



Letter From the Principal

BY HANNAH O'BRIEN

Kia ora koutou,



As we come to the end of a busy and productive term, I would like to wish all our tamariki and whānau a safe and happy school holiday break. It has been a wonderful term filled with learning, achievements, and special events that bring our kura community together.

Last week, Hayley and I, alongside our kaumatua, Russell, were privileged to attend the Koroneihana with representatives from Waikaretu School. It was a powerful and memorable occasion to be part of, and we look forward to building on the connections and learning from that experience.

Tomorrow we celebrate one of the most loved events on our school calendar – Pet Day! This is always such a highlight for our tamariki and whānau, and we can't wait to see the creativity, care, and pride that shines through.

A huge thank you to everyone who came along to support our recent working bee. Your mahi makes such a difference to our school environment, and we are grateful for the time and effort you give so generously.

Finally, congratulations to Jessica and Billie who represented our school at the inter-school speech competition at Waingaro last night. You both did us proud!

Looking ahead, you may have heard about the planned national teacher's strike in October. We acknowledge this may create disruption for families, but want to reassure you that our teachers' action comes from a place of deep commitment to the future of education. The strike is about ensuring better support for teaching and learning, fair resourcing, and sustainable conditions so we can continue to provide the very best for our tamariki. Your understanding and support means so much to us.

Ngā mihi nui, enjoy the holidays.

Important Dates

Friday 19th September
Pet day & Last day of Term 3

Monday 6th October
First Day of Term 3

Thursday 23rd October
CLOSED – STRIKE

24th & 28th October
Life Education Trust

Monday 27th October
CLOSED – Labor Day

Friday 7th November
Junior Games – Ruawaro

Monday 10th November
Te Akau School Athletics

Friday 14th November
Senior Athletics – Glen Massey

Week 6 & 7
Scholastics Book Fair

YEAR 7-8 TECH DATES

9th October
23rd October
6th November
20th November
6th December

DAILY SCHOOL BELLS

9am	School Starts
11am	Morning Tea
11.30am	Session Two
12.50pm	Lunch
1.30pm	Session Three
3.00pm	Home Time



HOT LUNCHES

Mondays and Fridays, students can bring hot lunches wrapped in tin foil and clearly labeled to heat up in the oven.

Healthy Eating at Te Akau School

A healthy and nutritious school lunch is important because it gives children the energy and focus they need for learning and playing throughout the day. A well-balanced lunchbox might include fresh fruit and vegetables, wholegrain bread or wraps for long-lasting energy, and protein such as cheese, eggs, or lean meat to help them grow strong. Snacks like yoghurt, crackers, or veggie sticks add variety. Water is also essential for brain function and hydration so please remember to send a water bottle every day



House Points

Kauri
844

Toiara
695

Rimu
739

Reporting Absences

If your child won't be at school, please let us know why, either by calling the school office, emailing office@teakau.school.nz or via the Hero app.

SCHOOL CONTACTS

School Phone Website

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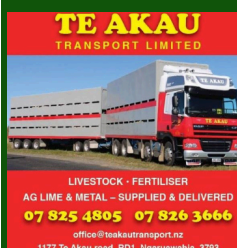
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Bus Sponsors

Te Akau School is incredibly grateful to our sponsors for their support in helping us achieve our goal of maintaining our school-owned bus.

Your contributions have made a significant impact, ensuring our students have safe and reliable transportation getting to and from school and also to various educational activities outside our school.

Thanks to you, our school community is stronger, and our students have more opportunities to thrive. Thank you for believing in our vision and for being an essential part of our journey!



PETER GLIDDEN HONDA



Congratulations to the winners of the Te Akau School Speech Competition!

A huge thank you to all the whānau and friends who came along to support our students.

Our winners are:

- **Year 2:** 1st Jocelyn Chamberlain, 2nd Sasha Orlando-Reep
- **Year 3:** 1st Delilah Andrews-Wright, 2nd Lyla Merrilees
- **Year 4:** 1st Koby Smith, 2nd George Jackson
- **Year 5:** 1st Angus Glenn, 2nd Katara Williamson
- **Year 6:** 1st Billie van den Bemd, 2nd Kade Copeland
- **Year 7:** 1st Jessica Horsley, 2nd Angel Sheehan
- **Year 8:** 1st Riley Toia-Lewis



We are so proud of the hard work and courage shown by all of our speakers – ka mau te wehi!

