Newsletter Number 13 2025
18 September 2025

Wairau Intermediate School

113 Becroft Drive, Forrest Hill, Auckland 0620 Phone: 09 410 7805
School Email: wairauint@wairau.school.nz Board Email: boardchair@wairau.school.nz
Website: www.wairau.school.nz www.facebook.com/wairauint

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 .

As Term 3 draws to a close, I want to acknowledge the many moments of celebration and achievement that have filled our school over the past ten weeks.

Our school production was a true highlight bringing together actors, musicians, dancers, crew and countless helpers to create an unforgettable show. The creativity, teamwork and resilience shown on stage and behind the scenes were inspiring.

Students shone in Zone Days, representing our school with pride, sportsmanship and determination across a range of events.

Academically, our learners challenged themselves in the University of Canterbury **Kiwi Competitions** in English, Maths and Science, demonstrating both progress and perseverance. These results provide valuable insights for students and teachers as we plan next steps in learning.

Individual results and data will come home with students this week. All students that participated in these competitions will receive their certificates in our first assembly when we return to school in Term Four. A number of our students were awarded *Achieved, Merit, Excellence* and *Distinction* grades. Well done!

And what a fantastic experience our team had at **Sports Camp** last week, where they displayed skill, grit and an impressive sense of camaraderie (photos inside).

Their efforts resulted in third place overall out of the nine schools who participated which is a fabulous achievement. Highlights were the following impressive results:

1st Girls Netball
1st Mini Golf
1st Cage Soccer
1st Bowls
1st Quality Living quiz
2nd Girls Basketball
2nd Rock Climbing
2nd Longball
2nd Chess
2nd Darts
2nd Futsal
2nd Tennis
2nd Table Tennis
2nd Wallball
3rd Team Cheer

A huge thank you to our staff, parents, whānau and volunteers for the support that makes these opportunities possible. Your encouragement ensures that our students can explore their passions and achieve their best whether on the stage, the field, or in the classroom.

Enjoy a well-deserved break with family and friends. We look forward to welcoming everyone back refreshed and ready for a vibrant Term 4.

Dancing Like the Stars

Tomorrow, Friday 19 September you are invited to join us for our Dancing like the Stars Competition. This event will be held in our school hall, commencing at 11.30am. After weeks of practice, under the guidance of professional dance instructor Jonny Williams, we expect students to dance with grace and flair. The winners of the competition will be shared in our newsletter at the start of next term.

Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori

This week we have a focus on Māori Language Week – "Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori". As an official language of New Zealand, it is important to us that we keep Te Reo alive. At Wairau we do this by growing our own capabilities in both Te Reo and Tikanga Māori. Teachers planned a range of cultural activities to increase the use of Te Reo in their classrooms. We are on a journey together to ensure that the unique position of Māori language, culture and identity is both honoured and protected.

Kia Manawaroa Education Pānui

Kia Manawaroa is a dedicated newsletter for whānau Māori, sharing opportunities, updates and information about education. If you would like to read this free pānui please visit: Kia Manawaroa - Issue 8

Health, Safety and Wellbeing

Dengue warning for travellers to Pacific Islands.

With dengue cases soaring across the Pacific Islands, travellers are urged to protect themselves from being bitten by mosquitoes.

Many countries, including American Samoa, Cook Islands, Fiji, French Polynesia, Kiribati, Nauru, Samoa, Tonga, and Tuvalu, are experiencing dengue cases.

People can get sick if bitten by infected mosquitoes in areas with dengue. At greatest risk are children under 10, people over 60, and those who've had dengue before.

Anyone feeling sick with symptoms within three weeks of returning home from a country with dengue, should contact their healthcare provider, or call Healthline on 0800 611 116. For more information, visit:

Dengue – Health New Zealand
Keeping healthy when travelling – Health New Zealand
Dengue fever outbreak in the Pacific – Safe Travel

New Zealand health authorities have developed informative videos and factsheets, translated into Pacific languages.

