

# WAIRAU VALLEY SPECIAL SCHOOL

# SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

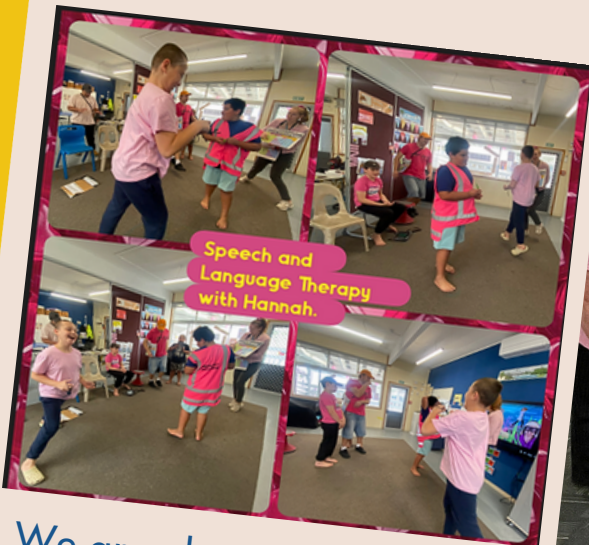
WEEK 5, TERM 2, 2025

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Natalie Todd

A huge thank you to **Margaret Inche-Palacios**, our Family Support Coordinator, and **Catherine Butler**, our Totara Syndicate AP, for hosting a wonderful parent workshop on Thursday 15 May 2025. The feedback from families who attended was overwhelmingly positive. We look forward to offering more sessions like this in the future.

The **GC Business Studies group** and **Karen Ramsay**, Rimu Syndicate AP, organised a fantastic Pink Shirt Day event. There was plenty of fun across the school and we are proud to have raised \$188 for the Mental Health Foundation.



We are also super proud of our **Speech and Language Therapists**, who have had an article published in the magazine **Communication Matters**. It is great to see their work recognised at this level.

Our building project is now in full swing with all consents approved. While we had hoped to complete the project in time for our Golden Jubilee, this may not be possible. With that in mind, we have made the decision to postpone our celebrations to **Saturday 28 February 2026**.



Our community have been sharing their thoughts on our strategic direction using the F-words framework (Function, Family, Fitness, Fun, Friends, and Future). We are extremely heartened by the thoughtful feedback received from whānau, highlighting the importance of strong connections between home and school, meaningful learning opportunities and a focus on student wellbeing and future pathways. This valuable input will help shape our planning to ensure we continue to provide a purposeful, inclusive and empowering learning environment for all our learners.

I will be away on a **Ministry sabbatical** from **26 May to 20 August 2025**. During this time, **Elsie Scriven will be Acting Principal**, supported by our amazing leadership team. I know the school will be in great hands.

Thank you for your continued support.

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

**29 MAY, TH**

Glenfield Primary School Photos  
GIS 35 EOTC

**2 JUN, M**

King's Birthday (SCHOOL CLOSED)

**4 JUN, TH**

Jumping June

<https://www.jumpingjune.co.nz/>