



Waikoikoi School - Little School Big Spirit!

Newsletter

Important Information:

Farewell to Skyla and her family.

Congratulations to all our students that were well enough to attend Waikaka Combined Districts Cross Country at Te Tipua. You all showed our school values in very wet under foot conditions.

Mikayla 9th	Emily 4th	Millah 6th	Reid 8th
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**Millah will now represent Waikoikoi School at the Eastern Zone Cross Country -
Good Luck Millah.**

With the weather being so cold and sickness hitting hard please make sure that you contact the school if your child is not attending and let Debbie know on the bus. For Ministry of Education reporting requirements, it is necessary we have a reason from parents or caregivers. Remember sending a private Whatsapp message is the best way to this as the reception at school is so poor. The Ministry of Education guidelines are that they require 90% or better attendance at school. Some of this is due to illness which is unavoidable, however I would encourage you to review any other days that your child has not been at school for unjustified reasons e.g. trips, not wanting to come to school.

The Ministry collects attendance data from school Student Management Systems on both a weekly and termly basis and is very concerned about low tamariki/children's attendance across all of New Zealand.

Please ensure that your child is at school every day, unless they are extremely unwell, for the rest of this term, and going forward for the rest of this year. As always please have a chat with the school about absences and support. We are here to support everyone at Waikoikoi School.

This term we are implementing Structured Literacy into our school for every year level. Structured Literacy is an evidence-based approach that is grounded in the Science of Reading. As a school, we will be accessing the iDeal platform to ensure our teachers are well supported with this transition and that the approach becomes embedded and is sustainable across in our classroom.

Research shows that -

- Reading is not a natural process. We previously believed that learning to read was like learning to speak.
- We now know the skills that good readers implement and the associated parts of the brain that are involved in the reading process.
- Likewise, we know what aspects we should assess and teach to students who are not progressing in reading and spelling.
- A Structured Literacy approach to learning to read and spell is necessary for all and **crucial** for some.
- The teaching of spelling in a systematic and explicit way enables students to become capable readers and writers.

It is important to remember that the students, teachers and our school are on a learning journey.

This transition will take dedicated time and specific resourcing.

As a parent, you may wish to learn more about this new approach and the Science of Reading. If you have questions, please feel free to find further information at:

- [Learning MATTERS](#)
- [iDeal Approach](#)

Ma te wa,
Jacqui and Staff of Waikoikoi School

Poumāhaka Kāhui Ako students present

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Mauri Bra Matariki

THURSDAY 27TH JUNE

WEST OTAGO COMMUNITY CENTRE GYM

We invite you to join us for mihi
whakatau and shared kai at **11:50am**
followed by Kapa Haka performances
from 1pm by all of our local schools and
early childhood centres.

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NATIVE PLANTING CEREMONY
FRIDAY 28 JUNE 2024 10AM

