

Waikari School

Information and Enrolment Booklet

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Nau mai Haere mai



It is a pleasure to welcome you to Waikari School and have you join our school whānau. Our aim is to provide an education where all children are able to develop into, well-rounded and resilient young people who are capable of dealing with an ever-changing world.

We are a small team of committed and dedicated teachers, with a supportive Board of Trustees. Our FAST (fundraising and social team) build strong connections with whanau to help support the school.

Waikari School is an extremely well-resourced rural school, with both classrooms having low student numbers and access to Teacher Aids. This means that your tamariki spend more quality time with a teacher or teacher aid participating in structured, explicit instruction. Both classrooms have recently undergone upgrades and integrate digital technologies. The school is set on a terraced hill making for a lovely setting and many different play spaces and a school pool.

Our school's PRIDE Values are at the centre of our teaching and learning - Perseverance, Respect, Integrity, Difference and Excellence. We provide opportunities for our students to put these values into action, inside and outside the classroom.

Waikari School has connections with Greta Valley, Hurunui College and Waipara School, and often join together for school events. We are also apart of the Tipu Maia Community of Learning - <https://www.tipumaia.school.nz/> and work together with these schools to learn and succeed.

We hope this book answers all your questions, encourages you to get involved in our school community and makes you feel welcome.

If you do have any questions or would like to book a tour of our school please do not hesitate to make contact.

Nga mihi nui,

Phoebe Todd
Principal

03 314 4250
office@waikari.school.nz



Transition to Waikari School

We want your child's transition to Waikari School to be a success. To support that we have a proven transition process established.

New Entrant Transition




Before School	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• New Entrants are encouraged to make several school visits before their 5th birthday to help transition from preschool to school as smooth, happy and positive as possible.• Kerry Florance (junior room teacher) will be in touch about a time to do some transition visits to our Kura.
During your Visits Your child will	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Meet the staff in the classroom Mrs Florence, Mrs Vicki & Miss Todd• Connect with friends and make new friends• Be given a buddy to support them in the class and in the playground• Begin to learn morning routines and where things are put before school• Begin to learn expectations during mat time• Find out what the class leader job is how they will know when it their turn• Start to learn about our school's PRIDE values• Explore and engage in the many activities provided• Have an opportunity to play outside in the playground

Year 2-8 Transition

If you wish for your child to have a school visit prior to beginning please contact the office at office@waikari.school.nz



Tips for a successful start to school

Oral Language 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Talk positively about starting school and some experiences they might have• Encourage them to talk about their feelings• Practice saying "I need to go to the toilet"• Encourage them to ask for help if they need it.
Encouraging Independence 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Allow your child to be responsible for their belongings, i.e putting their bag and book bag away• Getting dressed in the morning• Practice putting their swimming togs on and off• Practice putting their shoes on and off.• Independently go to the toilet• Manage my crayons, pens and pencils
Fine and Gross Motor Skills 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Throw and catch a ball• Handle Scissors• Run, Jump and Skip
Learning Behaviours 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Get enough sleep (approx 10-12 hours)• Share and take turns• Blow their own nose• Sit down for a short period of time and listen• Follow simple instructions
Literacy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Recognise their name• Know the letters of the alphabet and letter sounds• Hold a pencil• Write their name
Maths 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Count to 10 and recognise numbers to 10• Name basic shapes and colours

Waikari School Uniform

Waikari School Uniform requires students to wear **unbranded** Navy & Royal Blue clothing (see below). It can be purchased through The Warehouse (Schooltex). Merino ware can be purchased through True Fleece - truefleece.co.nz Second Hand uniform are often available at the Waikari Op Shop.

Top Options

- Sunhat to be worn in Summer Terms (Term 1 and 4)
- Royal Blue Polo Shirt
- Royal Blue Long Sleeve Shirt
- Navy Polar Fleece/Sweatshirt/Woolen Jersey/Merino Jersey (no hoodies)
- Merino Cardigan
- Navy Thermal



Bottom Options

- Navy Shorts
- Navy Skorts
- Navy Trackpants
- Navy/Black Socks/Stockings

Other

- Royal Blue Gingham Dress (with or without white collar)

Sports Uniform

When competing at inter school sports events students will be provided with:

- Waikari School Sports Shirt
- Waikari School Sports Jacket
- Navy blue boyleg shorts may also be worn



Waikari School has a NO jewellery policy - Jewellery is not to be worn unless of cultural or religious significance. With the exception of small sleeper or stud earrings.

Waikari School Staff



Phoebe Todd is our Principal (Tumuaki). She is passionate about building strong relationships with the community and has a commitment to provide the best possible education for all students. Phoebe currently teaches in Kea class on a Thursday afternoon and Weka on a Friday.

Kerry Florance Weka Class Teacher (Junior Room) is a passionate and experienced teacher with a strong focus on student engagement and achievement. She is passionate about creating a positive and supportive learning environment where all students can thrive.