Dengue factsheet translations are available in PDF format here: Dengue resources – HealthEd

Education Review Office (ERO)

We are pleased to announce that our favourable ERO report is now available on our school website. Follow the link www.wairau.school.nz – Our School, Our Board.

Highlights from this report include a recognition of the strengths of the school. These are as follows:

- Learners experience a positive and inclusive learning environment where physical and emotional safety is well promoted and underpinned by strong pastoral care systems.
- Learners requiring additional support are identified and effective interventions put in place to address their needs and minimise barriers to learning.
- The senior leadership team works collaboratively to promote a culture of shared responsibility, high expectations, and continuous improvement.
- The school's curriculum design provides for integrated learning opportunities with breadth and depth across learning areas.
- Teachers collaborate in professional learning that supports teaching capability development and consistency in approaches, so that students gain sound foundational skills in literacy and mathematics; structured literacy and mathematics programmes are being embedded.
- Leaders and teachers foster strong learning focused partnerships with families/whānau; robust processes ensure learners are well supported to transition successfully into and from the school.
- The board and the principal are strategic in school resourcing and decision making; they use comprehensive information well to prioritise responding to learning needs.

Next steps for our school are closely aligned with our strategic plan and current curriculum changes. We are already well on the way towards meeting these priorities.

Yolanda East
Principal / Tumuaki

Important Dates

2025 Term Dates:

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

Teacher Only Day 2025
Monday 6 October

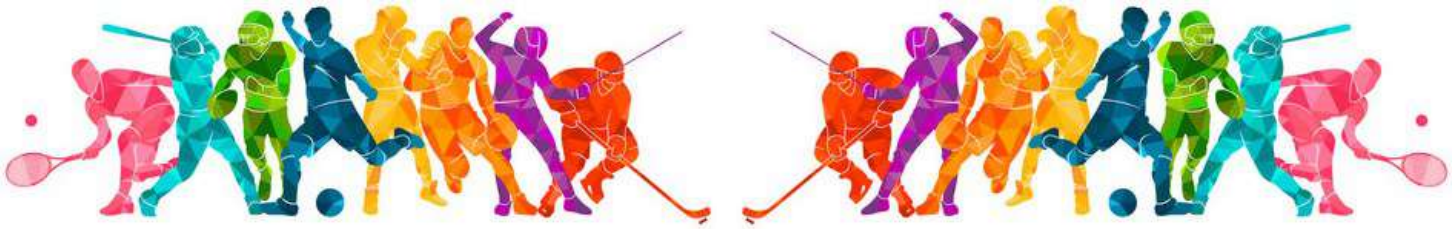
Public Holidays
27 Oct Labour Day

Sports
7 Oct Water Polo starts
15 Oct Netball starts
23 Oct Touch Rugby starts
29 Oct Athletics Day

Board Meeting in Term 4 2025
To be held in the Staffroom:
Tuesday 14 October from 6.00-9.00pm

Sports Camp *in pictures*

Great work Sports Campers!



Photos highlighting our **Kapa Haka** group performing at our assembly earlier this week.

TEN FEET TALL
HOLIDAY PROGRAMME
Grow their speaking & performing skills over the holidays.
SPEECH & DRAMA | LEARNING TO LEAD | DEBATE & PUBLIC SPEAKING
9am - 3pm, with free 8.30am drop off for Year 1-8 children
EACH DAY INCLUDES:
• Fun activities and exercises to build skills
• Opportunities to develop creativity
• Team Performances
• Hands-on confidence building
• Screen-free, high-energy fun!
A fun, creative space for kids to shine!
"My child absolutely loved every day – and came home more confident!"
WHY PARENTS CHOOSE US:
• Small groups
• Experienced, first-aid certified coaches
• Drama that builds real-world life skills – confidence, creativity & communication
• We don't share photos of students online or in our social media
• Affordable pricing
• Safe, supportive, and fun!
TERM 4 CLASSES OPEN FOR BOOKING:
• Speech and Drama, Public Speaking & Debate.
• Book online on tenfeettall.co.nz
Book a Trial Class for $15 and if you enrol for Term 4, you'll get $30 off your first class!
SCAN THE QR CODE TO BOOK - HURRY LIMITED SPACES!
tenfeettall.co.nz
+64 21 444 002
admin@tenfeettall.co.nz

