



Waihi Newsletter | 30 Jul 2025



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Weeks Ahead

WEEK THREE

Mon 28 Jul - Life Education at Waihi
Wed 30 Jul

Thu 31 Jul Winter Exchange: Cathedral Grammar (away)

Fri 1 Aug Chess Power Regionals competition (Opihi College)

Sun 3 Aug Hadlow School arrive into billeting

WEEK FOUR

Mon 4 Aug Fixture: Hadlow School / billeting again tonight

Tue 5 Aug Hadlow School depart AM

Sat 9 Aug Strictly Jump Jam (Christchurch)

WEEK FIVE

Mon 11 Aug Winter Exchange vs St Andrew's College (home)

Tue 12 Aug Winter Exchange (CHC)

Wed 13 Aug Winter Exchange (CHC)

Mid Term Break:

Sat 16 August - Sun 24 August 2025

NO SCHOOL IN WEEK SIX OF TERM THREE

FROM THE HEADMASTER'S DESK

Dear Parents, Caregivers, and Friends of Waihi,

Welcome to Week three. While we are still very much in the heart of winter, with frosts and chilly mornings, the pace and energy around the school certainly hasn't slowed down. With the days slowly lengthening, and a few brave daffodils peeking through, it really does feel like we are edging closer to spring.

As Saturday sport begins to wind down, I want to thank you again for the tremendous support shown from the sidelines. The commitment of our students, coaches, and families has been unwavering, and as always, Waihi has been well represented across all codes. We wish our teams heading to Christchurch this Thursday for our fixture against Cathedral Grammar all the very best.

We have enjoyed a stunning run of winter weather, and it has been great to see so many students outside making the most of it. From lunchtime games of rugby, football, netball shooting and tag, to catching up with friends in the sunshine, there is a real sense of joy and connection in these everyday moments. Outdoor Education sessions have continued with great enthusiasm, and we've even had a few brave swimmers taking to the water for midwinter dips during their lessons, a true testament to their spirit and resilience (and perhaps a slightly questionable sense of temperature).

Our boarders continue to make the most of opportunities and experiences that make Waihi boarding life so special. So far this term, our boarders have enjoyed a Mexican fiesta, complete with sizzling tacos, churros, sombreros, and a photo booth. Meanwhile, our weekend ski trips have got underway, giving our students the chance to enjoy a day out on the mountains to carve up the slopes.

On Monday, I shared a parable in Chapel about a farmer and his old mule. The mule falls into a deep well and, rather than be rescued, dirt is thrown in to bury him. But instead of being buried by the dirt, with each shovel of dirt, the mule shakes it off and steps up, eventually rising above the well and walking free. It is a powerful reminder that life throws challenges at all of us. Whether you are a student struggling with friendships, boarding, or assessments, or a parent managing the juggle of family life, the ability to stay calm, adapt, and rise up is what truly matters. Students were encouraged to go forward this week and shake it off and step up. Our school motto says it best: *Tu Igitur Perfer Adversa*. There will be difficult moments, but how we respond to them defines who we are.

Last week we announced an exciting new initiative: The Huntley-Waihi Schools Boarding Exchange. Huntley School is a co-Education Preparatory Boarding School in rural Rangitikei in the North Island. Year 8's are encouraged to apply for this opportunity and the successful candidates will travel to Huntley School in Marton for a short stay. At the same time we will welcome two Huntley School students, to experience life at Waihi. This is a wonderful opportunity, and the aim is to provide a fresh boarding experience, foster personal growth, and strengthen the relationship between two of New Zealand's leading preparatory schools.

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A reminder that all students, whether boarding or day, must sign out at the school office before leaving the school grounds during the day. This may mean walking over from Pyne House to the office, but it is essential for maintaining accurate records and ensuring student safety. Your support with this is appreciated.

