

# School Newsletter

Week 1, Term 1, 2025



## Kia Ora Koutou

Welcome to 2025.

It was so good to see everyone back at school on Tuesday.

A special welcome is extended to all of our new tamariki and their whānau who have joined us this year.

We are looking forward to a great 2025 with many local initiatives planned to take advantage of the wealth of resources on our doorstep and to build a stronger sense of connection and belonging to our community.

Nga mihi  
Glenda

### TERM DATES 2025

4 Feb to 11 Apr - Term 1  
28 Apr - 27 June - Term 2  
14 July - 26 Sept - Term 3  
13 Oct - 17 Dec - Term 4

### Beginning of the Year Reminders and Updates

- A **wide brimmed sun hat** is required throughout the term - please ensure this is in your child's bag every day and **please name it clearly**.
- Please **clearly name all clothing** - including swimming gear and goggles. It is much easier to return it to its rightful owner.
- **Bikes / Scooters**  
All Wairoa and Waimea Team bikes and scooters are to be parked in the bike stands (at the front of the school) at the beginning of the day please. Children can access these to ride on the bike track at lunch time if they wish. Bikes and scooters are to be walked as far as the Ellis Street Autos car park at the end of the day. A teacher will be on duty to monitor this. This will help avoid some of the congestion and make things much safer for those walking. When biking an appropriate bike helmet is required.
- **Swimming**  
All classes are timetabled to swim every day - please ensure your child has their togs, towel and goggles with them every day. Even if the weather looks unsuitable in the morning, it is often fine and hot later in the day. Our swimming programme supports water confidence, the senior swimming sports in March and the upcoming school and Weetbix tryathlon.

## Phones at School

A reminder that children do not need a phone at school for their learning (unless it is for a medical or specific learning reason. If your child needs to be in contact with you after school, please hand your phone into the school office when arriving at school and collect it again at 3pm. The phone will be kept safe in a locked cupboard during the day.

## Upcoming Events This Term

| Event   | Date            | Detail  |
|---|-----------------|---|
| Meet the Teacher Evening                              | To be Confirmed | An opportunity to learn more about your your child's teaching and learning for 2025.  |
| In School Hockey                                      | 25-26 February  | Hockey coaching sessions across the school  |
| Lockdown Drill  | 27 February     | All staff and students will practice the correct procedures for a lockdown with draft communications distributed.                             |
| School Tryathlon                                      | 7 March         | Teams taking part throughout the day - more information to follow - this is a lead in to those completing in the regional event at Tahunanui. |
| Weetbix Tryathlon                                     | 9 March         | Tahunanui Beach   |
| Waimea Team Swimming Sports                           | TBC             | Wakefield School pool. Students will be selected to participate in the cluster swimming sports  |
| Cluster Swimming Sports - Waimea Team and some Wairoa | 13 March        | Wakefield School. Competition against other local schools.  |

## Skool Loop - App



This is a free app that provides access to information, newsletters, sporting notices, permission forms etc and is a great communication channel between home and school. Please ensure you notify us of any absences before 9am - this can be done through the app or phoning the school. If you haven't already, please download it on to your phone.