music education centre
MUSIC LESSONS
AT SCHOOL!
IT'S CONVENIENT!
It gives children the opportunity to enjoy music lessons right at their school! Our individualised lessons are fun, educational, and designed to help them grow and develop their skills.
Learning music supports your child's growth by developing:
confidence
creativity
concentration
and so much more!
Call us 0800 89 39 39 or visit www.musiceducation.co.nz/pages/music-in-schools to learn more!

LIGHT THE NIGHT!
BIKE RAVE - SUNNYNOOK PARK
GET READY TO RIDE, RAVE, AND GLOW!
* FREE FAMILY-FRIENDLY AFTER-DARK GROUP RIDE
* PLAYFUL RAVE VIBES AND SAFETY AFTER SUNSET.
WHEN: 7PM, SATURDAY 11TH OCTOBER
WHERE: PLAYGROUND BY COMMUNITY CENTRE
WHAT ELSE? BRING YOUR LIGHTS, GLOW UP YOUR RIDE! AND IF YOU'RE STUCK, WE'VE GOT A FEW FREE SHINY BIKE LIGHTS TO SHARE. FIRST IN, FIRST SERVED
BIKE SUNNYNOOK
EST 2025
Biketober
Fun
Music
Safety
Bike Auckland
This event is supported by Bike Auckland

HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

OSCAR APPROVED FUN!

THRILLZONE | ESCAPE QUEST

WHY CHOOSE US?

- Innovative and fun activities for kids of all ages
- Thrillz for kids - while the parents are at work
- Award winning experiences
- Fun in a safe environment
- Government Accredited Holiday Programme
- Boutique Set Up with Small Groups (max. 16 Kids)

A RANGE OF TECHNOLOGY DRIVEN INDOOR & OUTDOOR EXPERIENCE FOR ALL AGES!

The Holiday Programme includes:

WHAT WE OFFER

- Tactical Laser Tag
- Escape Room Games
- State-of-the-art Virtual Reality Experiences
- Race Car Simulators and more

28 Hurstmere Road Takapuna

www.thrillzone.co.nz | 09 486 0773

Tuition in Academic Writing

Online after-school tuition for students in Years 5-8

Teacher: Allie Rankine

Qualified & Registered New Zealand Teacher with over 30 years of experience.

Enrolling Now For Term 4 ***** Limited Spaces*****

Small groups (maximum 4 students)

Groups: Years 5 & 6 Years 7 & 8

One-hour lessons $68 – See the timetable below

(For fluent speakers of English)

One-to-one lessons are also available for students in Years 5 to 9:

Please email to inquire about rates and availability for one-to-one lessons.

Master the fundamentals of academic writing:

Developing core writing skills and boosting confidence in academic writing. This tuition covers key areas such as:

- Using a clear, scholarly voice
- Expanding academic vocabulary
- Writing complex sentences to improve writing quality and tone
- Developing accuracy in punctuation and grammar
- Organising ideas into clear logical paragraphs and structured essays
- Writing strong main ideas with clear supporting arguments
- Develop critical thinking skills & depth of understanding of written text

Please email to reserve a place or to inquire further.

Timetable for Group Lessons

Mondays	
Years 5 & 6:	4.15pm-5.15pm
Years 7 & 8:	6.00pm-7.00pm

Thursdays	
Years 7 & 8:	4.30pm-5.30pm

EnglishWithAllie.teacher@gmail.com

V.12

Sunnynook Community Centre

KIDS MARKET

"A KIDS MARKET RUN BY KIDS FOR KIDS!"

