child will enjoy. Our zone days include: gymnastics, cross country, netball, and basketball. Another highlight this term is our dance lessons with Johnny Williams from Limelight Dance Studios and TV One's "Dancing Like the Stars". The lessons will culminate with a dance competition being held on Friday 19 September. All parents/caregivers are welcome to attend. More information about this will be sent home closer to the time.

In addition, we are pleased to announce that our school production, Cinderella Jones, is scheduled for 20th and 21st of August. Students have been rehearsing over the last two terms under the guidance of Miss Brown, Miss Gates and Mrs Scott. This production promises to be a highlight of our school calendar.

Information was sent home last term but will also be promoted over the coming weeks. We hope you will support this event by purchasing tickets to watch what will be a polished and entertaining performance.

2026 Enrolments

In the first three weeks of this term, we will be welcoming Year 6 students to our kura (school) in readiness for their enrolment next year. Photos from these visits will be uploaded to our Facebook page.

Open Days / Evening

Parents / caregivers are invited to come along to visit our school on our Open Days being held on: **Tuesday 5 August** and **Wednesday 6 August** between the hours of **9.00am** and **3.00pm**. During this time, parents/caregivers can observe a vibrant, interactive snapshot of the school in action. Throughout the day, during school hours, individual / group tours of the school will be conducted by the school Principal and Deputy Principals, and no appointment will be necessary.

An Open Evening will be held on **Wednesday 6 August** from **7.00pm - 8.30pm** commencing in the school hall. Teachers and current pupils will be on hand to explain how the school functions, answer questions and show you around. If you have a Year 6 child who will be enrolling with us next year, we encourage you to attend our Open Evening or to pass this information on to anyone who is intending to enrol for next year.

Enrolment Interviews

Year 6 enrolment interviews will be conducted with the Principal and Deputy Principals from **9.00am - 4.30pm between 7 and 19 August**. To book an interview, go to: www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/code in your browser and enter the event code **unzsc**.

Matariki Park Lane

Towards the end of last term Mr. Phillips and I were delighted to take our group of Kapa Haka students to Park Lane Retirement Village to participate in their Matariki Celebrations. Our students gave an outstanding performance, and residents were impressed by the exceptional manners and active participation of our students in a range of activities. This proved to be yet another example of our wonderful students demonstrating our school values in action.

Health and Well-Being

We expect to see an increase in sickness this winter season. While regular attendance is a priority, we also appreciate you keeping your child home when they are sick. If your child is unwell, remember the importance of informing the school office if your child is absent from school. With flu-type viruses and colds in the community, we continue to encourage hand hygiene and sanitising at our kura.

School Board Elections - Online

Every three years all public schools in Aotearoa hold elections for their School Boards, and this is going to happen again in 2025.

The Board is a key part of our school because they do a lot of important things behind the scenes that while they may not be visible, are really important to keeping our school running. Our School Board write our strategic plan, consult with our community about things that matter, make sure our finance are being spent wisely and ensure that we are giving effect to Te Tiriti o Waitangi within our school. Our board is made up of 5 parent vacancies, the Principal and a staff rep elected by the staff.

The Board need to appoint a Returning Officer, who is responsible for the running of the election. They have appointed Schooled Election Pilot as the Returning Officer for our election and the election will be provided online. They have been assisting schools with elections for over 20 years and have been the only election provider accredited by the Ministry of Education to provide online election services since online elections started in 2022.

Important things like the nomination and voting forms will be sent to you by email directly by Election Pilot. If we don't have an email address for you, don't stress, because Election Pilot will send these out to you by post so you don't miss out.

There are a lot of rules around School Board elections that need to be followed and the main ones are the Education and Training Act 2020 and the Education (Board Elections) Regulations 2022.

Your name and contact details have been provided to Election Pilot to enable them to deliver elections services for our school as required by legislation. They will use your contact details for the provision of election services for Wairau Intermediate only and your details will be deleted 60 days after the election date as required by legislation.

If you have any questions about the election process, then the best people to talk to are the team at Schooled Election Pilot. You can contact the Returning Officer directly on 0800 VOTENZ (0800 868 369) or election@electionpilot.nz.

