

A MESSAGE
FROM OUR
PRINCIPAL

Natalie
Todd

WVSS Observes Daffodil Day 2025

From 18 to 29 August 2025, Wairau Valley Special School proudly joined the nationwide observance of **Daffodil Day**, supporting the incredible work of the **Cancer Society of New Zealand**. This annual event is a meaningful opportunity for our school community to come together in solidarity, raise awareness, and contribute to the fight against cancer.

Throughout the two-week celebration, students, staff, caregivers, and supporters participated in a variety of engaging and fun activities, including:

- 🎨 Colouring Competition held in classrooms from 18 to 22 August, with prizes awarded to creative entries



🍬 Guess How Many Lollies? challenge - our very own DP, Elsie Scriven, was just 1 lolly short of the bullseye! 186 lollies. Her guess: 187!

🎉 Our Food Sale in the base staff room as well as in different satellites was a huge success thanks to the support of our staff and caregivers



💛 Yellow Dress-Up Day where staff and students wore their brightest yellow costumes.



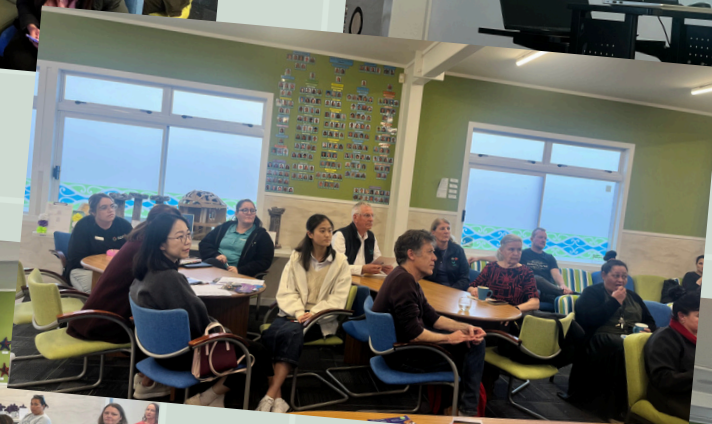
Thanks to the enthusiastic efforts of everyone involved—and with generous support from our sponsors **Qizzle and Toshiba**—WVSS raised a total of **\$1,285.40 for the Cancer Society.**

We are incredibly proud of our school community for their compassion, creativity, and commitment to making a difference. Every daffodil shared and dollar raised helps bring hope to those affected by cancer.

Ngā mihi nui to all who contributed. ♥

Whānau Workshop Evening a Resounding Success

On **2nd September**, WVSS hosted a successful **Whānau Workshop Information Evening** at Base School, bringing caregivers together with community organisations offering services for our tamariki and rangatahi. The event was informative, engaging, and well-attended.



Special thanks to **Margaret** (Family Support Coordinator), **Catherine** (Assistant Principal, Totara Syndicate), the presenting agencies, and all the caregivers who joined us. Your support helps strengthen 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

8-12 SEP

Therapy Awareness Week

10 SEP, W, 10-12PM

GC EOTC Swish Factory

11 SEP, TH

Lockdown Exercise - BASE SCHOOL
Rm12 EOTC Mini Woolies

12 SEP, F

Special Kura Festival

15-19 SEP

Maori Language Week



Nau mai haere mai and join us at our

Special Kura Festival 2025

We have an awesome line up of cultural performances the whole whānau will enjoy. Looking forward to seeing you there!

Āhea (When): Friday 12th September

Wā Timatanga (Start Time): 9:45am - Doors open 9:30am

Wā Mutunga (End Time): 1:30pm

Kei hea (Where): 65-67 Central Park Drive, Henderson, Auckland 0610 - The Trusts Arena





Nau mai haere mai

Please join us in celebrating this year's
Te Hoenga Waka Kapa Haka Festival
in the Northern Region

When: 9am-4pm, Saturday, 8 November 2025

Where: Orewa Arts & Events Center,
80 Riverside Road, Orewa, Auckland 0931

Cost: This is a free event

Contact: northern@idea.org.nz

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For more information on who we are, visit www.phab.org.nz

**If you're interested in joining,
contact Lexi at events@phab.org.nz
or call at 021 286 4800**



Phab

Central Rangatahi

Mt Albert

MONDAY 5:30 - 7:30PM

WHO? For young people aged 16-25 with disabilities.

WHAT? A social group to meet new friends and do fun activities in the community, chosen by the club members.

WHERE? Mt Albert YMCA

HOW? Contact Sarah if you are interested.

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