

A MESSAGE  
FROM OUR  
PRINCIPAL

Natalie  
Todd

## Community Consultation: Strategic Direction 2026-2029

We are beginning the process of shaping our strategic direction for 2026 to 2029 and warmly invite our community to share their thoughts and ideas. Your input is important as we plan for the future direction of our school and the continued success of our learners.

Using the F-Word Framework, a weekly focus will be shared with you to help guide feedback and reflections. We look forward to hearing from you.



## Ministry Sabbatical

I'm pleased to share that I have been awarded a **Ministry Sabbatical** and will be away from **26 May 2025 to 20 August 2025**. This is a valuable opportunity for professional learning, reflection and growth. I look forward to returning with fresh insights to support our school's ongoing development. It is timely as we all work together on our school's strategic direction.

During my absence, **Elsie Scriven** will be the Acting Principal. I have full confidence in her leadership and know the school will be in great hands.

A heartfelt thank you to our **Board** for their support in making this opportunity possible.

## Exciting News – Our Second Van Has Arrived!

On 29 April 2025, we welcomed the arrival of our second van. A huge thank you to our Board of Trustees for supporting this important purchase. This additional van provides greater access to our community and enables our staff and students to take full advantage of the many exciting learning opportunities beyond the classroom.



## Bert Sutcliffe Volunteers – Thank You!

A huge thank you to the dedicated volunteers from Bert Sutcliffe who have been working hard on the mammoth task of barcoding all our BSLA books for the library. Their time and effort are truly appreciated and will make a real difference for our students and staff.

Special thanks to Marta for her connections and excellent supervision throughout the process of upscaling our resources.

Their ongoing support means a great deal – we love having the ladies as part of our school whānau!



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

**15 MAY, TH**

Workshop: Navigating Disability Together  
(see next page for more info)

**16 MAY, F**

Support Staff Day

Pink Shirt Day

<https://pinkshirtday.org.nz/>

GC Business Studies Fundraiser

## WORKSHOP: NAVIGATING DISABILITY TOGETHER

If you're feeling overwhelmed and find navigating disability to be a challenge, you're not alone. Join us to gain insightful advice from four amazing organizations.

- Disability Connect
- Autism New Zealand
- CCS Disability Action
- IHC Community



**Date: Thursday 15 May  
7- 9 pm**

**Location: Wairau Valley special School & online**

Register on the link:

<https://forms.gle/Q26wFUn4EAbzH5WE8>