SATURDAY 27 SEPT. 10:00 AM-12:00 PM

COME AND SUPPORT OUR YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS

Fresh Baking, Jibtiz,
Pre-loved toys, books & clothes
Scrunchies, handmade accessories

PLEASE BRING CASH

SUNNYNOOK COMMUNITY CENTRE
148 SCYAMORE DR.

https://tinyurl.com/kidsmarketsept

HOLIDAY WRITING WORKSHOP

Learn the secrets of writing great stories from an award-winning author

- 3 day writing camp for ages 9-14
- 1 day workshop for ages 7-10

Meet your presenter:

Maria Gill

The award-winning author of books including NZ Endangered Dolphins & Epic New Zealand Adventurers

"I loved meeting other young authors and learning awesome techniques that will help my writing."
Gabriella (14)

"It made writing easier for me and explained aspects of stories I didn't really understand."
Anna (12)

Andy Griffiths says...
"I wish this camp had been around when I was a young writer!"

SCAN ME

Where: Orewa College
76 Riverside Road, Orewa
When: 23 Sep to 25 Sep 2025

Register now at:
WriteLikeanAuthor.com

WRITE like an AUTHOR

SUSHI LUNCH EVERY FRIDAY

"SCHOOL LUNCH MADE WITH FULL OF GOODNESS AND FRESHNESS"

KIDS LOVE SUSHI!

ORDER ONLINE

Order cut off is 9pm (THURSDAY)

www.sushiday.co.nz

FRESH. DELICIOUS. HEALTHY. MADE BY REAL MUM AND DAD.

IN COLLABORATION WITH
THE SITTING ROOM SINGERS
and NZ STAGE & SCREEN COMBAT SCHOOL

NORTH SHORE WINDS
PRESENTS

HEROES AND LEGENDS

MUSIC OF THE SILVER SCREEN

with LIVE action stunts!

TICKETS AVAILABLE ONLINE FROM
www.northshorewinds.org/tickets
or SCAN the QR code below:
DOOR SALES AVAILABLE

featuring music from:
PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN
THE LION KING, STAR WARS, MARY POPPINS,
MY NEIGHBOUR TOTORO, MISSION IMPOSSIBLE
HUNCHBACK OF NOTRE DAME
THE INCREDIBLES, *and more...*

SATURDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER
WESTLAKE BOYS HIGH SCHOOL
2:00pm — Matineé Highlights Performance *(60 mins, no interval)*
7:00pm — Full Show *(120 mins)*

NZSSCS THE NEW ZEALAND STAGE & SCREEN COMBAT SCHOOL
SITTING ROOM SINGERS
NORTH SHORE WINDS

MARLBOROUGH PARK

YOUTHTOWN SINCE 1932

YOUTH HUB

>>PROGRAMME<<

Introducing the next best hang-out spot for our youth!

If you are aged 11-18 years old & want a space to connect, cook, create & unwind after school...

WE HAVE THE SPACE FOR YOU!

WE'RE OPEN: Every Tuesday & Thursday - 3PM - 6PM
LOCATION: Marlborough Park Youth Hall - 13 Chartwell Avenue
COST: No cost - this is a FREE programme for our rangatahi

READY TO SIGN UP? SCAN THE QR CODE!

Have questions?
Contact Sarah: 027 368 1633

Chinese Cultural Paradise Sept-Oct North Shore Camp

文化大乐园 中华

Cultural Experience Insights:
• Folk Dance&Music •Kongfu •Beijing Opera
•Calligraphy •Handcrafts •Paper Cut
• Painting and Traditional Games etc

Age Range: 5–18yrs old

Date and Time:
22 Sept —3 Oct 2025
(10 Days excl Weekend)
8:30am--5:30pm
9:30am--3:30pm

Location and Venue:
Westlake Boys High School
30 Forrest Hill Rd
Forrest Hill, Auckland