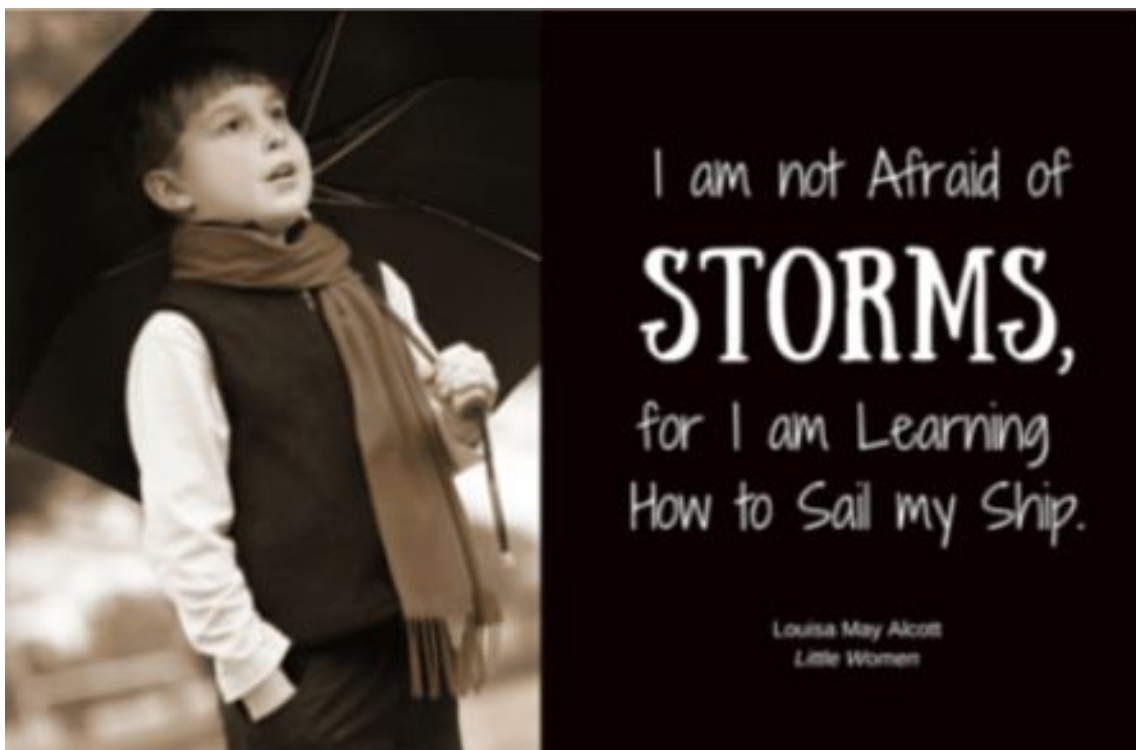
We are looking forward to welcoming grandparents to school for Grandparents' Day on Thursday 4th September. Students are currently busy writing personal invitations, and we are planning a warm and relaxed afternoon including musical performances, classroom visits, and afternoon tea. It is always a highlight on the school calendar, and we hope as many grandparents as possible can join us.

Wishing you all a positive and settled week ahead.

Ngā mihi nui,

Gareth Wood
Headmaster

HEADMASTER'S THOUGHT OF THE WEEK



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Enrolment Update

We are pleased to share that interest in Waihi for 2026 is stronger than ever. As a result of this continued growth:

- ❑ We have opened an additional Year 7 class
- ❑ Year 8 is now full
- ❑ Boys' boarding is fully booked
- ❑ Only a few girls' boarding places remain
- ❑ Junior classes are also nearing capacity.

With this in mind, it is especially important that we capture sibling enrolments as early as possible to help us plan for places across all year levels.

If you have a child you intend to enrol, or if you would like to discuss future options, please get in touch with Kat Thompson via email at executive@waihi.school.nz or phone 03 687 8071.

Thank you once again for your continued support – we look forward to welcoming even more wonderful students into the Waihi family.

Grandparents Day

This year we will be hosting our annual Grandparents' Day on **Thursday 4 September 2025** starting at **1.00pm**.

Friday 5 September 2025 will mark exactly 118 years since our Founder Joseph Orford opened the doors of Waihi to its first three boys.

All Waihi students are currently working on their handwritten letters to grandparents and/or significant adults to invite them to this very special event.

This is always a wonderful afternoon both for our children and grandparents, and we hope to see as many visitors as possible on the day.

