



Merry Christmas Noeli Njema Malagayang Pasko Mere Kirihimete
 Manuia le Kirisimasi Shuva Baro din Sheng tan kuai loh
 Meri Kiritimiti Manuia le Karismasi Kilisimasi Fiefia Kia monuina e Kilisimasi
 Meri Krisamasa Merii Kurisumasu Shengdan jie kuaile Bara Din Mubarrak Ho
 Manuia te Kilihimahi Marau na Kerisimasi



Te Kura o Wairau

Farewell Mathematical Poem — Year 6

We started as little numbers,
 Ones and twos learning to grow,
 Adding courage, subtracting fear,
 Finding all the things we know.

We multiplied our friendships,
 We divided up the fun,
 We measured out our learning
 In kilometres we've run.

We graphed our ups and downs,
 Plotted points along the way,
 Solved problems big and small
 In every single day.

Our teachers were our brackets,
 Holding everything in place,
 While we balanced every fraction
 With patience, grit, and grace.

Now our equation's changing —
 A new journey, a new start,
 But the maths we learned at Wairau
 Stays factored in our heart.

We take our dreams to the next level,
 Carrying all we've come to be —
 A sum of every memory,
 A growing possibility.

So here's our final answer,
 Clear and shining, tried and true:
 We're Year 6, moving forward —
And the future equals YOU.



Ranginui Awards

Room 6 - Rylee & Nevaeh
 Room 14 - Te Riuu, Renezmay, Milemoti,
 Johnny-Mac & Mākohakoha

Tangaroa Awards

Room 6 - Mele, Isabell, & Sylus
 Room 11 - Lukas, Te Rangimarie & Sophia
 Room 14 - Kemu & Zane

Tāne Mahuta Awards

Room 11 - Journey, Mosaiah & Kayson

Papatūānuku Awards

Room 11 - Ziggy P



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Talofa Lava, Kia Orana, Bula Vinaka, Kia ora
Whanau & Friends of Te Kura o Wairau

Last Whole School Assembly

We held our last whole school assembly this morning and gave out our last Uara Certificates. We are so very proud of our students and the achievements they have had.

Lots of Celebrations

We have had a lot of celebrations over the last 2 weeks.

Our Road Patrollers went to a movie and were acknowledged for their service to our kura and community. They all received a certificate this morning in our assembly. Our **Whole School Prizegiving** saw students from each classroom awarded certificates for academic achievement and wairautanga. We also got to acknowledge and celebrate tamariki who were successful in receiving a trophy, cup, shield or taonga for excellence in various fields. Thank you Mrs James for capturing photographs of these achievements.

At our **Leavers Assembly** we got to share memories and experiences from our Year 6's. It was very special to see each Year 6 come down from the stage to receive their ola, bone carving and certificate. We also got to recognise and celebrate **Mrs Alefaio**

who is going to be teaching at Queen Elizabeth School next year as a Junior Mathematics teacher. This celebration ended with our traditional wero/challenge from our Year 6's to our Year 5's. Again our students did themselves proud.



Students brought their **reports** home last week. In them whānau could read about their children's progress in their Reading, Writing and Mathematics, and in the other Learning Areas across the curriculum. It also showed whānau where their children were in terms of their Uara/Values. There was knowledge included about how students were developing in their Te Reo Māori, and Student Voice was also captured and included. Attendance featured in this report too, and each one ended with the Teachers Comments. I was really proud to read all of our students' reports and am extremely proud of them and of my kaiako.

Last week on Thursday our students got to meet their **2026 teacher**. They spent the afternoon with their kaiako getting to know one another and their new peers they will be learning alongside in 2026.

Team Leaders in 2026

Sia Kaufusi = Kahikatea Team (Years 5 & 6)

Lisa Kimura-Hemopo = Rata Team (Years 3 & 4)

Amy Patre = Kowhai Team (Years NE, Years 1 & 2)

Teams in 2026

Kahikatea Team

Sia Kaufusi (Room 14) & Isaiah Pritchard (Room 11)

Rata Team

Lisa Kimura-Hemopo (Room 4) & Darnielle Chappell (Room 6)

Kowhai Team

Amy Petre (Room 10), Hope Sherrard-Chase (Room 8), Lynn Su'a (Room 9) & Eva Burdova (Room 7).

On Friday we celebrated our last **Wairautanga Day** at the Lido. The students and whānau had a fabulous time in all of the pools and slides that were available to them. This day is always so successful and rewarding for all.

