



# Waihi Newsletter | 25 Jun 2025



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## Weeks Ahead

### WEEK NINE

Fri 27 Jun	Music Performances
Sat 28 Jun	Waihi Club Day - End of Term <u>after sport</u>

### HOLIDAY PERIOD

Mon 30 Jun	Mid-Year Reports emailed home
Sat 6 Jul	NO SPORT

### WEEK ONE: TERM 3

Mon 14 Jul	Parent Teacher Meetings
Tue 15 Jul	First day of Term three

## PARENT TEACHER MEETINGS



**Monday 14 July 2025 | 1:00pm – 7:00pm**

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## Upcoming holiday period

*Term two ends after sport on **Saturday 28 June 2025**.  
This is Waihi Club Day.*

*Term three commences on **Tuesday 15 July 2025**, boarders welcomed from 3.00pm on Monday 14 July 2025 due to Parent Teacher Meetings.*

# FROM THE HEADMASTER'S DESK

Dear Parents, Caregivers, and Friends of Waihi,

As term two draws to a close, I'd like to recognise the dedication and enthusiasm that have marked a productive and rewarding term.

From classroom to court and from the stage to the sports field, there has been no shortage of action. Our students have remained engaged right through to the finish line, showing real focus during mid-year assessments and embracing feedback with maturity. It's been heartening to see so many take pride in their progress—a true testament to the love of learning we strive to nurture here at Waihi.

In the cultural space, our Jump Jam teams travelled to Timaru last week for the South Canterbury Jump Jam Extravaganza—and what a performance they delivered! A personal highlight was seeing our junior team dance with such energy and joy, while just beside them, our Year 7 and 8 seniors danced in support, cheering and celebrating their younger peers throughout.

Last week, we were fortunate to welcome Matua Hami Goldsmith, who generously shared his time and cultural knowledge with our Kapa Haka group. He focused on the origins and meaning of our school haka, offering insight into the kaupapa behind the words and actions we perform with pride. This was a powerful session that deepened our students' understanding of our cultural identity.

We now eagerly look ahead to the Mid-Year Music Performance, a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the hard work of our music students. This event showcases the progress they've made under the guidance of our itinerant music teachers and offers those ready a chance to perform in front of a supportive audience.

On the sporting front, our winter codes continue to impress. Our Waihi White netball team has been going from strength to strength and has now been moved up a grade, while our rugby, football, and hockey teams have represented the school with pride each week. As we approach the holiday break, there's one last fixture to look forward to: Waihi Club Day this Saturday. This is a special day for the school, with most of our teams playing at home. We're very grateful to the Friends Committee, who are kindly running a BBQ and providing all players with a sausage and a drink, a generous gesture much appreciated.

This term has also been a time of reflection. Through chapel services, we have explored values such as consideration and cooperation, respect, and kindness. Our final chapel this week gave students a chance to pause and reflect on the term, to consider what they've learned, what they're proud of, and what they might want to leave behind as they prepare for the break.

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As we bid farewell to our two gap students, Toby Haxby and Dylan Curtis, who return to the UK at the start of the holidays, I want to acknowledge the significant contributions they have made to our school community. They have contributed greatly to our school community through their energy and commitment. The special bond our 'gappies' form with our students and staff is truly unique, and we wish Toby and Dylan all the best in their next adventures.

We are also proud to share that one of our students, Victoria, will represent New Zealand in Spain over the holidays at the Dance World Cup. Her dedication and hard work are an inspiration to us all, and we look forward to hearing about her experiences and achievements on the international stage.

At this point in the term, with winter in full swing and tiredness setting in, emotions can run a little higher, and minor issues can sometimes feel bigger than they really are. We encourage our students and staff to show resilience, take things in their stride, and reflect on situations with perspective. Likewise, we ask parents to be realistic in recognising that not every social hiccup or rough day warrants alarm. That said, if there is something genuine causing concern, the best first step is to reach out to your child's form teacher. Often, an open and timely conversation can help put things in context and ensure everyone is supported appropriately.

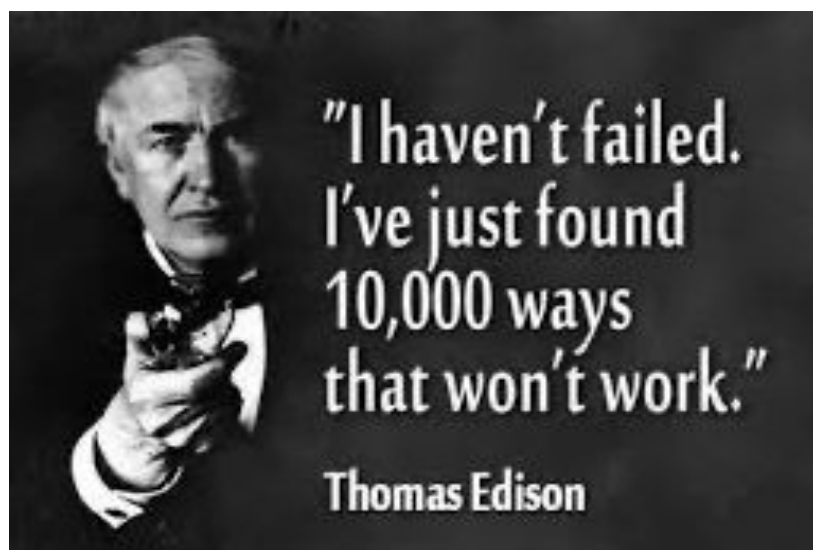
To all families heading away, I wish you safe travels and a well-deserved break. Thank you for your ongoing support and trust in Waihi.