Zoe de Groot Kea Class Teacher (Senior Room) is a dedicated and caring teacher with a wealth of experience in education. She is committed to providing a safe and nurturing environment where young learners can develop their love of learning.

Caryn Hunt is a versatile and valuable member of the Waikari School team. She juggles her roles as Office Administrator, Bus Driver, and Teacher Aide with expertise and dedication. She is always willing to go the extra mile to support the students and staff of Waikari School.

Vicky Charles is a kind and supportive Teacher Aide who is always there to lend a helping hand. She is passionate about helping all students reach their full potential.

Kevin Beach is our hardworking Caretaker and grandparent figure who keeps the school grounds and buildings in tip-top shape. He is always there to help out with whatever is needed, and he is always friendly and welcoming.

Communication & Reports

Hero

Is a free downloadable app for Android and Apple phones. This is how our school communicates its school messages, newsletters, dates, reports and appointments. This is an essential download for all families as it is our main form of communication.



Newsletters


Are released every second Thursday. These are online newsletters (using the website Smore) which will be emailed to you, and accessed through the Hero app.

Community newsletters are printed and sent home with children on the last Thursday of each Term.

Website

Our school website includes key information about enrolment, newsletters and the day-to-day running of our school. - This is in the process of an upgrade so watch this space.

www.waikari.school.nz

A group of children wearing helmets are riding bicycles in a dry, grassy field. Some bikes are on the ground, suggesting a race or a fun ride event. The image has a torn paper edge effect.

Community events, such as our Back to School Party & Celebration of Learning Evenings are an important part of our school culture.

General Information

Reports

Students receive school reports twice a year which contain teachers' assessments and comments. These are digital and accessed through the Hero app. We have parent-teacher interviews and Open Days throughout the year to come and connect with your child's teacher and see their learning in action.

Assemblies

Occur twice a term on a Thursday usually in week 5 or 10 but open to flexibility. Keep a look out on the website and in the newsletter for dates.

Contact

Office - office@waikari.school.nz

Principal - principal@waikari.school.nz

BoT - presidingmember@waikari.school.nz

Phone - 03 314 4250

Principals Cellphone - 02040232067

Absence

If your child is absent please phone the school office before 9am

03 314 4250 or complete the absentee forum on Hero

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Medical Procedure

if your child is unwell or has an accident - Caryn is a registered first aider and will administer first aid. You will be phoned if pain relief is going to be administered or it is severe.



General Information

Swimming

We are lucky enough to have a school pool onsite. During Term 1 & 4 we ask students to bring their swimming togs to school as teachers deliver swimming lessons as part of the New Zealand curriculum.



Bus Travel

We have a school bus which is able to pick up children who live in our school bus allocated zone rurally - you will be contacted if your address is within this zone.

Expenses/Family Accounts

We are a cash-free school - therefore you will receive an invoice for school stationery at the beginning of the school year and end of each school term. Our school account number is 03-0855-0467992-00.



School Policies

Waikari School uses SchoolDocs to review our school policies and procedures. All school policies are available to be viewed on the SchoolDocs website.

<https://waikari.schooldocs.co.nz/Logon.aspx?ReturnUrl=%2f>

Username: waikari

password: pride

School Closure

If school is closed due to an unlikely event you will be phoned by a staff member.

Specific Learning Needs

At Waikari School we cater for all student needs - if your child does have a specific need please make contact with us so that we can devise a plan.



Waikari School Strategic Plan 2024-2025

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	Goal	Initiatives	Learning Priorities	Success Statement
Whanaungatanga 'Belonging' <p>Me nōhi tōhī tōhīra no te oranga o te katoa</p> <p>We should work together for the wellbeing of everyone.</p>	Build a culture of belonging in our kura	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review school values & vision Develop Waikari Cultural Practices & Wellbeing alongside Tuhīwi Build Leadership yr 7&8 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Te Tiriti o Waitangi School Values Ka Hīkitaī Ka Hapūhā Barrier Free Access Learners at the Center Future of Learning & Work. Kahui Ako Achievement Challenge Board Objective 1b, 1c, 1d 	At the heart of our community, Waikari School is inclusive and fosters a strong sense of belonging and connection.
Ako 'Learning' <p>Ko te mōnu e hāi ana i te mōro nōhō te ngāhere Ko te mōnu e hāi ana i te mōhūwaka nōhō te ao The bird that consumes the mōro berry owns the forest. The bird that consumes knowledge owns the world.</p>	Develop an innovative and responsive Waikari School curriculum	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Create a Localised Curriculum with Rural Focus Review Assessment and Reporting Plan Further develop quality Teaching and Learning practices. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Barrier Free Access Learners at the Center Future of Learning & Work Quality Teaching and Learning Kahui Ako Achievement Challenge BoT Objective 1a, 1c, 1d 	A relevant 'rural' and innovative curriculum which engages and motivates all tamariki to achieve to their full potential.