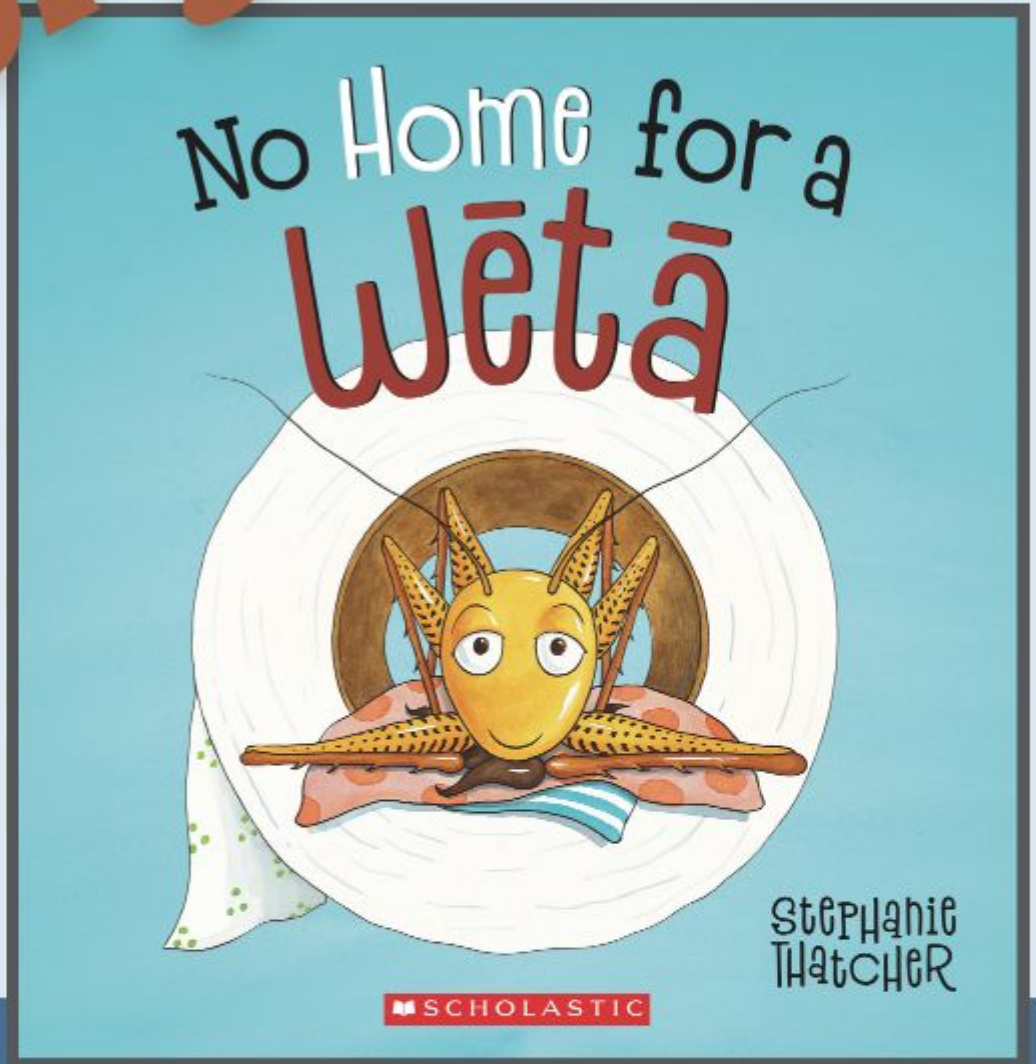
Waikaka School will lead the Matariki native planting
and chair placement at Park Hill Domain. They would
love for you to join them.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT/SUN
WEEK 6 3 Kings Birthday Holiday School Closed	4	5	6 Eastern Cross Country	7	8/9
WEEK 7 10	11	12	13	14 Southland Cross Country	15/16
WEEK 8 17	18	19	20	21	22/23
WEEK 9 24	25	26 Sports Activator	27 Matariki Festival	28 Matariki Holiday	29/30
WEEK 10 1	2 Assembly 2:30	3	4	5 End of Term 2	6/7

KidzWay 
Early Learning Centre

At the moment, for the first time in 16 years, KidzWay is facing an ongoing number of vacancies, which is not sustainable. So if you know of anyone who might like to enrol or if you would like more hours for your child, please pop in for a visit or come in and get an enrolment form or get in touch with them. Ph 03 2048 899 / admin@extra.co.nz / www.kidzway.co.nz

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HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

JULY 2024



3 DAYS OF EACH TERM BREAK
FUN ACTIVITIES AND GAMES TO
KEEP CHILDREN PHYSICALLY
ACTIVE AND ENTERTAINED

Dates:

Tuesday-Thursday 16-18 July 2024

Please note: date differs from previous advertising

Cost:

School Day session - 9.00am-3.00pm
(doors open 8.30am)

\$45.00 per child per day

\$35.00 per extra child per day

Morning Session - 9.00am-12noon
(doors open 8.30am)

\$35.00 per child per morning

\$25.00 per extra child per morning

*Please note: price increase is to cover materials
supplied by external activities provider*

Enquires:

Please contact Lara, 418 3470
info@crossrecreationcentre.co.nz

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