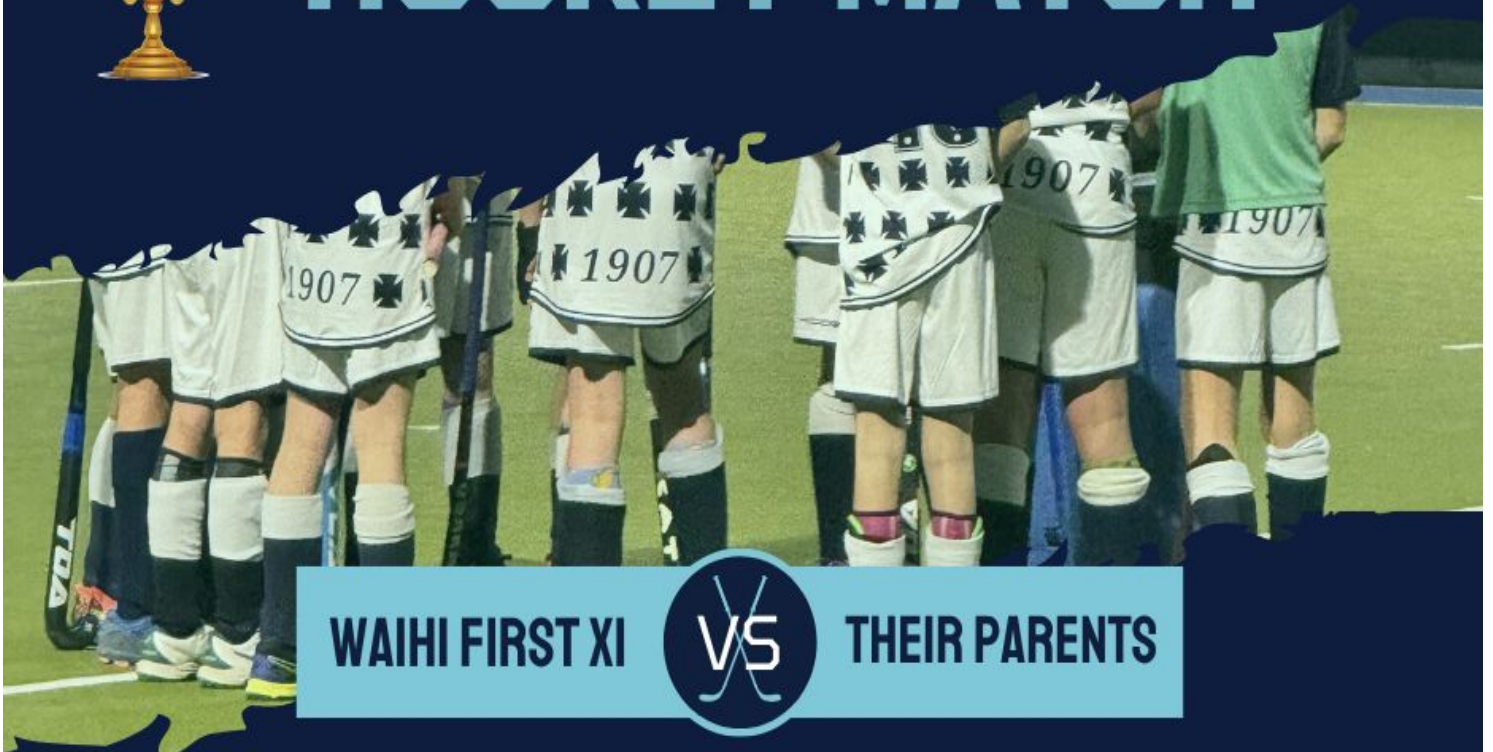


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HOCKEY MATCH



WAIHI FIRST XI



THEIR PARENTS

WAIHI'S FIRST XI TAKE ON THEIR ULTIMATE RIVALS... THEIR PARENTS, IN WHAT PROMISES TO BE A GAME FULL OF ACTION, LAUGHS AND COMPETITIVE SPIRIT.

WHO WILL TAKE HOME THE SHIELD?

COME ALONG AND SUPPORT YOUR TEAM, AND BE PART OF THIS WAIHI TRADITION!

FRIDAY 8 AUGUST - APPROX. 8PM
AORAKI TURF, TIMARU

AORAKI MATHS COMPETITION

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PYNE HOUSE

YEAR EIGHT GIRLS OUTING



PYNE HOUSE

WEEKEND ACTIVITIES



PYNE HOUSE

SNAPSHOT OF A TYPICAL WEDNESDAY MORNING

