WAIRAU INTERMEDIATE

NEWSLETTER

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 .

This week's newsletter marks the conclusion of Term 1. It has been a very productive start to the school year. Students have enjoyed settling into routines, experiencing new learning and participating in several Zone Days, wherein they have represented the school with pride.

Levels of student engagement in learning have been high, and we finish the term with an attendance rate of 88%.

Today you will receive a Term 1 Summary Report. This report gives you an indication of how your child has settled this term, their participation and engagement and study habits. At the end of Term 2 you will receive a Mid-Year Assessment Report and will have the opportunity to discuss your child's progress at our Mid-Year Student Learning Conferences on Wednesday 1st July. Again, there will be much to celebrate with a focus on academic achievement and excellence. Details regarding how to book a time with your child's teacher will be provided closer to the time.

I am sure many of you are looking forward to time away from work over the Easter holiday period. Easter has long been a time of celebration, dating back to the earliest days of Christianity. Over time, Easter has also embraced a variety of joyful traditions, from freshly baked treats to colourful Easter Eggs and playful chocolate bunnies.

Whatever you find yourselves doing over the school break, we hope you find time to pause, recharge, and spend meaningful time with loved ones. Term 2 begins on Monday, 20 April. We look forward to welcoming students back for an exciting term ahead. Wishing you all a peaceful and joyful Easter Season.

Eid Mubarak

A belated "Eid Mubarak" to our families who recently celebrated Eid. Observed at the end of the holy month of Ramadan, we know this occasion marked the end of fasting and was a time of joy, prayer, and community. As a special time in the Islamic calendar, we hope you enjoyed your time family and friends.

Wairau Fundraiser Prize Winners!

Three weeks ago we launched our "Go Raise It" fundraiser for 2026. We have been overwhelmed by the generous fundraising efforts of our students and their families, especially in our current economic climate.

This successful fundraising initiative will assist us with the upgrade of our tired lunchroom. We plan to start work on this shortly.

I would therefore like to take this opportunity to THANKYOU for the support of our fundraising event. Together you have supported us to raise $10,343! This was an incredible effort by all who participated. In recognition of this achievement we held our fun run this afternoon. The school field was an array of vibrant colour which also served as a way in which to acknowledge the end of a very productive term.

If you still wish to make a direct donation to the school, you are welcome to do this by payment into our school bank account: ASB: 12-3109-0011778-00. Please put your child's name, and "Fundraiser 2026" as references.

Winning Teams

Block 1: 1/1 and jointly 1/2 - an average of $41 raised per student
Block 2: 2/5 - an average of $108 raised per student
Block 3: 3/10 - an average of $23 raised per student

All classes are looking forward to having a pizza lunch early next term.

Individual Prize Winners

Block 1
1st Prize Sharlotte G. 1/0
2nd Prize Xyzy T. 1/2

Block 2
1st Prize Michael C. 2/5
2nd Prize Bethany M. 2/6

Block 3
1st Ari C. 3/10
2nd Prize Rylee F. 3/11

Congratulations also to all our students who received prizes along the way!

Term 1 - Principal Values Recipients

Respect - Manaakitanga
Cyrus A, Cynthia Q, Aeisha D.

Integrity - Pono
Jane J, Amy B, Tom F.

Courage - Kaha
Roxie A, Jayden M, Paiana F-K.

Empathy – Aroha
Sophia R-B, Jiwon S, Jude T.

School Camps Reminder 2026

At Wairau, we provide a camp experience every two years to ensure all students can have the opportunity to participate.

Attendance at Block camp is an expectation for all students. School camps play a vital role in our curriculum, providing powerful opportunities to build independence, resilience, confidence, teamwork and positive relationships in ways that simply cannot be replicated within the classroom.

Preparations for Block 2 and 3 camps, as well as our Year 8 sports camp are well underway.

The 2026 Camp dates are:

- **Block 3:** Monday 4 – Friday 8 May
- **Block 2:** Monday 18 – Friday 22 May
- **Block 1:** Monday 23 – Friday 27 November
- **Sports Camp:** Monday 31 August – Friday 4 September (selected Year 8 students)

We encourage families to begin making payments early, using smaller instalments to help spread the cost over time. Please note that full payment will be required to secure your child's place at camp. If you wish to discuss a payment plan, please contact: yolandae@wairau.school.nz

We appreciate the payments we have already received as this has enabled us to secure our camp bookings. Communication about the Block 1 camp will be sent to families early in Term 2 to allow you time to plan for the cost ahead.

These camp experiences will add to another memorable year of growth and shared experiences for our students.

Shore to Shore

The Harcourts Cooper & Co Shore to Shore is a 5.9km fun run and walk from Takapuna to Milford in Auckland that took place on Sunday 29 March.

The course starts at Takapuna Grammar School, heads along both the picturesque Takapuna and Milford beaches and ends at Milford Reserve.

This event is North Harbour's largest annual fun run/walk and helps the community to support their local schools. All proceeds go back to participating schools, in the form of sports equipment grants. Thank you to the families who participated in this event and to Miss Cadness and Miss Brown for being there to support them.

Warm regards,

Yolanda East
Principal

Important Dates

Week 1, Term 2	
Monday, 20 April Friday, 24 April	First day of Term 2 Final Structured Literacy Teacher Only Day
Term 2 Public Holidays	
Monday, 27 April Monday, 1 June	Anzac Day King's Birthday
Camps	
4 - 8 May 18 - 22 May	Block 3 Camp Ngāruawāhia Block 2 Camp Ngāruawāhia
Sport	
Monday, 4 May Tuesday, 5 May Thursday, 7 May	Orienteering Zone Day Year 7 Boys Football Zone Day Year 8 Boys Football Zone Day
Events and Other	
11 - 14 May Tuesday, 12 May Wednesday, 13 May Friday, 15 May	Book Week School Photos (Class/Individual/Siblings) Book Fair Pink Shirt Day

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Saturday 2 May 2026, Eden Park

Invitation to KidsCan GlowRun

On Saturday 2 May 2026, we're lighting up Eden Park, and would love your school community to be part of it while helping Kiwi kids in need!

Designed for all ages and abilities, KidsCan GlowRun, supported by ASB is a 2.5km family-friendly fun run or walk.

Every entry helps raise funds to provide shoes and warm jackets for Kiwi kids facing hardship as we head into the colder months.

Enjoy a festival-style family night out with:

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How your school community can get involved

- ☑ Add this fun family event to your school calendar
- ☑ Share about KidsCan GlowRun in your newsletter and pin up the poster
- ☑ Encourage your school community to sign up together

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IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN HAVING YOUR CHILD ATTEND ANY SESSIONS PLEASE CONTACT LIBBY

libbyb@wairau.school.nz

OR GIVE THE SCHOOL A CALL TO SPEAK TO HER MORE ABOUT THIS.

NOTE: STUDENTS WILL ALSO HAVE THE OPTION TO SELF REFER IF THEY FEEL THEY WOULD LIKE TO BOOK A SESSION WITH OUR COUNSELLOR, LEA. THEY ARE ABLE TO DO THIS INDEPENDENTLY, BY LETTING LIBBY AND THEIR TEACHER KNOW.

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