



Te Kura o Wairau

Introducing Student Leader- Loueni

Ko hoku hinga ko Loueni Ma'asi. Koe taha au ae taahine Tonga oku taki I he emau api ako. Oku ou fiefia ke katoanga ae Ujike Lea Faka Tonga I he emau api ako he oku hange oku ou katoanga mo eku famili.

My name is Loueni Ma'asi. I am a Tongan student leader and I'm proud to celebrate who I am today. I feel happy having my school celebrate Tongan Language Week like my family.



Tangaroa Awards

Room 4 - Isalei, Muao, Loueni & Mika

Tane Mahuta Awards

Room 1 - Ripeka, Charlie, Atarangi, Arihaana, Sarah, Toa, Isla & Mele

Room 4 - Emon & Colleen

Room 6 - Asmah, Ngataka & Mylo

Room 7 - Nevaeh

Room 8 - Aniva, Esther, Joshua P, Peyton, Niyah & Ka'lei, Amy & Ariana

Room 11 - Loma-Maaye, Fluent, Summer-Rose & Levi

Papatuanuku Awards

Room 1 - Thomas, Toa, Razan, BettyLee, Levi & Jodeci

Room 4 - Te Aroha

Room 6 - Nevaeh, Hezekiah, Maihi Manukura, Ivory-Jayde, Mylo, Tatai, Arapeta, Conor, Rizvi, Nancy, Bailey, Tre' & Ilaijia

Room 7 - Tuwharetoa, Lukas, Riley, Joran, Cyprus, Milenko, Richie, Angaanga

Room 8 - Joshua K, Naleecia, Matthew

Room 11 - Ariel, Rhythm, Loma-Maaye & McKenna

Room 12 - Isabell

Wairautanga Awards

Playground: Riria Rm7, Charlie Rm1, Rizvi Rm6, Irihapeti Rm7 & Toa Rm1

Classroom: BettyLee Rm1, AJ Rm14, Gloria Rm 12, Peyton Rm8 & Nancy Rm6

Lunch with Mrs Johnson

Amy & Aniva Rm 8

Star Staff Award

Mrs A - for all her hard work as our SENCO and for filling in all of our ICS forms.



Top Cat Class - Room 6



Talofa Lava Whanau & Friends of Te Kura o Wairau,

Pasifika Professional Development

I am extremely proud of Mrs Alefaio and Mrs Day for leading Pasifika Professional Development at our kura in Te Mokai o Tautu and our Wharekai. This event brought a number of teachers and adult students to our school who took part in an experience that gave them hands-on, practical ideas, and some takeaway resources that they could use in their classrooms and environments during the language weeks that we acknowledge and celebrate. This was brilliant but what was even more amazing was the conversation and collective work that this group were part of.

Daffodail Day

Thank you everyone for your contribution to our daffodil day in support of the Cancer Society. It was lovely to see a 'bright yellow picture' of students and staff on this day. We were thanked personally from the Cancer Society for our contribution. I am very proud of you all.



Parent/Teacher Interviews

We had our Parent/Teacher interviews last week. Our teachers and students were able to celebrate their learning and successes in their classes, and at our kura so far this year. It was fabulous to see so many whanau coming in and being 'present' in their childrens classroom environments. Thank you so much for taking the time to firstly book an interview/s and then turning up to be part of your childrens education journey.

Wairautanga Celebration

We are now working towards our next goal of achieving 8000 uara 'dojo points'. It's already really exciting everyone because we have just about reached 7000 points.

Fire Drill Practice

This week we had a fire drill practice. We do this so that we are ready when or if there is a real fire. Please talk to your children and ask them what their classroom does when the fire drill goes off. Classes will be practicing this fire drill process during the weeks ahead so that when we have another fire drill they will be even more prepared.

