

WAIRAU VALLEY SPECIAL SCHOOL

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

WEEK 3, TERM 1, 2025

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Natalie Todd

A huge thank you to all our whānau who attended the IEP/ITP meetings at the start of the term. It was wonderful to connect and plan for the year ahead together. Your partnership is invaluable in ensuring the best outcomes for our ākonga.

Exciting news—Waterwise kicks off this week for some of our classes! This is always a fantastic opportunity for students to develop confidence and skills in and around the water. A highlight for us is seeing how the staff and students “give it a go” and are keen to learn. We look forward to seeing their enthusiasm and growth throughout the sessions.

And in more great news, after a ten-month wait, our brand-new van finally arrived on Friday, 14 February! This will make a difference in supporting our students' transport needs and providing opportunities for community outings and learning experiences.



An update on our multi-purpose space, pool, and new playground—we're still awaiting council consents. Progress is happening, as we have received queries from the council. Soil samples were required and have come back clear, which is great news. We'll keep you informed as things move forward!

Thank you for your ongoing support—we're looking forward to an amazing term ahead!



Proud Moment

During the summer holiday, Charlie Farthing participated in his Gold Residential journey as part of the Duke of Edinburgh award programme. Charlie has been participating in the programme for the past two years and his goal is to complete his gold level by the end of this year. This is not a small feat, in most instances, only 5% of students who start their bronze journey eventually complete the gold level.

To complete the gold level this year, Charlie will have to prove he participated in one hour per week over 52 weeks in the following sectors: volunteer work, increasing a skill and participating in a physical activity. He also needs to complete two adventurous journeys as well as the residential journey which had to be completed with an outside provider. Charlie chose to complete this journey through NZ Sailing trust. They set sail on the 13th of January for 5 days. They sailed to Great Barrier and Kawau island. He had an incredible time and completed the journey with flying colours. Well done Charlie, we are so proud of you!

**STAFF TRIP TO
ŌRĀKEI MARAE
30 JAN 2025**



2023 - 2025

WVSS Kaupapa

TŪHURA AKO TUTUKI
EXPLORE LEARN SUCCEED

VALUES : Acceptance Respect Understanding ARU : To follow

VISION : Engaged, empowered and challenged learners.

GOALS

A culturally safe and inclusive environment.

A curriculum that supports our learners to explore, learn, and succeed.

Committed staff with skills, knowledge, & understanding to work across our kura.



What's on at WVSS

WAIRAU VALLEY SPECIAL SCHOOL

TRANSITION CENTRE
Car wash

FRIDAYS BETWEEN 9-12:00

@ 29 Nortcroft street, Takapuna

\$10 FOR A WASH, \$5 VACUUM

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