

Kia ora koutou

21 October 2024

Welcome to Week 2 and a slightly shorter week with our staff only day taking place this Friday, 25 October. Our staff are looking forward to working with Karina Schreurs once again who has supported our staff to build knowledge and understanding in regard to dealing with trauma, anxiety and neuro diverse tamariki at school. We are very fortunate to have built a strong relationship with Karina over the last few years so are looking forward to having her work with staff this coming Friday.

Staff are busy organising things for the remainder of the year including starting end of year reports, assessments, planning trips, prize giving and building up to our end of year concert. Our classes are all settling back into routines and it is wonderful to see our students working hard and happy at school.

Last week I hosted another principal from Auckland, who came to look at our sensory room and Te Pakau. She loved the vibe and feel of our school and commented on how calm and welcoming the school was. She also loved the way our staff and tamariki all welcomed her as she toured the school and it was nice to hear these comments passed on. It was great to be able to share this at our school assembly with everyone and to feel proud of what we as a school have achieved.

Finally it has been fantastic to see whanau supporting us with uniforms and ensuring that tamariki are wearing the correct uniform at school. There has been a noticeable decrease in the amount of non uniform clothing being worn to school and our tamariki look awesome in their uniforms. Have a wonderful week whanau.

Nga mihi, Steve Jenkins

Principal/Tumuaki

PRINCIPAL'S AWARD

It is always great to see a teacher excited about the success of their students, so it was an easy choice for this week's principal award. Cheden, from Room 8 has been working hard this year and has made some huge improvements with his academic progress, particularly with his reading. As a result he has jumped a large number of reading levels this year, as well as making steady progress in other learning areas. Awesome to see Cheden focused on his learning and we look forward to seeing this progress continue.



To all the new students and whanau of Whau Valley School.

Reminders:

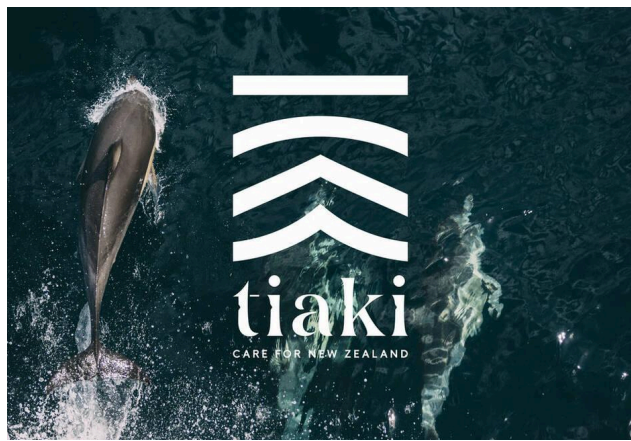
- School gates open at 8:00am
- School starts at 8:45am
- School finishes at 2:45pm
- School uniform & stationery purchased at the office

SUN HATS

One of our school expectations at WVS is 'Be Prepared'. As the warmer weather starts and the hot sun is here please ensure tamariki have a NAMED sun hat or cap at school everyday so everyone can be sun safe while outside. We do sell WVS sun hats at the school office for \$15 each.

Pictured to the right are some tamariki from Rooms 6 & 7 showing off what it looks like to be prepared. Well done to Maylin, Phoebe, Nixon, Kingsley, Beck & Tia.





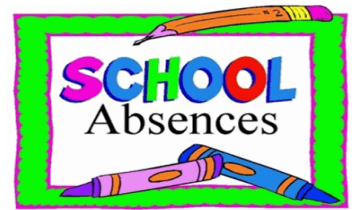
Ngā Kōrero o te Wiki

Tēnā koutou katoa! I tēnei wāhanga, our kaupapa across the kura is Kaitiaki or Kaitiakitanga. What is tiaki, kaitiaki and kaitiakitanga? The base word for both of these kupu is tiaki. **Tiaki is the kupu which means to care, to conserve or to protect. A kaitiaki is a carer, conserver, protector or guardian. Kaitiakitanga is the action of the word such as protection, guardianship, or conservation.**

Over this wāhanga, over this term we will be sharing different kōrero about different animals which are considered Kaitiaki in Te Ao Māori. Nō reira, ka nui tēnā mō tēnei wiki. Kei konā, until next week.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM 4

Friday 25 October	Staff Only Day (School Closed)
Monday 28 October	Labour Day (School Closed)
Wednesday 30 October	Kiwi North Trip - Rooms 6 & 7
Friday 1 November	Gumboot Friday
Monday 4 November	BOT Meeting @ 4:30pm (new date)
Thursday 7 November	School Fun Run
Friday 15 November	Wheels Day
Wednesday 20 November	Beach Trip - Rooms 1, 1A, 2 & 3
Friday 22 November	Nga Kereru Trip - Rooms 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 & 13
Tuesday 26 November	Beach Trip - Rooms 4, 5, 6, 7
Thursday 5 December	End of year celebration 1:30pm
Friday 6 December	Year 6 Prizegiving 11:30am
Wednesday 11 December	Reports sent home with tamariki
Thursday 12 December	Last day for school minder programme
Friday 13 December	Last day of term 4 2024. 12pm finish



If your child is absent from school please let us know as this is a legal Ministry of Education requirement. You must let the school know where your tamariki are. You can call on 09 4370448, download the SKOOLLOOP app or email

office@whauvalley.school.nz.