Today we got to present every student with a **Christmas Shoebox**. The excitement and buzz around this was amazing. These gifts are specifically brought from what the students feedback has been. We have the most amazing network who support our kura with this initiative. Our students were so thankful and blown away with the generosity from our Manawātū community.

Tomorrow our Year 6's go to Foxton for the day to 'Off The Loop'. On this day they all get to enjoy the fun and many water activities provided by the team at 'Off The Loop'. This is in recognition of them as our Senior Students. We wish them a fabulous day.

2025 Year finishes at 12noon on Wednesday 17th December. Thank you in advance for collecting your tamariki at this time.

2026 Start Date

We are starting our year on **Monday 2nd February**.

Powhiri/Mihi Whakatau

We will have our powhiri/mihi whakatau on **Monday 2nd February at 10:15am**. All new whānau and friends please gather outside the tomokanga (if it is fine) from 10am, or if it is wet please gather outside Room 4 under the verandah.

From us all here at Te Kura o Wairau we wish you a happy and safe holiday break, and hope that the summer gatherings and celebrations bring you more stories and narratives to add to your memories.

Nga mihi
Teena Johnson
Tumuaki/Principal



Attendance Matters

In term 1 2026 alongside Sport Manawatu, we will be looking at ways to get tamariki more actively involved when coming to school. For one week, every day that a child comes to school either walking, biking or scooting, they will get a stamp on a card. Once the card is full, they go in the draw to win prizes as a reward. Part of this week will also explore the idea of whether a "walking" bus would work for our kura.

The week we will be completing this initiative is 4th May to the 8th May 2026. Please reach out to Pou Steph if you have any ideas or are able to assist in any way.

Assembly Awards

Wairautanga Awards

Classroom – Vayanga R14, Cooper R6, Mele R6, Zane R14 & Adonai R9

Playground – Rushmin R11, Tala R9, Fono R8, Renezmay R14 & Harness R11

Top Cat Class – Room 9 - kua pai te mahi

Lunch with Mrs Johnson

Mareikura & Neriah R14

Star Staff Award

All Staff of Te Kura o Wairau for the mahi you all did this year for our tamariki.



Sports News

Reminder - If your child has played a sport or is playing a sport presently, please remember to pay their appropriate sports fees as soon as possible.

Touch is \$35 Basketball \$40

Flippaball is \$35 Tee Ball is \$10



Te Kura o Wairau 2025 Touch Teams showing off the schools new sports shirts



Wairautanga Day - Fun at the Lido

Interschool Athletics

Here are some photos and results from Interschool Athletics last Tuesday.

Our boys relay team ran a strong race. Sisa competed in the 100m yr 5 boys sprints & 800m race.

Nevaeh placed 5th overall in the 800m yr 6 girls' race and placed 4th out of 22 girls in the 100m yr 6 girls race.

An awesome day for our students competing against some of the best young athletes in the Manawatu.

Pa Jah



PHOTOLIFE – School Photos

Those who have not yet ordered photos and want to, you still can. Your child will have received from the teacher a complimentary mini photo of their child with their photo code on it. Please use that code when ordering with Photolife.

<https://photolifeonline.co.nz/ordering/access>

Photos ordered before 30th November have been delivered to school. Please see your child/rens teacher if you have not received them.

Supporting Your Journey



Do you have dreams for your whānau
you'd love to bring to life?

Our Kaiwhakaaraara are here to walk
alongside you using Te Ara Whānau
Ora, a pathway that celebrates your
strengths and helps you build a plan
for a thriving future.



**Contact
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to learn more!
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Vomiting Bugs

Please remember if
your child is away
from school due to
vomiting, they
should not return to
school until 48 hours
after vomiting has
ceased.

Dental Treatment

The Mobile Dental Clinic
has finished at our
school. You can call
them on 0274440085.
Or you can contact the
Dental Unit after hours
at The Palms in
Ferguson Street -
Phone 3547737 or
0800 825583.

School Uniform @ Academy Apparel

A reminder that Academy
Apparel in Broadway Ave
stock our school uniform, so if
we don't have what you
require in stock at school you
have the option to purchase it
there. You can also shop
online through their website -
& "Click & Collect". Our school
community can also go to
them for their Winz
purchases.

LOST PROPERTY!

Please be sure to come and
have a look through the lost
property for any lost items on
a regular basis. Items are
displayed outside Room 4 at
present.

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

Contact us on 0800 45 44 44 or
3543274 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.*

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