



# Waihi Newsletter | 14 May 2025



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## Weeks Ahead - Term Two 2025

### WEEK THREE

- Wed 14 May      National Young Leaders (CHC event)  
Y7/8 EPro8 competition at Bluestone School: 4.00pm - 7.00pm
- Thu 15 May      Y5/6 EPro8 competition at Bluestone School: 9.30am - 12.30pm

- Fri 16 May      National Pink Shirt Day

### WEEK FOUR

- Thu 22 May      St Kentigern's arrive PM for games and billeting  
- Hockey, rugby, football
- Fri 23 May      St Kentigern's depart
- Sun 25 May      Waihi School Open Day

### WEEK FIVE

- Wed 28 May      Waihi School Association and Trust Board meetings
- Fri 30 May      Waihi School Cross Country
- Sat 31 May      Mid Term Break commences after any Saturday sport

### WEEK SEVEN

- Mon 9 Jun      Mid Year Testing Week commences

## Mid Term Break: 2-8 Jun 2025

*Begins after any Saturday sport on 31 May 2025  
Includes Kings Birthday*

# FROM THE HEADMASTER'S DESK

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Term two is well underway, full of energy, purpose, and some poignant moments for our Waihi community.

Last week, our focus across the school was kindness - a value we tied into the lead-up to Mother's Day. Students were challenged to complete at least three acts of kindness for their mum or mother figure - from writing thoughtful notes to making cups of tea or simply spending time together. It was heartening to see so many children embracing the opportunity to show appreciation in genuine, meaningful ways. I've already heard some lovely stories from home.

Also last week, we held our intra-school EPro8 Challenge, which saw 32 students working in teams of four to solve engineering and design challenges. From launching tennis balls to creating shoe-throwing machines, the ingenuity and teamwork on display were fantastic. Thank you to Mrs Cunningham for organising such a fantastic event. We now look forward to seeing our top teams represent Waihi at the Timaru inter school competition this Wednesday and Thursday.

On Sunday, four Waihi teams took to the field for the Waihi Sevens Tournament. It was a great day of sport, with plenty of energy, teamwork and sportsmanship on display. Congratulations to our Year 7 White team, who came away with a win in their grade after a closely contested final against Medbury.

I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who helped make the day such a success - from staff and coaches, to our referees, ground staff, and especially the parent volunteers. Many of you gave up your Sunday to run the BBQ, manage teams, help with set-up and pack-down, and keep the day running smoothly. Your generosity of time and spirit truly embodies the Waihi way, and the tournament could not have happened without your incredible support.

This week, we were reminded of another of our core values - respect - during our Chapel reflection on Pink Shirt Day, the national campaign that stands against bullying and celebrates kindness and inclusion. Using the well-known apple analogy, we talked about how people can appear fine on the outside while carrying bruises within, caused by unkindness or exclusion. We reflected on the impact our words and actions have on others - and the importance of being upstanders, not bystanders, when we see something that isn't right. We're looking forward to seeing pink shirts out in force this Friday as our students and staff stand together to promote a culture of care and inclusion.

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Looking ahead, we're excited to host our first prep match of the season this week, against St Kentigern Boys' School from Auckland. A reminder to families: while our Saturday sport is about participation and development for all, prep matches are representative fixtures where the best available team is selected to play. These are special opportunities for our students to test themselves, build pride in their school, and demonstrate our values on and off the field.

As I write this, I'm thrilled to share that Waihi has once again been named a winner in the Harvey Norman NZ Schools Kura Competition for our full-school kapa haka performance of Tūtira Mai Ngā Iwi. This marks our third year in a row receiving this honour - a wonderful recognition of the talent and dedication of our students and music team.

Finally, amidst the activity of recent weeks, we pause to acknowledge the sadness felt within our community following the sudden passing of Jamie Reith, father of our much-loved staff member Anne-Maree. Jamie had a long-standing connection with Waihi, generously giving his time and expertise to coach both junior and 1st XV rugby teams over several seasons. On behalf of the entire Waihi whānau, we extend our heartfelt condolences and support to Kylie, Anne-Maree, Shaun, and Harry during this difficult time.

Ngā mihi nui,

**Gareth Wood**  
Headmaster

## Headmaster's Thought for the Week



We are proud to support the  
Mental Health Foundation of New Zealand  
by celebrating Pink Shirt Day.

