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Wairau Intermediate

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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 .

As the winter chills and rain keep us on our toes, we hope you are staying safe, warm and dry. Strangely it still feels as if spring is on the horizon as lambs are born and bulbs start to burst from the ground.

As we step further into Term 3, we are reminded that growth often happens quietly in the steady routines, the small acts of kindness, and the challenges that push us to stretch a little further. This term is a powerful opportunity for us all - students, staff, and families alike, to reflect on how far we've come and refocus on where we're heading.

At our school, we believe in the strength of community, the power of perseverance, and the importance of nurturing not only academic excellence but also wellbeing and character. Every learner is on a unique journey, and every day brings a new chance to grow, connect and shine physically, emotionally, socially and academically.

We therefore encourage each student to keep approaching this term with courage, compassion, and curiosity; supporting each other and celebrating the progress, no matter how big or small. The future is not something we enter; it is something we create together.

Production Returns - Cinderella Jones

For the first time since COVID, we are pleased to announce our school production **Cinderella Jones** on 20 and 21 August.

Prepare for an unforgettable show! Cinderella Jones, is a charming and energetic school production based on the traditional story of Cinderella, but with a twist. Witness a classic story retold with humour, heart, and a touch of Wairau magic.

Tickets are available at the office for $5 each.

Shows are **Wednesday 20 August, and Thursday 21 August at 7pm** in our school hall. We have two very talented casts, dancers, our choir and orchestra all ready to entertain you! Come along and support our team! (flyer attached)

Wednesday main cast: Aveyana, Hayden, Izzy, Mira, Meiya, Ben, Max, Caleb, Cynthia, Sienna, Meila, Lauren.

Thursday main cast: Zara, Jack, Ameya, Maria, Chenxi, Lithum, Daniel, Clara, Riley, Rylee, Brianna.

Year 6 Transition Visits

During these first three weeks of term, we welcomed Year six students from our contributing schools (Sunnynook, Target Road, Forrest Hill and Campbells Bay). Students were able to experience a day in the life of a Year 7 student and enjoyed lessons in our technology department. We were impressed by the student's enthusiasm and engagement. We look forward to seeing many of these students enrol at our school for next year. Pictures from these visits can be seen on our school Facebook page.

2026 Enrolments

Enrolments are open for next year!

Enrolment forms, our prospectus, information about open days, our open evening and enrolment interviews can be found on our website under enrolments: www.wairau.school.nz

While in zone applications will be given priority, and despite exciting roll growth, we are in the position of being able to take out of zone applications for the 2026 school year.

With all that Wairau has to offer we would like to take you and your child on this exciting journey with us. We look forward to seeing your child enrol at our school.

If you have any questions about the enrolment process, please call 09 410 7805 for more information.

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 Principal and Deputy Principal, 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**.

Cyber Safety advice for parents

The Ministry of Education has created a page with advice and links to useful resources for parents who are wondering how to support their children online. It provides tools to learn how to behave online and how to recognise behaviour that is not okay. It covers a range of online topics for young people and teenagers. Go to:
https://www.education.govt.nz/parents-and-caregivers/schools-year-0-13/digital-technology/keeping-students-safe-online

Water Polo

Yireh K, Olivia R, Charley R and Ethan W, who play as part of the Orcas water polo team, played in the Tim Sonderer Waterpolo tournament over the weekend and had a fantastic 4 days, finishing up 6th overall. A brilliant effort, and 3 places higher than the last one. It was a tough competition, but the team performed incredibly well!

Student Achievement

Earlier this month, Wairau Intermediate Year 7 student **Aiden Yang** performed with *The Cloud Children's Choir* at the International Youth Music Festival in Shenzhen, China.

We are delighted to share that Aiden's choir won the championship at the event! His mum Eileen, shared that 'it was an incredibly moving moment when the children stood before the New Zealand flag and sang the national anthem - a proud and emotional experience for all of us'. **Amazing job Aiden!**

Westlake Boys - Rowing

Westlake Boys Rowing are offering year 8 boys, looking to attend Westlake in 2026, an opportunity to "have a go at rowing" for the next two Friday afternoons after school (see attached flyer).

From 3.30-5pm on 1 and 8 August, year 8 boys and parents can come down to North Shore Rowing Club at Lake Pupuke to get out in a boat and learn more about the sports academy and rowing as an extracurricular sport.

Rowing has been a very successful sport at the Olympics for NZ and Westlake has 5 past Olympians, 3 boys in NZ crews this year, and they won the most recent and prestigious U18 Eights Maadi Cup this year.

In short, Westlake Rowing is strong and they want to give you the opportunity to be part of this top programme in NZ.

Westlake Boys - Parent Education Seminar

Westlake Boys is excited to welcome Caroline Black to the school for a special presentation with parents and whānau on Thursday 14th August at 5.30pm in the Auditorium (see flyer below).

Caroline is an educator, speaker, and wellbeing strategist with more than 20 years' experience working in and alongside schools. She is the founder of Grow Daily™, a consultancy dedicated to embedding evidence-informed wellbeing practices across school culture, leadership, teaching, and community engagement.

Adolescence is often a time of intensity - full of rapid shifts in mood, identity, relationships, and expectations. For parents and whānau, it can be both a rewarding and bewildering time, as teens navigate school demands, social belonging, and the ever-present influence of the digital world.

Caroline will explore timely and practical strategies for supporting our teens' emotional development so you can equip them with the emotional tools to feel seen, safe, and supported. The presentation will focus on:

- Naming and normalising emotions
- Understanding the developing brain
- Managing stress and anxiety
- Building inner resources for self-awareness
- Tools to support emotional regulation

Please see flyer below and for further information, contact nst@westlake.school.nz.
Tickets are $10, students and children are free.