Tongan Language Week

On Monday we had our Tongan Language Flag Raising Ceremony in our hall. We began with a Tongan karakia, then raised the Tongan flag to the Tongan National Anthem, finishing off with our Tongan singing activity. It was lovely to see my staff and students dressed in Tongan attire, celebrating, recognising and respecting the Tongan culture. During the week our students have been learning about Tonga and the Tongan Culture. On Friday at our Tongan Flag Lowering Ceremony we again gathered in the hall, and each Team shared some of the learning they did during the week. We concluded this ceremony by lowering the Tongan Flag.



Whole School Zoom Assembly

On Friday last week we held our whole school zoom assembly. I was so happy to see and hear Mrs Alefaio announcing the names of students who had reached their Tangaroa award. Well done tamariki ma. Keep striving to get your next Uara Certificate. I believe in you and encourage you to show what it takes to be Wairautanga, and what it sounds and feels like. You will feel so good about yourselves and this makes us all feel great about ourselves too.

Te Wiki o Te Reo Maori (Maori Language Week)

On Monday 12th September at 9am we are beginning our Maori Language Week with a Flag Raising Ceremony. We will then throughout the week learn about our Maori Culture and celebrate this learning on Friday 16th September in our afternoon Flag Lowering Ceremony. During this week we are fortunate to have Te Kura Waenga o Tirohanga (Monrad Intermediate) Kapa Haka roopu 'Nga Iti Rearea' coming to perform for us. This will be a special occasion for us all. Later on in the week He Haupihi ki Hine are going to Queen Elizabeth College to join the Senior Kapa Haka students and tutors to learn new waiata and have Tuakana/Teina time. Please always know that you are welcome at all our Language Week Flag Raising and Flag Lowering Ceremonies. These are very special and we value these traditions at Te Kura o Wairau.

Whole School Waiata Practice

Each week on a Friday from 9am we are gathering as a whole school in our hall practicing waiata together. This is because we want to have more waiata in our 'kete'. This builds confidence and a real sense of 'team'. We started this just last week.

New Red Flags

We have new red flags that Pa Brett is able to place out on our grass areas. These are to show our students that the grass areas are not in good shape to play on. Thank you so much Whaea Sarah for asking your husband and son to make these for us in their break times. All of us at Te Kura o Wairau are so grateful.



Whanau Hui

On Wednesday 28th September from 3:15 - 4:15pm we are holding a Whanau Hui in our school hall. The focus of this Whanau Hui will be about sharing how we teach 'Structured Literacy' at our kura, and also how we teach and learn maths through our 'DMIC' process. We will be sharing practices and strategies with you to help you understand how we are teaching, what your children are learning and what you could do at home as whanau to support your childrens learning. This hui will go from 3:15 - 3:45pm and then from 3:45 - 4:15pm our two roopu 'He Haupihi ki Hine' and 'Pasifika Pride' will then perform for us. After this we will have a cuppa and biscuit. Please put this in your calendar/diary and join us at this Whanau Hui - we'd love to see you - the more the merrier.

Queen Elizabeth II

Today we learnt that Queen Elizabeth II passed away. She was 96 years old. As a mark of respect due to her passing we are flying the New Zealand flag at half-mast.

Nga mihi
Teena Johnson
Tumuaki/Principal

Welcome

We would like to welcome Xylah-Praise, Naecha & their families to the Te Kura o Wairau community.

Sports

Netball:

Week 3 the Player of the Day for the **Wairua** team was the whole team. Well done everyone!

Netball season finished off with a festival where teams dressed up and enjoyed activities alongside other schools.

Both teams celebrated the season with a pool party at the Lido on Saturday.

Basketball: Basketball Player of the Day for the final game for Wairua Wairua - Jaeda. Plus we are now officially the best basketball team out of all Manawatu primary schools after winning the Division 1 final against College St Normal!

There is a cool lil video on the Basketball Manawatu FB page that showing our final 10 secs of overtime!



Badminton: Te Kura O Wairau was lucky to have received some free badminton lessons taught to us by Josh from Badminton Manawatu. It was great to see the children learn some new skills and some keywords to trigger these e.g. for badminton serve we look in the mirror, check the time, and hug the tree. It is our hope that some of our students may decide to take up this sport in Term 1 next year. If this is something your child has talked about, keep an eye out for notice of interest closer to the time.