Fees:
• $350.00 (2 Weeks 9:30am – 3:30pm)
• $500.00 (2Weeks 8:30am – 5:30pm)

Chinese-English Translation Aid Available

Register Open Now (Limited Space Available)

Email: daniye@126.com

Core Organization: Chinese Language Development Centre

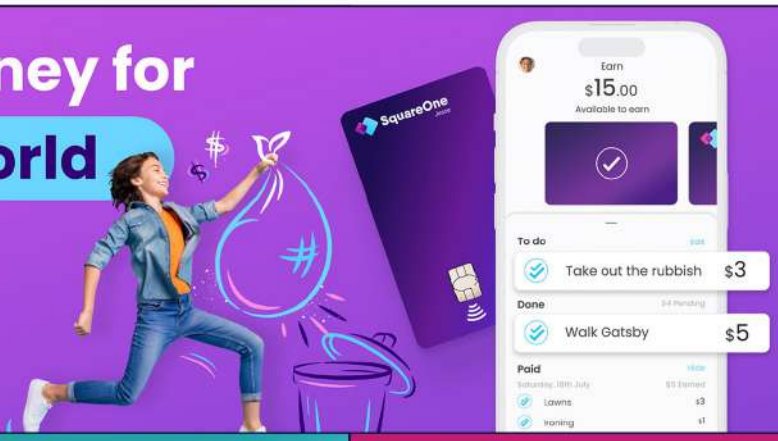
Executive Organizations: Central China Normal University
NZ Sunshine Chinese Language School

Pocket money for a digital world

Download today

Download on the App Store

GET IT ON Google Play



SquareOne

FORREST HILL FAMILY PHARMACY

SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL FRIENDLY FAMILY OWNED PHARMACY

- WALK-IN VACCINATION CLINIC
- STREP THROAT TESTING

(09) 449 0635

Shop 7/1 Grenada Avenue, Forrest Hill •
forresthillpharmacy@gmail.com

Standard home loan vs. smart home loan?

If you're looking for a smarter way to manage your mortgage, Jo, your local Mortgage Mentor, is here to help.
Book a free chat today!

Jo Staines
p 09 215 8832
m 021 896 030
e jo.staines@nzhl.co.nz

NZHL HOME LOANS | INSURANCE

Free Trial Mid-May Each Year

KUMON

Give your child a head start in life

With our individually tailored Kumon maths and English programmes, your child will develop a strong academic foundation that will nurture their learning for life.

Contact your local Kumon Centre to find out more today.

KUMON FORREST HILL & TAKAPUNA EDUCATION CENTRES
mob: 021 167 0019
Visit http://nz.kumonglobal.com

Bunyan & Kennedy Orthodontists

Registered Specialists Creating Beautiful Smiles

Suite 6, Hurstmere House,
Cnr Hurstmere Road & Anzac Street, Takapuna, Auckland 0622

Phone: (09) 489 8081

www.tbortho.co.nz • bunyanorthodontist@hotmail.com

BARFOOT & THOMPSON

Your local real estate specialists

DUTCH VAN GEUNS
021 988 537
d.vangeuns@barfoot.co.nz

KINBOU ZHANG
021 072 2154
k.zhang3@barfoot.co.nz

Link

HEALTH & FITNESS

Reformer Pilates - 24/7 Gym - Physiotherapy

Discover Boutique Fitness at Everyday Prices

G 5.0 ★★★★★ 50 reviews

INTERIOR & EXTERIOR
RESIDENTIAL & COMMERCIAL
ROOF PAINTING & POWER WASHING

PaintPals QUALITY PAINTING

5 star reviews on Google and NoCowboys

★★★★★

GET A FREE QUOTE TODAY!!

www.paintpals.co.nz info@paintpals.co.nz 021 979 640

To advertise on this newsletter and support the school, please contact Newsletters Unlimited, Ph/Fax: 09 817 3867, or Email: newsletters@xtra.co.nz