Yolanda East
Principal / Tumuaki

Important Dates

2025 Term Dates:

Term 3	14 Jul - 19 Sept
Term 4	7 Oct - 17 Dec

Non-school Days

6 Oct	Teacher Only Day
27 Oct	Labour Day

Sports

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 Kids Sing
20-21 Aug	Cinderella Jones

Wairau Open Days/Night

5-6 Aug

Board of Trustees Meeting in Term 3

To be held in the Staffroom:

5 Aug	6.00pm-9.00pm

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.

STUDENTS WILL ALSO HAVE THE OPTION TO SELF REFER IF THEY FEEL THEY WOULD LIKE TO BOOK A SESSION WITH OUR COUNSELLOR, MARGARET .

Tuition in Academic Writing

Enrolling Now for Term 3
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Group Classes

Online after-school tuition (one-hour lesson)
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Groups: Years 5 & 6, Years 7 & 8
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THURSDAY 21 AUGUST - 7PM START

$5 TICKETS - AVAILABLE AT THE OFFICE FROM WEEK 3, TERM 3

WAIRAU SCHOOL HALL

WESTLAKE BOYS

"Have A Go Days"- Friday August 1st & 8th.

Are you going to Westlake in 2026?

Come try rowing with other year 8 boys. Learn about sport and academy at WBHS.

You will get out in the boat on the lake. Its new for all of you.

Head Coach and Senior boys to coach the boys.

Venue- North Shore Rowing Club, Lake Pupuke

Time: 3:30-5pm Friday August 1st & 8th

Register here: https://forms.office.com/r/XnR2jzHjpF

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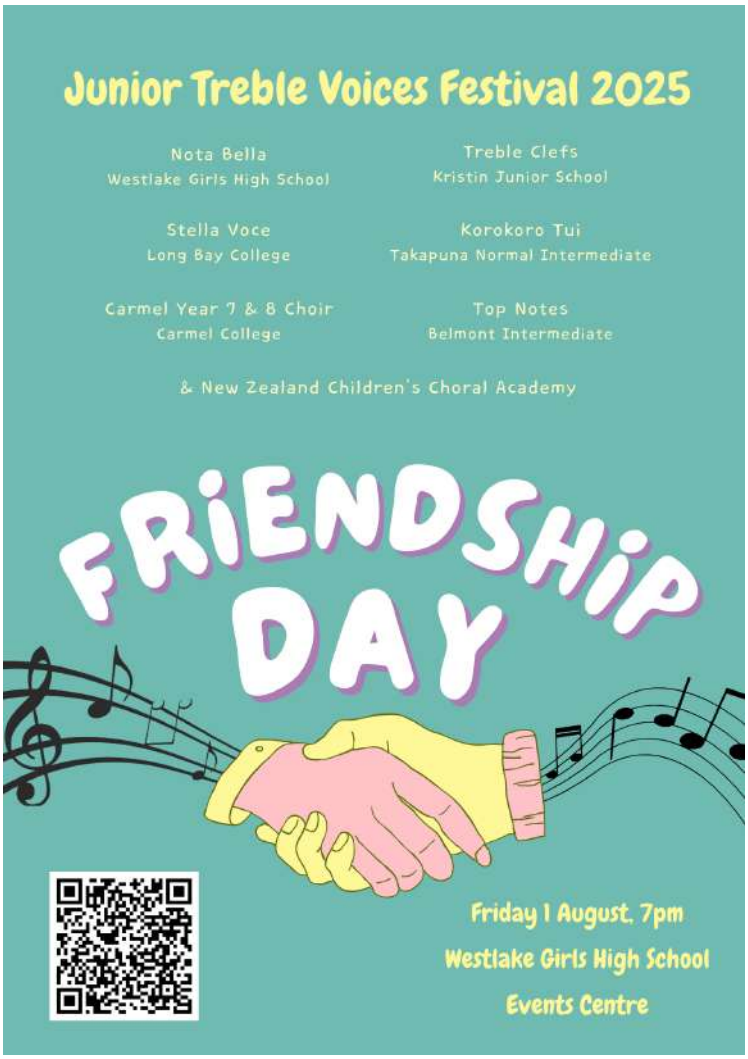
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Carmel College
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Belmont Intermediate
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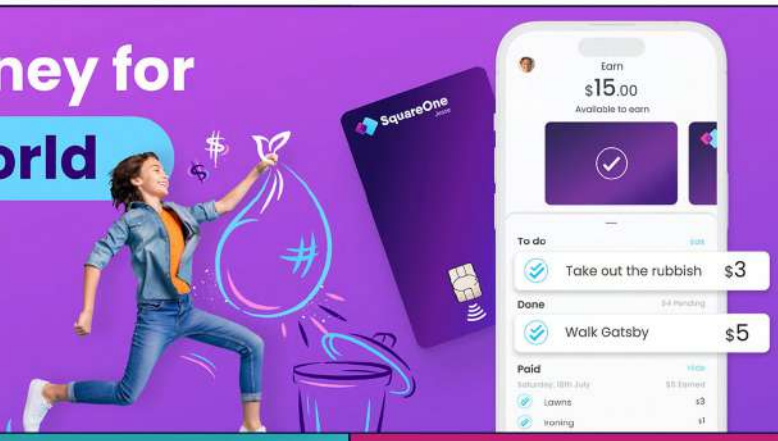

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