Gymnastics: At Te Kura O Wairau we are currently learning gymnastics which is a favourite for most of the students. For some students this can be quite daunting but they are coming out of their comfort zones and giving everything a try. Students are showing great uara manners, taking turns, and supporting their peers. Safety is of high importance during each lesson, so lessons work through a variety of progressions before attempting anything challenging.

Touch & Volleyball - Touch and Year 4-6 Volleyball notice of interest was given out today 9/9/2022. Notices can be collected from Whaea Lisa Rm 9. Coaches are needed for all teams.

Reminder - to please pay your Sports Fees at the office. Thank you to those who have already paid their fees.

Matamati Kakariki

Our strawberries are growing strong. We have planted marigolds with them because we've been learning about companion planting. Marigolds repel white butterflies and encourage good insects like bees which will pollinate our strawberry flowers. We also planted sage which flower is beloved by bees. We want to attract pollinators to our garden.

We planted our tomato plants next to coriander as coriander deters aphids and red spider mite due to the smell it lets off. We also planted thyme as thyme repels cabbage worms, whitefly and other bad insects. Our baby carrots seem to be taking a long time (children grew these from seed), but today our children found a few that were worthy of eating

We made a boundary with old lengths of wood found on the ground next to the corrugated fencing and we sowed pumpkin seeds here. We added compost to the ground and mixed it with the surrounding leaves which were full of worms.



Speech Competition – Year 5 & 6

Year 5:

- 1st - Ilaisaane Fifita-Tovo
- 2nd - CJ Downes-O'Flaherty
- 3rd - Nevaeh Daniels-Campbell

Year 6:

- 1st - Nevaeh-Lee St Aubyn
- 2nd - Ilaijia Waiva
- 3rd - Emon Poudel



Daffodil Day

Te Kura o Wairau raised \$154.20 for the Cancer Society - this is amazing, well done everyone!



Up & Coming Events

- 28th Sept - Whanau Hui - 3.15-4.15pm - in the school hall
- 28th Sept - Board of Trustees Meeting @ 5.30pm in the staffroom. All welcome
- 30th Sept - End of Term 3
- 17th Oct - Start of Term 4
- 24th Oct - Labour Day - **NO School**
- 31st Oct - School photos - practice your best smile!

Dental Treatment

The Mobile Dental Clinic is not visiting our school at present. To contact the Dental Team please phone 027 616 6516 or you can call the Dental Unit at The Palms in Ferguson Street - Phone 3547737 or 0800 825583.

Lost Property

Please check the lost property boxes if you have lost anything. You can find lost property to the right of the entrance to the office (at the back of Room 3). Please make sure you name all your items of clothing.

Public Health Nurse visits

The Public Health Nurse is unable to visit our school at present as she is involved in the Covid vaccination programme. We can still send in a referral on your behalf if you have any health concerns with your children.

PLEASE remember to ring us if your child is going to be away from school for any reason.

Contact us on 3543274 or 0800 45 44 44 or download the school app (from School Apps or scan the QR code below) and leave a message.

If you do not inform us when your child/children are away from school, they will be marked as TRUANT.

If you have a change of address or your phone number changes, **PLEASE** let the office know.

Girls and Women's Month 
PLAY. DREAM. LIVE.

SEE HER, BE HER
GIRLS ONLY FUTSAL FESTIVAL

Venue | Arena Manawatu
Date | Friday 23rd September
Times | 9am - 12pm - Years 4/5
12pm - 3pm - Years 6/7/8
Cost | FREE

SPOT PRIZES | GIVEAWAYS

To enter a team of for more information contact | kate@centralfootball.co.nz 

School Facebook page

Have a look at our Kowhai, Rata and Kahikatea teams facebook pages. Each team has their own page and regularly puts photos and exciting news of what is happening within their teams and around the school. Search for them:

[Te Kura o Wairau Kowhai Team,](#)

[Te Kura o Wairau Rata Team,](#)

[Te Kura o Wairau Kahikatea Team.](#)



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