

Waihi School Newsletter



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Term One 2025

JANUARY

<i>Thu 23 Jan</i>	<i>Teacher Only Day</i>
<i>Fri 24 Jan</i>	<i>Teacher Only Day</i>
<i>Sat 25 Jan</i>	<i>Leadership Day for 2025 student leadership team</i> <i>New Boarders arrive into Pyne House: 2.00pm – 3.00pm</i> <i>Returning Boarders arrive back: 4.00pm – 5.00pm</i>
<i>Sun 26 Jan</i>	<i>Boarders In-Weekend: Boarders Activities planned</i>
<i>Mon 27 Jan</i>	<i>Boarders In-Weekend: Boarders Activities planned</i>
<i>Tue 28 Jan</i>	<i>School begins for all students</i> <i>School buses running both morning and afternoon</i>

FEBRUARY

<i>Sat 1 Feb</i>	<i>Year 8 Welcome Weekend at Lindisfarne</i> <i>hosted by parents of Head Boy / Head Girl</i>
<i>Thu 6 Feb</i>	<i>Waitangi Day – NO SCHOOL – Pyne House open, boarders</i> <i>activities planned</i>
<i>Fri 7 Feb</i>	<i>Normal school day today</i>

OfficeMax MySchool – stationery ordering

<http://www.myschool.co.nz/WaihiSchool>



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to find your
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everything
on the list



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want your order
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the new year



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is under way
plus you're
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2025 Teaching Team

CLASSROOM TEACHERS

Year 8	Nathan Morland, Judy Brown
Year 7	Jess Sharp, Tegan Westland
Year 6	Phoebe Geary, Anne-Maree Reith
Year 4/5	Natasha Woudberg

SPECIALIST TEACHERS

Extension Maths	Allan Short
Learning Support	Anita Hills
Music	Al Bradley, Sheryl Bradley
Outdoor Education, Holiday Programmes	Rohan Brighthouse
PE, Y8 Enquiry, Learning Support, and OE	Emily Haynes
Pyne House and Health	Ollie Clayson
STEM	Helen Cunningham

CLASSROOM ALLOCATIONS

Your child/ren's 2025 classroom allocation is currently being finalised and will be announced on our first morning back at school, Tue 28 Jan 2025.

WAIHI UNIFORM SHOP

Please contact Stacey Jackson for any uniform order requirements by emailing her on uniform@waihi.school.nz

or place an order online at your convenience via our website <https://waihi.school.nz/uniforms>

WAIHI NOTICES

Upcoming Events | Information | Updates

FULL YEAR PLANNER

Our full year online calendar can be located on our website – visit www.waihi.school.nz / OUR CALENDAR.

Please note, not all events have been confirmed for the 2025 year to date. Our fortnightly school newsletters are also a great source of event and date information.

FIRST EXEAT

It is sometimes easy to forget that for new families some commonly used terminology can create confusion. One such boarding school term is exeat. It means temporary leave and is used to describe the one or two 'long weekends' each term in which the boarding house closes for all, thus allowing those families who live far away to take their children home for the weekend (and for the boarding house staff to have a weekend to catch their breath!)

The first of these weekends is at the end of **Week 4** and as often is the case, we combine the leave weekend with a major school event. Please note the first exeat for 2025 is on Friday 21 February after our **Waihi Swimming Sports**.

WAIHI CAMPS 2025

As you will see from the 2025 Year Planner located on our school website, the three school camps are all organised and locked in as follows:

TERM ONE

Week 4:	Mon 17 Feb - Wed 19 Feb	Juniors (Y4-6) at Wainui
Week 9:	Sun 23 Mar - Fri 28 Mar	Year 7 at Stewart Island

TERM THREE

Week 9:	Sun 7 Sep - Wed 10 Sep	Otago Rail Trail for Year 8
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The staff will send out further details for each camp closer to the time

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Waihi Day Student Bus Service

Waihi offer a Day Student bus service each morning to school and home again each afternoon. We have FIVE bus routes in place for 2025, being:

- Ashburton
- Geraldine / Rangitata
- Mid Canterbury
- Pleasant Point / Washdyke
- Timaru

Where possible, we try to accommodate individual requests however there may be instances where the bus will pick up a student from a different stop than requested. This is due to the increased number of students requiring bus services. We need to ensure we get all day students to school by 8:20am ready for school starting at 8:30am.

All bus runs are almost at capacity this year, making it extremely important that if your child is registered to travel on one of the bus services and for some reason won't be getting the bus to school on a particular morning, or will not require the bus home on any afternoon, that you email Kat to let her know please on executive@waihi.school.nz.

Kat liaises with each of the drivers providing them with a daily update of who to expect on their bus (to ensure no one is left behind, and also helping the drivers to know who to chase up if a child has not yet reported to the afternoon bus or is not at a morning bus collection point).

Waitangi Day



School will not be open for day students on **Thursday 6th February 2025**, Waitangi Day. School as usual on Friday 7th.

It is not compulsory for boarders to stay in, they can travel home on Wednesday evening and spend Waitangi Day at home. Activities will be planned for boarders who remain in Pyne House on Waitangi Day.

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Outdoor Ed Kit List

TERM ONE 2025

- 1 Pair walking shoes/boots
- 1 Pair shoes/boots that will be getting wet - must have thick solid soles.
Sandals with closed toes are acceptable but these are NOT to be the pair the students wear at school.
- 2 pair shorts/Skortis (1 pair WILL be getting wet and the other pair to change into)
- 2 T-shirt/collared T shirt
(NOT Waihi sports top)
- Wetsuit if you have one
- 1 warm jumper/fleece
- 1 sun hat/cap (Bucket hats preferred)
- Drink bottle
- Rash Shirt short or long sleeve depending on your child's sun tolerance
- 1 towel (changing robe (below) preferred)
- 1 backpack or dry bag (see below)
- 1 Dry bag to put wet/dirty clothes and shoes in
 - (this will help keeps books, iPad and school clothes dry and safe)
 - You may choose to have a Dry pack (so a Backpack is not needed)
 - These can be purchased anywhere, but below is a list of websites:
 - <https://www.torpedo7.co.nz/shop/bagsnpacks/dry-bags>
 - <https://www.mountainwarehouse.com/nz/steed-waterproof-25l-backpack-p36527.aspx/>
 - <https://www.burnsco.co.nz/boating/clothing-apparel/bags-backpacks/backpacks>
- 1 Changing robe



These can/will also be used for school swimming. This robe gives the pupils the opportunity to change out of wet clothes "When you need some privacy to change into and out of wetsuits and swimming costumes, the Changing Robe has got you covered".

- When off site the pupils will be getting wet and/or dirty. They will not be allowed back on the school bus unless they are changed and dry (this includes footwear)
- These can be purchased anywhere, but below is a list of websites that supply a changing robe:
 - <https://www.wiggle.co.nz/changing-robos>
 - <https://www.mountainwarehouse.com/nz/swimwear-beachwear/changing-robe/>
 - <https://www.curvesurf.co.nz/search?q=poncho+towel>
 - <https://www.surfdome.com/en-NZ/Changing-Ponchos-and-Robes/sdds13797.htm>