

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

WEEK 2 | TERM 2 | 2026



A message from
the Principal
Natalie Todd

Welcome back to Term 2. I hope the break provided time to rest, recharge, and reconnect with whānau. As we begin the term, we look forward to building on the strong start we have made to 2026 and continuing to grow together as a school community.

Over the holidays, many of us observed Easter and came together to acknowledge ANZAC Day. This is an important time to reflect, remember, and honour those who have contributed to shaping who we are today.



We are excited to share that our new pool and multi-purpose room are on track for completion this term. These spaces will significantly enhance opportunities for our students to engage, develop key life skills and access meaningful learning experiences in a supportive environment. We look forward to sharing these facilities with you soon.

We would also like to extend our sincere thanks to the Lewis Family Trust for their very generous donation, as well as to Northshore Rotary and the Greenhithe Fishing Club. Your support has made a meaningful difference, and we are incredibly grateful.



Our focus this term is grounded in our school motto:

Explore

Learn

Succeed

We encourage our students to be curious, to try new experiences, and to engage with the world around them. Whether it is through community outings, creative programmes, or new learning environments, exploration is key to building confidence and independence.



Learning remains at the heart of all we do. Our staff continue to provide tailored, meaningful programmes that meet the diverse needs of our learners. We are proud of the progress our students make every day, supported by strong relationships and a commitment to high-quality teaching and learning.

Success looks different for every student, and we celebrate all achievements—big and small. Whether it is developing communication skills, building independence, or reaching personal goals, we recognise and value every step forward.



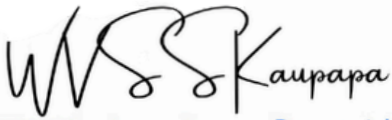
Partnering with Whānau

We value our partnership with you and encourage you to stay connected throughout the term. Opportunities include whānau hui, regular communication with staff, and involvement in school events and activities. Your support plays a vital role in your child's success.

Attendance

Regular attendance continues to be a priority. Being at school every day supports consistency, learning, and wellbeing. We appreciate your ongoing support in ensuring your child attends whenever possible.

Term 2 is a time for focus, growth, and connection. We look forward to a positive and productive term ahead, working together to support every student to explore, learn, and succeed.



TŪHURA **AKO** **TUTUKI**
EXPLORE **LEARN** **SUCCEED**

VALUES: Acceptance Respect Understanding **ARU:** To follow
VISION: Engaged, empowered and challenged learners

<p>GOALS</p> <p>A safe, inclusive and culturally responsive environment.</p>	<p>A curriculum that inspires learning, exploration and success for every learner.</p>	<p>A skilled, committed staff striving for excellence across the school.</p>
<p>Enhance partnership with Whānau and community.</p> <p>Celebrate diversity and individual strengths in a school culture where all ākonga, staff and whānau feel valued and included.</p> <p>The school environment will be utilised to support all learners and their needs.</p>	<p>Build resources, learning programmes, planning guidelines that support the delivery of our individualised curriculum.</p> <p>Create effective processes to improve learner outcomes through analysing assessment and feedback.</p> <p>All learners will be supported to communicate using the most effective communication system.</p>	<p>Strengthen pedagogical practices and professional learning to support the behaviour, wellbeing and improve student outcomes.</p> <p>Develop leadership capability by empowering staff to lead learning, drive change, foster excellence and promote collaboration across the school.</p>
<p>Strong whānau and community partnerships that build whānau confidence and involvement in their child's learning and wellbeing.</p> <p>A culturally rich, inclusive school where ākonga, staff and whānau feel valued, represented and connected.</p> <p>Learning spaces that meet learner needs and support targeted programmes, therapy and inclusion.</p>	<p>Collaborative resources and planning frameworks that support an individualised curriculum and improve learner progress.</p> <p>Data-driven assessment and feedback processes that support learner progress. Learners communicating effectively with equitable access to AAC systems.</p>	<p>Collaborative, evidence-informed teaching practices that effectively support learner wellbeing, behaviour and progress.</p> <p>Empowered staff driving change, fostering progress and promoting collaboration through leadership roles and targeted support.</p>

Whakatauki

Ehara taku toa,
 he takitahi, he toa takitini
 My success is not mine alone,
 as success is the work of many



AKO
 Everyone is a Learner

AROHA
 Love and Caring.

MAHI TAHI
 Working Together

MANAAKITANGA
 Respecting Others

WHAKAPAPA
 Celebrating Identity & Diversity

WHANAUNGATANGA
 Families are at the core to supporting our learners

CULTURE OF CARE

What's on at WVSS

7 May, Th

GC 61 and 63 FAM EOTC

13 May, W

Support Staff Day



10 May, Su

Happy Mother's Day!



15 May, F Pink Shirt Day (more info [here](#))

25 May, M

BNS Photo Day

1 Jun, M

King's Birthday



4 Jun, Th

GPS Photo Day

5 Jun, F

Int'l SA Expats Braai Day celebration

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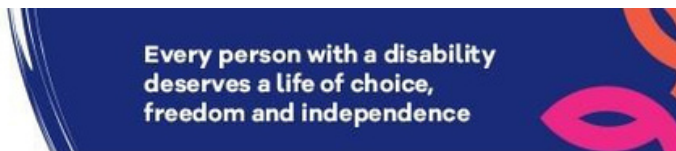
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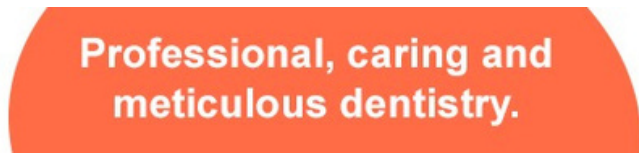


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