



*Together we are growing the seeds of success*

*Na too manaaki, na tooku manaaki, ka puawai mai nga kaakano*

## Principal's Update

Newsletter - Week 2, Term 3, 2024

Kia ora Waitetuna Whaanau, lots of learning about the Olympics and the Solar System this week. A great trip to the Te Awamutu Space Centre. Thanks to all the parents for your help on the trip.

A reminder that learning conferences will be held next week. These conferences provide a valuable opportunity for parents, students, and teachers to celebrate learning, discuss academic progress, and set goals. We encourage all parents to attend and actively participate with your child in these important discussions. School finishes at 1.30pm on Wednesday 7th August. There is supervision available but if you can collect your child we would appreciate that.

Cross country—hay bales—we need some hay bales please for part of the cross country track. There is a jobs list coming out soon. Thanks for the few offers of mince so far. Please keep them coming in.

Reporting to parents—we are exploring changes to how we report student progress to parents.

**New Reporting Options for Consideration:** Digital Reports—one of the options we are exploring for the future—an online platform where parents can access twice yearly, termly or real-time updates on their child's progress. We value your input on these options and invite you to share your thoughts and preferences. During the learning conferences I will be in the staffroom and will provide more information about each option and collect feedback to guide our decision-making process. Your involvement and feedback are crucial as we strive to enhance our reporting system to better serve our students and families. Please take the time to consider the options and share your perspectives with us during the conferences. Thank you for your continued support and engagement in your child's education. I look forward to seeing you next week and working together to achieve the best outcomes for our students.

Sabbatical/Leave—I am pleased to inform you that the board have granted me leave for the last five weeks of term 3. This is a time for my family, and friends to go to Fiji to celebrate our oldest son's 21st at my husband's village. This is a significant milestone and will be huge for the village. I thank the board for granting me this sabbatical for me 5 years as the Principal of Waitetuna School. Robyn will be Acting Principal in my absence.

Thanks for providing your child with a change of clothes.

I hope you have a restful weekend. Ngaa mihi Amanda and staff

## All The Happenings

Learning Conferences - 7th  
Aug and 8th Aug

Teacher Only Day—19th  
August

School finishes at 1.30pm on  
7th August

Inter School Cross Country  
22nd August

American Hot Dogs—9th  
August

Assembly—13th September

### Term 4

Olympics Games Rotation—9th  
August

Waitetuna School's Ag Day—  
Tues 15th October

Board Meeting—13th August

Group Day at Te Mata School—

Rippa Rugby—16th August

Fri 18th October





## Action Stations

# Te Awamutu Space Centre Visit

### TERM DATES 2025

Term 1 - Fri 7 Feb - Friday 11 April

Term 1 holidays - Saturday 12 April to Sunday 27 April

Includes: Good Friday 18 April, Easter Monday 21 April, Easter Tuesday 22 April (a school holiday), Anzac Day – Friday 25 April

Term 2 - Monday 28 April to Friday 27 June

Public holidays – Term 2 —King’s Birthday – Monday 2 June

Matariki Friday – 20 June

Term 3 - Monday 14 July to Friday 19 September

Term 4 - Monday 6 October to Friday 19th December

Public holidays - Term 4 - Labour Day – Monday 27 October

Teacher only days—to be confirmed



## Waitetuna Way

**Well done to Minnie & Aryan**

**For showing great**

**Olympic Values**

***Excellence***

***Respect***

***Friendship***

