

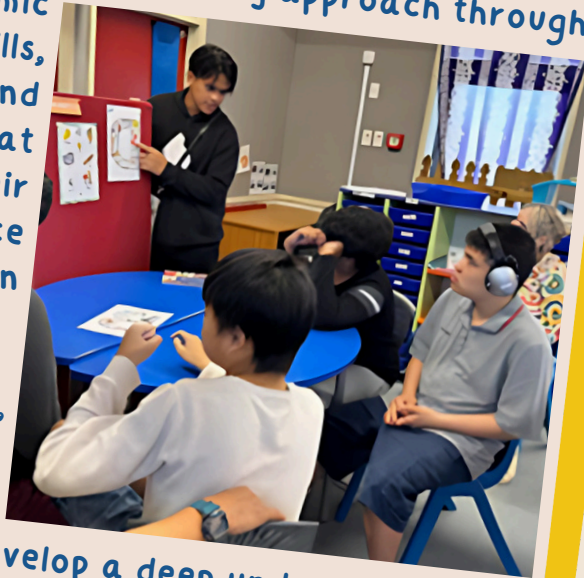
A MESSAGE  
FROM OUR  
PRINCIPAL

Natalie  
Todd

## Structured Literacy and Numeracy at Wairau Valley Special School

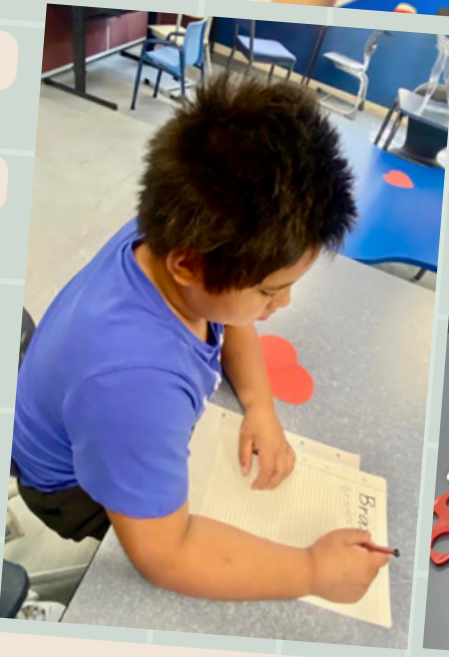
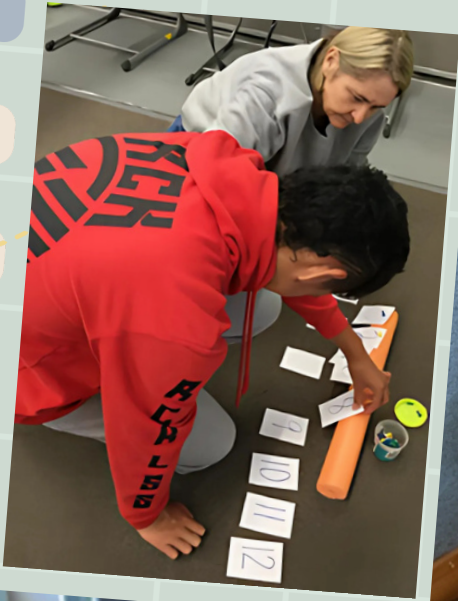
We are committed to providing high-quality, evidence-based literacy and numeracy programmes that support our students' individual learning needs. We continue to strengthen our structured literacy approach through BSLA, focusing on phonemic awareness, decoding skills, vocabulary development and comprehension. This ensures that every student, regardless of their starting point, can build confidence in their reading and communication skills.

In numeracy, we use hands-on, multi-sensory approaches, including Numicon and real-life problem-solving activities, to help students develop a deep understanding of mathematical concepts. Our goal is to make learning fun, engaging, meaningful and applicable to everyday life.



We encourage whānau to support learning at home through simple activities like shared reading, counting games and exploring numbers in daily routines. Together, we can help our tamariki thrive.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to your child's teacher.



**WHEN:** T1 W9 Friday April 4

**WHERE:** At Base School or Satellites

**WHO:** Staff, students, and whanau

**WHAT:** Dress up parade (11:20) & shared lunch

# WVSS CULTURAL DAY



Dress up in your national costume or colours.

Greet each other in your language.

Wave your flag.

Parade and dance to music from around the world.

Bring food from your culture to share.

## Save the Date!

We are excited to announce that our school is celebrating its Golden Jubilee this year! Join us in commemorating 50 years of learning, growth and community. The celebration will take place on Saturday, 13 September 2025.

Mark your calendars and stay tuned for more details. We look forward to celebrating this special milestone with our school community!

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

### 2 APR, WED

Waterwise - WGP 3  
9:30-12:30 GC Business Studies Car Wash  
ATHLETICS at BASE

### 4 APR, FRI

WVSS Cultural Day  
9:30-2pm Fun Friday (BASE)

### 7 TO 11 APR

NZ Autism Acceptance Month

### 6 APR, SUN

Waterwise T1 & T2

SHORE TO SHORE Fun Run/Walk (link [HERE](#))

### 11 APR, FRI

Last Day of Term 1 (click [HERE](#))