*Speak UP*  
**STAND TOGETHER  
STOP BULLYING**

KŌRERO MAI, KŌRERO ATU, MAURI TŪ, MAURI ORA

**FRIDAY 16 MAY 2025**

JOIN THE MOVEMENT:  
[WWW.PINKSHIRTDAY.ORG.NZ](http://WWW.PINKSHIRTDAY.ORG.NZ)



# WAIHI NOTICES

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## National Pink Shirt Day

FRIDAY 16 MAY 2025

*Speak Up, Stand Together, Stop Bullying*



## Waihi School Cross Country

SAVE THE DATE

Friday 30 May 2025,

1.00pm - 3.00pm



## Waihi School Cross Country: Friday 30 May 2025

### SPECTATOR PARKING

Please park ALL vehicles on the Orchard site for this event, parking will be clearly signposted. Entrance from Temuka-Orari Highway.

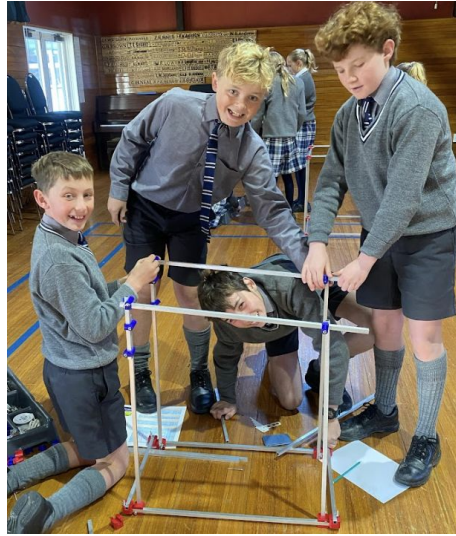
We respectfully ask you do not park inside school grounds for this event - boarding families will be able to move their vehicles at the conclusion of the Cross Country into the parking behind Pyne House to collect children and their gear for the Exeat weekend.

Thank you in advance for your understanding.



# Waihi School EPro8 Competition

Mon 5 May 2025



The EPro8 competition is an engineering and design technology event where students compete in teams of four building a series of challenges in a set time of two hours.

This took place at the Waihi Hall on Monday 5th May with the EPRo8 school competition. With 32 students competing in the in-school challenge, teams had a choice out of three challenges of making a Ball Launcher (one of the few times the students had permission to launch and retrieve a ball on the quad) , constructing a Shoe Throwing Scale and making a Jack-In-The-Box. Some great innovative skills in completing the challenges and excellent team work.

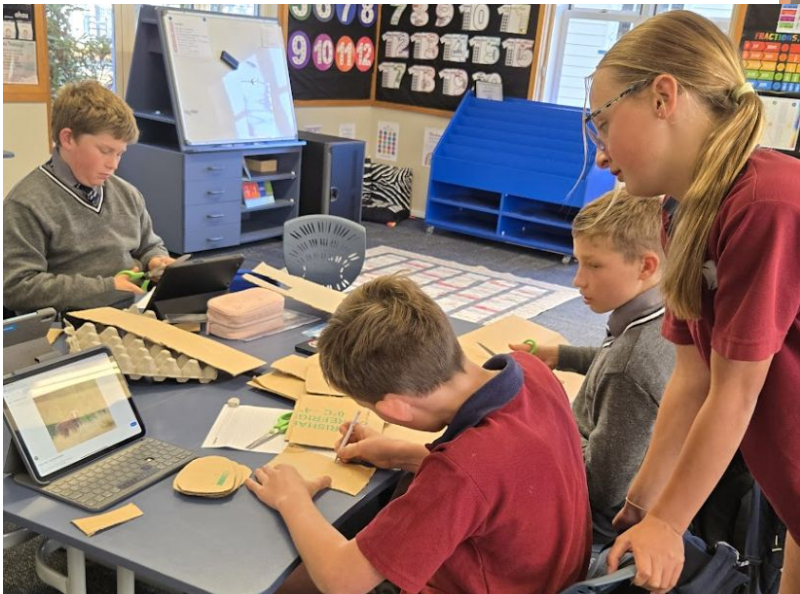


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# Term Two Clubs

Mon 5 May 2025





# PYNE HOUSE: National Boarding Week

## SNAPSHOT OF EVENING AND MORNING ROUTINE

