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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, ٱلسَّلَامُ عَلَيْكُمْ .

This term really has proved to be a term of celebration. With our successful production (the first since those unforgettable years of COVID), we couldn't have been prouder of our actors, dancers, choir, orchestra, stage, music and lighting crew for ensuring a fabulous rendition of **Cinderella Jones**. Auditions now seem such a long time ago!

Of course, events like these do not come together without hard work and dedication. The cast and the musicians started working on the show in Term 1. Ms. Gate worked with the singers and the orchestra. Miss Brown worked with the cast on their acting. Hayden from Block 1, became an assistant director. Mrs. Scott created props and costumes, as well as helping the dancers rehearse. Sophie (one of our wonderful learning assistants) choreographed the moves.

In the end, over 70 students were involved in the shows. Thank you to all of the whānau that supported their tamariki at home to make the production such a success.

Cinderella Jones

A special thank you to Ms. Gate, Miss Brown and Mrs. Scott for enabling us to have sell out shows.

Thank you too to teachers and support staff who supported throughout the matinees and evening shows as well as those of you who were able to attend. Words of appreciation from our community has been heartfelt and encouraging.

Occasions like this, when we can all be together, serve as wonderful reminders of the supportive community we are all proud to be part of!

Further photos will be available to view on our school website soon.

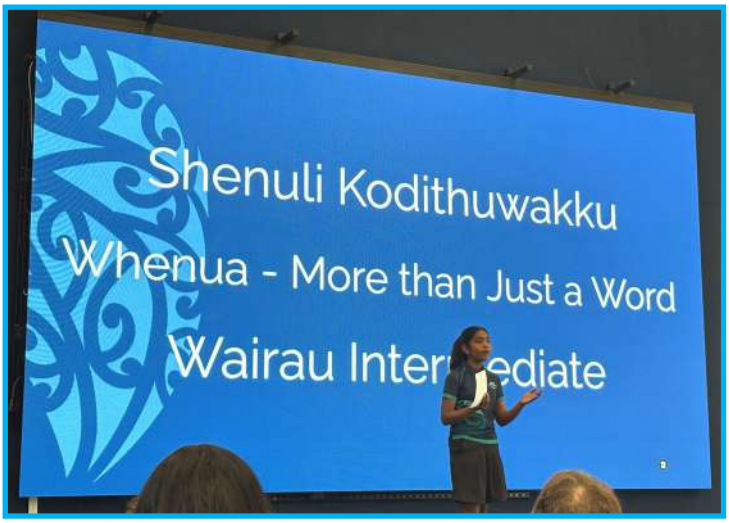
This newsletter, with its many photos this week, will also highlight the numerous events and activities on offer at our amazing school. So, as you look through these pages enjoy further highlights of the many opportunities Wairau has been part of over the last few weeks.

Auckland Mathex competition

Hajun, Cynthia, Ouwayse & April, participating in the Auckland Mathex competition.

Rehu Tai competition

Chloe B. came 2nd place in the Flashtalk.



Shenuli came 3rd place in the Traditional speech competition.

Virtual Reality lessons

The Kids' Sing

In Week 4, the Wairau Intermediate Choir performed at The Kids Sing Festival at the Holy Trinity Cathedral in Parnell. The students were in awe of the venue and had an amazing experience performing there, as well as enjoying watching other choirs perform. It was possible to receive commended, bronze, silver, or a gold grade from the adjudicator, Fiona Wilson. The choir was thrilled to receive a silver grade. Ms. Gate also received the "Conductor's Professional Development Award". Congratulations to the choir and to Ms. Gate!

This term we welcomed 11 International Students from Korea to our school. We hope they enjoyed their international school experience! ~ Mr. Gu saying goodbye to the Korean students who were with us for 4 weeks.

Japanese Cultural Exchange

Thanks to one of our wonderful Wairau families - we had a lovely visit from 12 Japanese cultural exchange students, from Shiba International Junior High School this term.

They treated us to a presentation about Japan, then two activities — Origami and Fukuwarai.

Fukuwarai is a traditional Japanese game where players are given a paper drawing of a face with no features, and cutouts of facial features. They then attempt to place the features onto the face in the correct positions, while blindfolded!

The next game was called Janken Train — where rock-paper-scissors meets a conga line!

At the end of the visit, the students performed a traditional dance.

Netball

North Harbour Netball Zone Day – A Fantastic Day on the Court!

We are proud to share that our school recently took part in the North Harbour Netball Zone Day, entering both a Year 7 and Year 8 team in the competition. Our students represented our kura with pride, sportsmanship, and determination on and off the court.

Year 8 Team Results:
Lost to Kristin School 7-3
Won against TKKM o Te Raki Paewhenua 16-3
Won against Mahurangi College 13-5
Won against Wentworth College 18-2
Won against Glenfield Intermediate 12-9

Year 7 Team Results:
Won against Glenfield Intermediate 14-1
Won against Mahurangi Bay 10-4
Won against Birkdale Intermediate 8-6
Won semi-final against Takapuna Normal Intermediate 8-5
Lost final to Carmel College 10-12

We are incredibly proud of both teams for their efforts, teamwork, and positive attitude throughout the tournament. A big thank you to our coaches and whānau supporters.

