

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

WEEK 5 | TERM 3 | 2026

A message from
the Principal
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We are halfway through Term 3 and the promise of Spring is in the air! It has been an action-packed term and we have some truly incredible news and highlights to celebrate with you all.

Facilities Update: Certificate for Public Use (CPU) Certificate Received!

We are thrilled to announce that we have officially received the Certificate for Public Use (CPU) for our multi-purpose room, pool and playground.



While the wait brought its share of challenges and delays, seeing our students in the pool, utilise the new playground and make full use of the multi-purpose space has made every moment worth it. The genuine joy and bright smiles on our students' faces speak for themselves—these facilities are already transforming their daily school experience.

Exciting Learning & Extra-Curricular Highlights

Beyond our new spaces, the term has been bursting with energy across every year level:

Matariki Celebrations

Our Matariki festivities were a major highlight for students and staff alike. A massive thank you to Tumai and his team for preparing an amazing hāngī—it was a wonderful way for our school community to come together, reflect and celebrate.



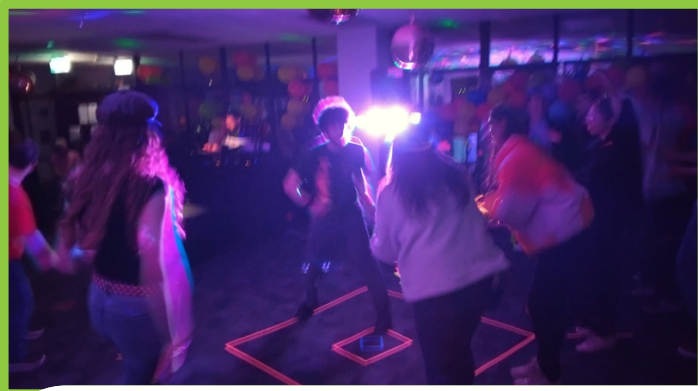
Classroom Engagement

Teachers and students have jumped straight into interesting topics, showing incredible curiosity and creativity in their daily learning.



Transition Disco Success

A massive thank you to everyone who supported our recent Transition Disco! It was an absolute highlight of the term so far. Seeing both past and present students come together, dance and reconnect made for an unforgettable evening and demonstrated the strength of our school community.



Fit Hop Dance

Our base students enjoyed moving and grooving in the multi-purpose space. Their engagement and enjoyment were a delight to see.



Thank you for your ongoing patience, encouragement, and support as we continue to make our school the best place for our children to learn and grow. We look forward to sharing more fantastic moments with you as Term 3 unfolds!

2026-2028

GOALS

INITIATIVE

SUCCESS

WVSS Kaupapa

TŪHURA
EXPLOREAKO
LEARNTUTUKI
SUCCEED

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

A safe, inclusive and culturally responsive environment.

Enhance partnership with Whānau and community.

Celebrate diversity and individual strengths in a school culture where all ākonga, staff and whānau feel valued and included.

The school environment will be utilised to support all learners and their needs.

Strong whānau and community partnerships that build whānau confidence and involvement in their child's learning and wellbeing.

A culturally rich, inclusive school where ākonga, staff and whānau feel valued, represented and connected.

Learning spaces that meet learner needs and support targeted programmes, therapy and inclusion.

A curriculum that inspires learning, exploration and success for every learner.

Build resources, learning programmes, planning guidelines that support the delivery of our individualised curriculum.

Create effective processes to improve learner outcomes through analysing assessment and feedback.

All learners will be supported to communicate using the most effective communication system.

Collaborative resources and planning frameworks that support an individualised curriculum and improve learner progress.

Data-driven assessment and feedback processes that support learner progress. Learners communicating effectively with equitable access to AAC systems.

A skilled, committed staff striving for excellence across the school.

Strengthen pedagogical practices and professional learning to support the behaviour, wellbeing and improve student outcomes.

Develop leadership capability by empowering staff to lead learning, drive change, foster excellence and promote collaboration across the school.

Collaborative, evidence-informed teaching practices that effectively support learner wellbeing, behaviour and progress.

Empowered staff driving change, fostering progress and promoting collaboration through leadership roles and targeted support.

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

28 Aug, F

Daffodil Day

11 Sep, F

Specialist School Celebration

14 Sep, M

Staff Only Day (Professional Learning and Development sessions)
SCHOOL CLOSED

14-19 Sep

SLT Awareness Week
Maori Language Week

16 Sep, Wed

Base Cross Country

23 Sep, Wed

Satellite Cross Country

21-25 Sep

Angel Week



Come in your best yellow!
Take part in our yellow food sale!
28 August, Friday

♥ **YELLOW FOOD SALE**

28th of August in the Base school
staffroom

- Satellite classes to inform families if they're having a separate food sale

♥ **WEAR YELLOW**

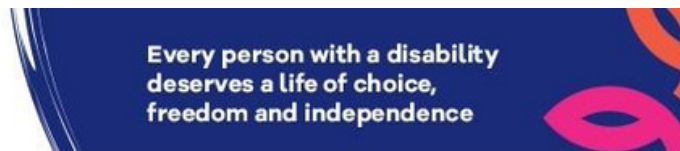
Staff and students wear their brightest yellow
costume on the **28th of August**
Prizes to the best dressed

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