Please ensure you give the name of the student, their room number and the reason for the absence.

Thank you 😊



PĀTAKA KAI

As mentioned at the end of last term, our school now has a Pātaka Kai at our front office. It is currently looking a little bare! If you have any kai that you can spare that you can donate then please bring it in.



NGA KIWI - Room 7's Events

Term 4

A MUSCLE MAT!

Room 7 received an awesome present from Mr Jenkins at the end of term 3. The sensory mat is soft, comforting and calming. It is also great to read and sit upon.



WELCOME BACK TO TERM 4!

AJ is enjoying being back at school and with his classmates. He is also enjoying the brain breaks in amongst the learning.



Swimming!

Last week Room's 6 and 7 started swimming. Monday and Tuesday were too cold and windy. As Wednesday was a warmer day and Rooms 6 and 7 were chomping at the bit to go swimming, we headed over to the pool! Our swim was refreshing (to say the least) and a great introduction to our swimming season.



Cycling!

The school cycle track is still a great way to let off steam after lunch. Our tamariki have grown and are now very capable, confident riders of the bigger bikes in our bike shed.

Kia ora whanau o Whau Valley School

A couple of parents are interested in putting together a PTA to support the school with fundraising and engaging whanau in school activities. If you are interested in learning a bit more about this and/or becoming involved, please come along to our first meeting on Tuesday, 22 October in the school library at 3pm. If you cannot make it, please get in touch via the office and we will put your names forward to those who are organising it.

WHAU 4s

We had our first Whau 4 draw at last Friday's school assembly. Congratulations to our winners, who were all girls this time!

Pictured to the right are Mackenzie-Rose from Room 7, Lilly from Room 11 and Nora from Room 7. Indy was our fourth winner but was absent from school on Friday, she will get her prizes on her return to school.



DUFFY \$5 PARENT OFFER

We are lucky enough to be part of the Scholastic \$5 Parent Offer again this year. This is a great opportunity to get high quality books for only \$5 each and these books make great presents! If you would like to take advantage of this offer, please return the form along with the money to the office by Friday 15 November.

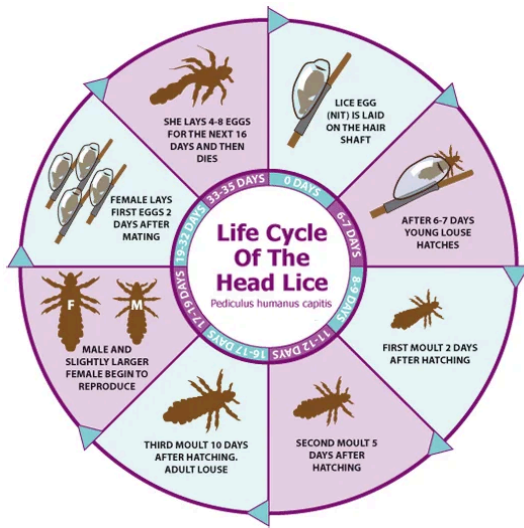


NGA KERERO

We have had a great first week back in Room 13. We have been working hard in class and we are enjoying the fine weather, getting out riding on the bikes and playing games outside. We are looking forward to going swimming when the weather warms up a bit more though. Some of the classes have already braved the elements and gotten in. Our teachers have a lot of great things coming up this term for us to look forward to.



HEAD LICE (NITS / KUTUS)



- **FREE** head lice shampoo and nit combs available through the school office.
- Treat hair every 7-10 days AND use a nit comb every 2-3 days on damp hair with conditioner until they are gone.
- Brush hair every day, this can help kill or injure head lice to stop them from laying more eggs.
- Don't share brushes, combs or hair accessories.
- Tie long hair in a ponytail, bun or braid.
- TIP: Straightening hair after treatment can help kill any missed eggs. You do not need to hot wash sheets etc.

SCHOOL FUN RUN

Thursday 7 November

Keep up the great fundraising! We have now raised \$3,123.00 for our \$5,000.00 target, well over half way. We currently have 77 children with a profile, so be sure to sign up and raise money to help support our school!



NGA KERERU

As part of their Ngahere study last term, Room 11 created some amazing perspective art. They used different media (colouring in pencils and two different types of paint) and imagined what the trees would look like if they were lying down looking up towards the sky. Check out the amazing finished products...



NGA KERERU (continued)