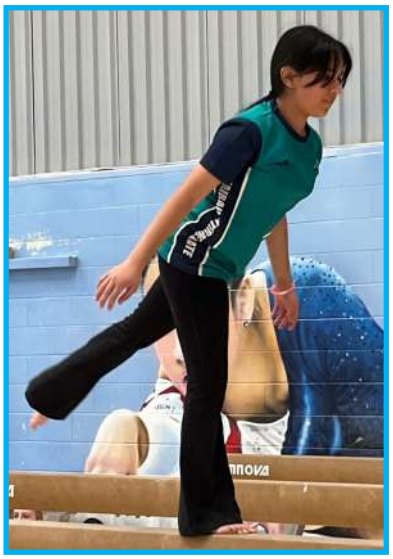
Ka mau te wehi, koutou mā!

Gymnastics Zone Day success!

Last Wednesday a group of students, 5 girls and 5 boys, attended North Harbour Gymnastics to compete in the Gymnastics Zone Day.

The competition was divided into two main categories - competitive and recreational, with boys and girls competing separately. Our students demonstrated manaakitanga, pono, kaha and aroha towards others and can be extremely proud of the way they represented our kura.

The students began practising at the beginning of term 3 and have been training 3 lunchtimes a week. Our day was hugely successful with a number of our boys placing in various categories and winning the teams competition. Congratulations and well done to all who participated!



Results

Boys team: Maui, Mehmet, Nate and Hanlu - 1st overall

Individual placings:
Maui - 3rd overall, 2nd on High Bar, 2nd on Vault and 3rd on Trampoline
Mehmet - 2nd on Parallel Bars
Hanlu - 3rd on Pommel

Hockey

Daffodil Day

Friday 29th August was Daffodil Day.

Daffodil Day is our country's chance to work together and change the experience of cancer for every New Zealander.

In support of this day, students were invited to wear something yellow to school on Friday and to also donate a gold coin. All money raised will be sent to the Cancer Society in support of cancer research and treatment.

Block 1 ~ all dressed in yellow!

BOT Elections / Voting

Votes are still open for our triennial Board Elections 2025. This is an exciting time as nominees wait to see if they will be elected to govern the direction of our school.

We encourage you to read through the nominee statements and make your vote count prior to voting closing at 4.00pm on Wednesday 10th September.

Votes will be counted and declared on Tuesday, 16 September with our Board taking office on Wednesday, 17 September. The school Board is instrumental in influencing how schools make decisions based on evidence presented. Wairau is increasingly recognised as the school of choice for the community we serve. I look forward to working in partnership with our incoming Board.

Community Survey

As a Board, consulting with you is important to us. Therefore, we would value your input by answering our Strategic Planning survey questions.

Your responses will assist in shaping the future direction of our school. This should only take you a short time to complete. Please use the following link to access the Google Form: https://forms.gle/QC9WSDodq78Aba4Q9

Thank you to those who have already completed this survey. We have 32 responses so far and would love to see this response rate increase.

Enrolments 2026

It has been a pleasure for my Deputy Principals and I to meet with enthusiastic parents and students at enrolment interviews over the last couple of weeks. Enrolments are still open for the 2026 school year.

As we have room to grow, there is no need to go through a ballot this year. We are in the fortunate position of being able to take both in zone and out of zone enrolments for next year.

If you have siblings yet to enrol, or know of anyone wishing to enrol at our wonderful school, please complete the application forms as soon as possible. Information regarding enrolling at Wairau can be found on our school website https://wairau.school.nz

Alternatively, you can call our school office for support with the enrolment process: 09 410 7805

We are already looking forward to welcoming the new students to our school next year.

Yolanda East
Principal / Tumuaki

Important Dates

2025 Term Dates:

Term 3 15 Jul - 19 Sept
Term 4 7 Oct - 17 Dec

Sports
8-12 Sep Sports Camp!
17 Sep NH Girls' Volleyball Zone Day
18 Sep NH Boys' Volleyball Zone Day

Team/Group Photos
Monday 15 September

Board of Trustee Meeting in Term 3 2025
To be held in the Staffroom:
Tuesday 2 September from 6.00-9.00pm

Teacher Only Days 2025
Monday 6 October

Public Holidays
27 Oct Labour Day

FRIDAY COUNSELLOR

WE ARE LUCKY ENOUGH TO HAVE A TRAINING COUNSELLOR (THROUGH MASSEY UNIVERSITY) ON FRIDAY'S AT WAIRAU THIS YEAR. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN HAVING YOUR CHILD ATTEND SOME/ANY SESSIONS PLEASE CONTACT LIBBY
libbyb@wairau.school.nz
OR GIVE THE SCHOOL A CALL TO SPEAK TO HER MORE ABOUT THIS.

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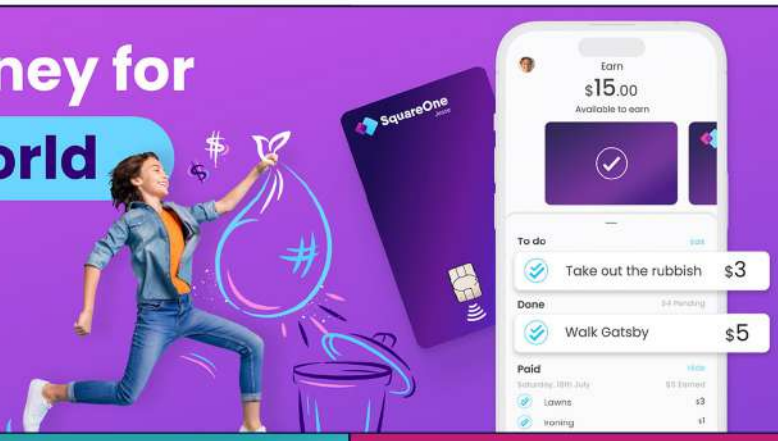

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