



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Week 7, Term 4, 2024

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Natalie Todd

The Graduation School Ball was an unforgettable evening, celebrating our students' achievements in style. With stunning outfits, great music, and incredible energy, it was a night to remember. I love seeing how our students enjoy seeing the friends and staff in a setting outside of school. Thank you to everyone who contributed to its success—your hard work and teamwork made it a truly special event for all!



Duke of Edinburgh Camp

The Duke of Edinburgh programme continues to inspire and empower our students. Last week we celebrated their outstanding achievements. Through challenges that tested their resilience, teamwork and determination, our students demonstrated incredible growth and commitment. From navigating outdoor adventures which included a 5km hike, swimming, jump jam, basketball and toasting marshmallows to completing service projects and skill development, they have shown the true spirit of perseverance and personal development.



A special thank you to Izzy for her exceptional planning and leadership, ensuring the success of this enriching programme. To the wider team and whānau who supported the students every step of the way—your dedication is deeply appreciated. Congratulations to all involved!

2023 - 2025

WVSS Kaupapa

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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

25 NOV

Aqua program Rm 6 & GIS 36

28 NOV

Gymnastics Rm 5 & GPS 7
Christmas Market (Transition Centre)

29 NOV

Whānau Lunch (12:00)

2 DEC

Rms 7&8 Waterwise

3 DEC

GC 63 Waterwise

4 DEC

GC 61 Waterwise

5 DEC

Rm 9 Waterwise
Transition Prize Giving 11:30am

6 DEC

T4 and T5 Waterwise
Senior Prize Giving 11:30am



WAIRAU
VALLEY
SPECIAL
SCHOOL

Please join us for
Wairau Valley Special
School

Christmas Market

10:00 AM Til 1:00 PM

Thursday 28th November

WHERE: TRANSITION CENTRE TAKAPUNA

1/29 Northcroft Street, Takapuna

WHAT: FOOD AND CRAFT
STALLS

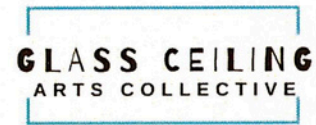
WHO: STUDENTS OF
TRANSITION CENTRE AND
COLLEGE

ALL WELCOME

BRING CASH TO SPEND

PARK: ON NORTHCROFT

STREET



Join Glass Ceiling Arts Collective for Through the Roof: An Inclusive Youth Arts Festival!

Glass Ceiling Arts Collective warmly invites your school to join us for *Through the Roof*, our annual inclusive youth arts festival celebrating the UN International Day of Persons with Disabilities.

We believe young people with disabilities should not be defined by their disabilities but should have the opportunity to enjoy the performing arts alongside their non-disabled peers. Through the Roof offers engaging, accessible activities for everyone.

Festival Overview:

Day 1: Creative Community Day

A day full of inclusive workshops for school-aged young people, especially those in special education. Students can explore dance, circus skills, accessible music-making, visual arts, and more! Highlights include a sensory experience area and screenings of our 2022-2023 youth films.

- **Date:** Friday 29th November
- **Time:** 10am - 3pm
- **Location:** Hunua and Waitakere Rooms, Aotea Centre
- **Cost:** Free

Day 2: Youth Performances and Film Premiere

Join us for a day of inclusive theatre, the grand premiere of our 2024 youth films, and a dance party to end the day. A chill-out area will also be available for adults and caregivers.

- **Date:** Saturday 30th November
- **Time:** 2pm - 8:30pm
- **Location:** Hunua Room, Aotea Centre
- **Cost:** Free

Tickets for both these events are available at www.aucklandlive.co.nz

We'd love to have your students with us for this special celebration! *Feel free to post this flyer in your staffroom or special education unit to spread the word.*

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