Congratulations to our Year 6 & 7 winners, Billie van den Bemd and Jessica Horsley, who represented our school at the Huntly West Cluster Schools Senior Speech Competition at Waingaro on Wednesday night.

Reaching this stage is a fantastic achievement, and standing up in front of an unfamiliar audience takes real courage. A special congratulations to Billie, who placed 3rd in the Year 6 competition! Tino pai, girls – we're so proud of you both!



WEEK 9 & 10 HIGHLIGHTS



Gaga Ball!

A big thank you to Simon O'Neill Builders for generously supplying the timber. Whaea Donna and her team of builders have been busy constructing our new Gaga Ball pit, putting their maths skills to the test to calculate the precise cuts!

Term 2 House Challenge Winners!

Kauri house enjoying their shared kai

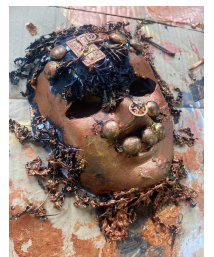


Rural Schools Hockey Tournament

A huge thank you to Sarah Glenn for once again taking the lead in organising and coaching our students for the annual rural schools hockey tournament. Without your dedication and love for the sport this would not have been possible.

Our students jump at the chance to participate every year.

We'd also like to acknowledge and thank all the parents who helped with transport and team management on the day—your support makes these opportunities possible!



Pet Day Art in Full Swing!

We're gearing up for the big event this Friday and can't wait to see you all there! Our students have been working hard on their art pieces and are excited to showcase their creativity. It's always a special day filled with amazing artwork, happy tamariki, and the joy of celebrating with their animals.

Support your local school

By purchasing Ballance Agri-Nutrients fertiliser this spring, \$1 for every tonne purchased can be donated to a local cause of your choice.*

Plus, \$1 for every 10 litres of selected agrichemicals purchased can also be donated to a local cause.*

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WAIKATO DISTRICT COUNCIL MONTHLY RECYCLING DROP-OFFS FREE FOR THE FIRST TWO YEARS



WHEN: 8:30am and 12:30pm on third Saturday of each month,
starting on 16 August 2025.

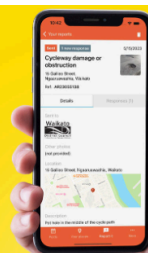
WHERE: The location will be Te Akau Hall carpark (next to the school).

keep an eye out for a letter from the council later this month with further information

Download the Antenno app

Use the Antenno app to tell us about things that need our attention, like potholes, graffiti, or broken streetlights.

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KIDS CLUB \$10
inc GOODIE BAG

Comedy show
26 SEPT

PONY CLUB FUNDRAISER

BURGERS &
BAKING AVAILABLE



DOORS OPEN:
5:30 PM

SHOW STARTS - 7:00 PM
ARM WRESTLE - \$5 ENTRY
PRE SALES \$28
All proceeds support the Te Akau
Pony Club

Waingaro Pony Club

Presents the



**Daniel Blik Memorial
Gamblers Stakes**
November 9th 2025
9.00am start

Venue: Te Akau–Waingaro Community Complex (616 Te Akau Road)

Enter via EvoEvents – no entries on the day. Entries close November 6th

Age Groups:

21 and over
17 and under 21
14 and under 17
10 and under 14
9 and under

Ages as at 01/08/2025

All abilities catered for:

Jumps from 50cm to 95cm in SJ and XC (no matter what age you are, you can choose the heights you jump)

Entry fee: \$60.00 which includes ground fee and medic on site cost.

EvoEvents fee applies.

Account: 03 1571-0008932-00 – reference rider's name

Run under NZPCA rules, non-pony club members are required to fill out a day registration form

Enquiries to Events Secretary: Nicky 027 249 4556; email: nicky.harvey@farmside.co.nz

Tagged back protector and helmet for cross country is compulsory

Each rider must provide a Jump Judge on the day...thank you.

**Hot food and drinks for sale – cash only
Strictly no dogs**

**Please respect the polo field; there is to be no parking (except along the sides) or riding on the polo field.
Thank you.**

MARQUEE FOR HIRE



Te Akau School Marquee for Hire
100% of hire costs goes straight into our
School.

9m x 12m – \$250

Bookings through
Te Akau School
Ph 8254777
office@teakau.school.nz

The 2025/2026 Waingaro Pony Club season is now underway!
**For information about joining or upcoming events, please
contact Sue Easter on 027 294 5749.**