We will continue to keep you updated through the various stages of the election process, and our election will be held on **10 September 2025**.

Matavai

The Ministry of Education has established a dedicated channel for Pacific parents, caregivers, educators and communities across Aotearoa, New Zealand. Matavai is the Ministry's newsletter which provides important updates on education initiatives and events, helping our parents/caregivers stay informed and connected with what's happening in education. We encourage you to visit the website and check out the newsletter www.education.govt.nz/bulletins/matavai/13-06-25

Technology Fees

A reminder to our new students and those in arrears that our annual **Technology/Specialist Fees are due now**. We understand that some families are finding finances difficult, therefore we are happy for you to make smaller regular contributions towards this sum if it helps. Please email our finance secretary at vav@wairau.school.nz if you wish to proceed with this option.

Mairangi Arts Centre's annual Matariki exhibition showcasing some of our students artwork. If you want to visit this exhibition the last day to do so is **Saturday 19 July**.

Important Dates

2025 Term Dates:

Term 3	14 Jul - 19 Sept
Term 4	6 Oct - 17 Dec

Sports

25 July	**Gymnastics Skills Sessions B2**
29 July	**NH Cross Country**
29 July	**Tough Guy/Gal Challenge**
30 July	**Netball Girls' Zone Day**
1 Aug	**Gymnastics Skills Sessions B3**
15 Aug	**Rugby League Zone Day**
20 Aug	**NH Gymnastics Zone Day**
29 Aug	**Gymnastics Skills Sessions B1**
8 Sep	**SPORTS CAMP**
17 Sep	**NH Girls' Volleyball Zone Day**
18 Sep	**NH Boys' Volleyball Zone Day**

Music/Theatre

4 Aug	**The Kid Sing**
20-21 August	**Cinderella Jones**

Wairau Open Days/Night
5 and 6 Aug

Board of Trustee Meeting in Term 3 2025
To be held in the Staffroom:
Tuesday 5 August from 6.00-9.00pm

Teacher Only Days 2025
Monday 6 October

Public Holidays

27 Oct	**Labour Day**

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School Values

Over the last 12 months we have been working with Nettl Designs (https://www.nettl.com/nz/) to bring to fruition design concepts for our school values. As a result of this we are pleased to share with you the designs for our four key values of Manaakitanga (Respect), Pono (Integrity), Kaha (Courage), Aroha (Empathy). These values were shaped after extensive consultation with our community when I first started as Principal in 2021. The document below will provide with you an overview of the visual representations of our values and the stories behind them. We hope you enjoy these. We are now working on ways to display these across the school.

Yolanda East
Principal

School Values Designs Wairau Intermediate School

Respect
Manaakitanga

This icon represents respect through the use of two intertwined koru designs, symbolising growth, connection, and mutual care. The koru, inspired by the unfurling fern frond, reflects continuous learning and development and the intertwining shapes emphasise relationships, showing how respect is built through positive interactions, empathy, and support among students, teachers, and the wider community.

Integrity
Pono

This icon represents integrity through the use of two koru designs standing side by side, symbolising honesty, accountability, and personal growth. Their parallel growth signifies walking the path of integrity together - making the right choices even when no one is watching, staying true to one's values, and supporting others to do the same.

Courage
Kaha

This icon represents courage through the use of the mangopare design, symbolising the strength, determination, and resilience of the hammerhead shark. Just as the hammerhead shark moves forward with confidence, this symbol encourages students to embrace challenges with bravery and a positive mindset.

Empathy
Aroha

This icon represents empathy through the use of two koru designs forming the shape of a heart, symbolising care, compassion, and understanding. The koru shapes illustrate how empathy flourishes when students support and uplift one another. The heart shape reinforces the importance of kindness and emotional awareness, encouraging students to listen, relate, and respond to others with warmth and respect.

The water droplet shape framing the icon represents the idea that each student is an individual, yet also part of a greater whole. Just as a single drop contributes to a vast ocean, each student brings their own unique strengths, perspectives, and values to the school community. This symbolises how our values start with the individual but extends outward, shaping the collective culture of the school. It reinforces the idea that by upholding our school values, students help create a supportive and connected environment where everyone can thrive.