I look forward to welcoming everyone back next term, refreshed and ready for another great chapter together.

Ngā mihi nui,

**Gareth Wood**  
Headmaster

## Headmaster's Quote from Chapel this week



# WAIHI NOTICES

Upcoming Events | Information | Updates

## PARENT TEACHER MEETINGS



**Monday 14 July 2025**  
**1:00pm – 7:00pm**

Please logon to [www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz)

Enter our school code **pkwba** - press 'Go'

*You will be guided through three steps, after which you will receive an email confirming your interview time(s).*

### PLEASE NOTE:

These are interviews to meet with your child's homeroom teacher, not their maths teacher. You are welcome to contact your child's maths teacher directly if you would like to make an appointment with them. The teacher will then make the booking if there is time available.

### Pyne House families:

Boarders will be welcomed back into Pyne House from 3.00pm on Monday 14 July 2025.



# GAP TUTORS

Introducing | Here from Term 3

## Florian Jak

Hi my name is Florian Jak. I'm a born and raised Amsterdammer / Dutchie with a love for the outdoors and a serious case of adventure fever. You'll usually find me out and about kicking a football around, going for a run, skiing down slopes, swimming laps, or hopping on my bike to nowhere in particular (but always somewhere fun).

I'm the classic middle child of three brothers, and the chaos at home is multiplied by two lovable dogs.

Family means everything to me whether we are packed around the dinner table or off on a spontaneous weekend trip, there is always laughter involved. When I'm not with them, I'm probably out with friends, exploring new hangouts or chasing my next new hobby.

Life's way too short not to enjoy every moment!



## Zane Jonker

My name is Zane Deon Jonker, I grew up in the windy city of Port Elizabeth in South Africa.

My hobbies include fishing, hunting and golf. I am a very outdoorsy person and love being busy. I also have a strong passion for telling random stories about the most random experiences I've had in my life and I look forward to sharing some of them in the amazing country of New Zealand.



# PROCEDURAL WRITING

Learning | Year 7s | Sharing



## Year 7 Take on Procedural Writing... with a Twist!

This week, our clever Year 7s kicked off their unit on procedural writing by tackling an iconic challenge: writing instructions for how to make a Vegemite sandwich.

Sounds simple, right? Well... enter Mrs. Westland — who may have been feeling *a little too* literal that day. Following the students' instructions to the letter resulted in some... very *creative* sandwich-making outcomes! (Spoiler: one sandwich ended up with the *bread* on the *outside* of the Vegemite jar.)

There was laughter, learning, and a whole lot of “Wait, that’s not what I meant!”

The best part? The students quickly learned the power of being clear, specific, and detailed when writing instructions.

Mission accomplished — and sandwiches never looked so funny!

### How to make a Vegemite sandwich

Aim: To make a Vegemite sandwich that looks appealing.

#### What you will need...

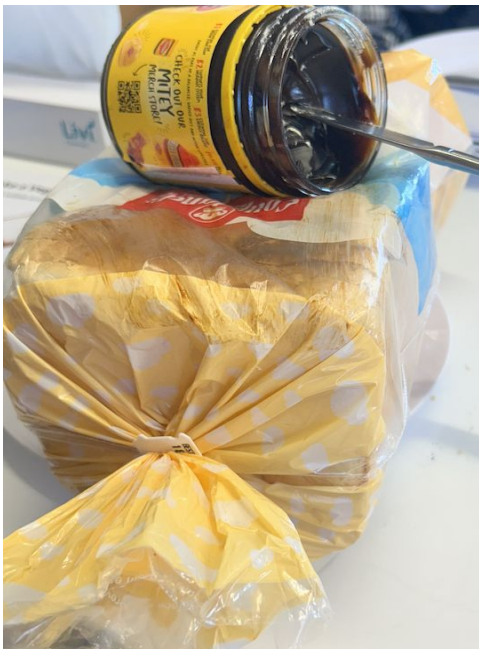
- X2 Butter knives
- Vegemite
- Butter
- Chopping board



#### Steps

1. Get your bread out of the cupboard.
2. Get two pieces of bread out of the bread bag and place them on your chopping board.
3. Grab one of your butter knives and apply butter onto the knife.
4. Spread the butter evenly onto both of your pieces of bread.
5. Grab your second butter knife and get a good amount of Vegemite onto the knife.
6. Apply the Vegemite onto the buttered bread and spread evenly.
7. Put everything back where you found it and wash your hands
8. Enjoy or serve.

**Hot tips:** Dont put too much butter and Vegemite on otherwise it will be overpowering. Spread the Vegemite and butter evenly.





# JUMP JAM EXTRAVAGANZA

Thursday 19 June 2025



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# WAIHI EQUESTRIAN FUNDRAISER



## EQUESTRIAN FUNDRAISER



**\$20**  
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*Pinot Noir*  
**SALE**

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School Equestrian Team by purchasing  
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# PYNE HOUSE

## WINTER EVENING ACTIVITIES