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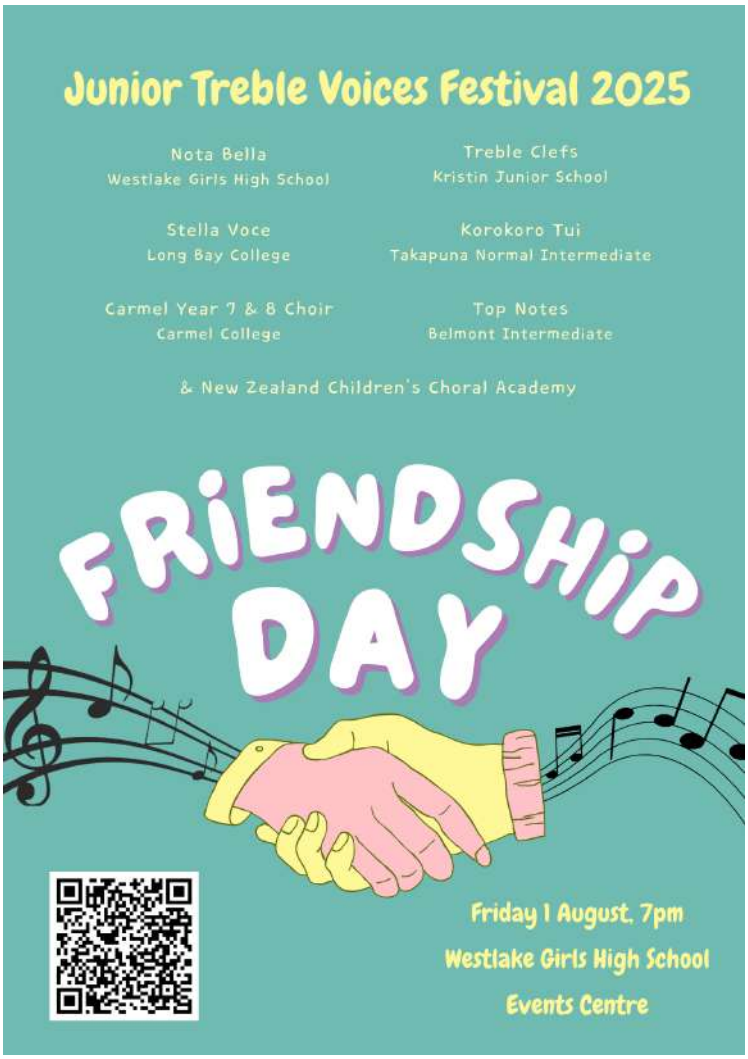
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Kristin Junior School
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Long Bay College
Korokoro Tui
Takapuna Normal Intermediate
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Carmel College
Top Notes
Belmont Intermediate
& New Zealand Children's Choral Academy
FRIENDSHIP DAY
Friday 1 August, 7pm
Westlake Girls High School
Events Centre

Momentum
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Visit our website to view the full programme of activities, register for tours, and secure your event tickets.

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[Centenary | Campbells Bay School]

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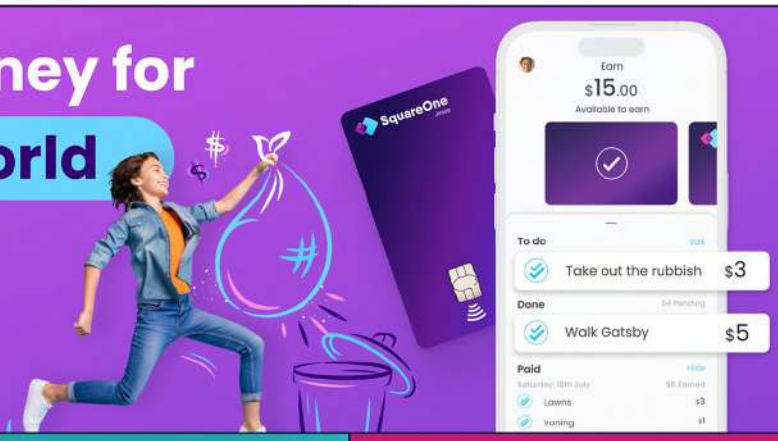

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