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## Weeks Ahead

### WEEK EIGHT

- Thu 4 Sep Grandparents Day (1.00pm start)
- Fri 5 Sep Founders Day - Waihi celebrates 118 years since inception
- Fri 5 Sep - NZ Junior Rugby Festival (Queenstown)
- Sun 7 Sep

### WEEK NINE

- Mon 8 Sep -
- Thu 11 Sep Year 8 Camp: Otago Rail Trail

### WEEK TEN

- Mon 15 Sep Flag Football tournament (Christchurch)
- Tue 16 Sep - Koru Games (Christchurch)
- Thu 18 Sep Football, Hockey, Netball
- Thu 18 Sep End of Term for Year 8s  
2026 New Boarders Overnight Stay
- Fri 19 Sep 2026 New Students "Experience Waihi" Day  
End of Term for Years 4 - 7
- Sat 20 Sep TSS Fixture at St Andrew's College (Christchurch)  
Basketball, Football, Rugby

## REMINDER

TERM THREE FINISHES ON:

Year 8s ..... Thursday 18 September 2025

Year 4-7s ..... Friday 19 September 2025

# FROM THE HEADMASTER'S DESK

Dear Parents, Caregivers, and Friends of Waihi,

One of the great privileges of school life is seeing young people stretch themselves, sometimes with nerves, sometimes with excitement, but always with courage. These past two weeks have been filled with moments where our students have done just that, and it has been a joy to watch them grow in the process.

Last week's Ladies' Lunch was a wonderful occasion and one of the real highlights of the term. It was a chance to pause amidst the busyness of school life and celebrate the remarkable women who support our students. Our guest speaker, Jake Bailey, captivated everyone with his story and message. Many will remember Jake from his now-famous Head Boy speech at Christchurch Boys' High School, delivered just one week after being diagnosed with an aggressive cancer. Now, a decade later and cancer-free, he has turned his experience into a mission to help young people build resilience.

Jake spoke about what he calls the Four S's: slowing down and taking one step at a time, salvaging the good through gratitude, streamlining by setting aside everyday fears, and standing alongside others by offering support. His relaxed and relatable style left us all with practical tools and a timely reminder that true resilience is built not by avoiding challenge, but by learning to face it. His words resonated deeply with our belief in the value of outdoor education, creating opportunities for young people to stretch themselves and discover strength in moments of discomfort.

Last Monday, we were treated to perfect conditions at Roundhill for our Family Ski Day. With blue skies above and great snow underfoot, it was the ideal backdrop for families, students, and staff to enjoy a day of fun and adventure together.

Another highlight from last week was our inaugural Spring Soirée, an evening of music, kapa haka, dance, and performance. The talent of our students was on full display, and the feedback from attendees has been overwhelmingly positive. A heartfelt thank you to Al and Sheryl Bradley for their dedication and vision in bringing this event to life. The Soirée has laid the foundation for what we know will become a much-loved annual celebration of the arts at Waihi.

Some of our Year Seven students took part in the NIWA Science and Technology Fair in Timaru, where their hard work and creativity were recognised with impressive results, placing second and fourth in the intermediate age group category.

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Six Waihi riders and their ponies represented the school with distinction at the South Island Secondary Schools Equestrian Championships in late August. The team achieved outstanding results, placing first in Dressage, second in both Arena Eventing and Show Jumping, and finishing second overall in the Year Seven and Eight Teams Championship. Special congratulations go to Claudia Studholme, who claimed two first places in Dressage alongside further top placings across multiple disciplines, while Violet France, Darcy Sinton, Eva Innes, Maggie McGregor, and Annabel Clouston also produced strong performances.

Our mid-term Reading Challenge also proved to be a big hit. Students were encouraged to find the quirkiest and most unusual reading spots over the break, and they rose to the challenge with imagination and enthusiasm. From treetops to tractor seats, the entries were both entertaining and inspiring, sparking conversations about the joy of reading in every corner of life. You can check out a selection of the photos on page 10.

As we look ahead, we wish our Year Eight rugby players all the very best as they head off to the Global Games, and we also wish our Year Eight cohort a safe and enjoyable adventure on the Otago Rail Trail. Both are experiences that will create memories to last a lifetime.

Wishing you all a positive and fulfilling week ahead.

Ngā mihi nui,

**Gareth Wood**  
Headmaster

## RESILIENCE

AND THE FOUR 'S' MODEL



### WHAT

Resilience is the ability to overcome and recover from both big and small challenges we face in our lives (adversity)

### WHY

Things will go wrong for us all at some point. There's no way to avoid this, so it pays to prepare with resilience

### HOW

The 4S Model - Four key tools to use during tough times, derived from lived experience and proven by research

### SLOW DOWN

Break up big challenges and adversity into a series of smaller goals, or you risk becoming overwhelmed. Focus on getting through each week, day, or hour at time, whatever you can manage, before tackling the next one. Eyes on where your feet are going next, not the summit of the mountain

### SALVAGE

Deliberately seek out anything good within challenging situations. Any piece of happiness, no matter how small, is crucial to capture during tough times. Try to feed all incoming information through the lens of "what in this is positive?" - even if those answers are quite creative

### STREAMLINE

Where possible, spend part of each day away from the common worries and anxieties we all face, or else these can keep you weighed down when you're already fighting to keep above the water, and can even rewire your brain to process all information through the worry part of your brain rather than the problem solving part

### STAND ALONGSIDE

Don't climb mountains alone. People who face adversity on their own have far worse outcomes than those who are part of something bigger than themselves - be that a family, friend group, sport, religion, culture, club, etc. You need to begin building these networks of support before the time comes when you need them



# WAIHI NOTICES

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## Haircuts

A couple of parents have asked recently about whether we have a school policy on haircuts. We have never seen the need to expressly describe what is expected regarding boys' hair other than to say it needs to be short, neat and sensible. Girls' hair should be tied back neatly off the face.

Obviously as fashions change some students may wish to 'experient' and the description above is open to interpretation.

For those who seek more guidance, perhaps we could say the style of the hair should not be extreme, including, but not limited to mohawk, mullet, shaved styles and/or patterns, no severe changes in length for boys (i.e. a similar even length). The colour must be the student's own natural colour.



## Looking Ahead to September

### SEPTEMBER

#### WEEK EIGHT : 1 - 7 SEPTEMBER

TUE 2	Association & Board Meetings (PM)
THU 4	Grandparents Day
FRI 5	Founders Day
FRI 5	Global Games: Y8 Rugby Tournament
SAT 6	Global Games: Y8 Rugby Tournament
SUN 7	Global Games: Y8 Rugby Tournament

#### WEEK NINE : 8 - 14 SEPTEMBER

MON 8	Depart for Y8 Camp
TUE 9	Y8 camp
WED 10	Y8 camp
THU 11	Y8 campers return

#### WEEK TEN : 15 - 19 SEPTEMBER

MON 15	NFL Flag Football Regional Tournament (CHC)
TUE 16	Koru Games (CHC)
WED 17	Koru Games (CHC)
THU 18	Koru Games (CHC)
	End of Term 3 for Year 8 students
	2026 New Boarders Overnight Experience Stay
FRI 19	2026 New Students Experience Day
	End of Term 3 for Year 4-7 students

### SCHOOL HOLIDAY PERIOD

SAT 20 SEP 2025 - SUN 5 OCT 2025

OCT	
MON 6	Term Four commences

## Summer Uniform and Summer Sports Kit

Please ensure you have all your child's Summer uniform and Summer sport kit items ready for the beginning of Term Four on **Monday 6 October 2025**.

The most efficient way to place your order is via our online uniform order form on our school website:

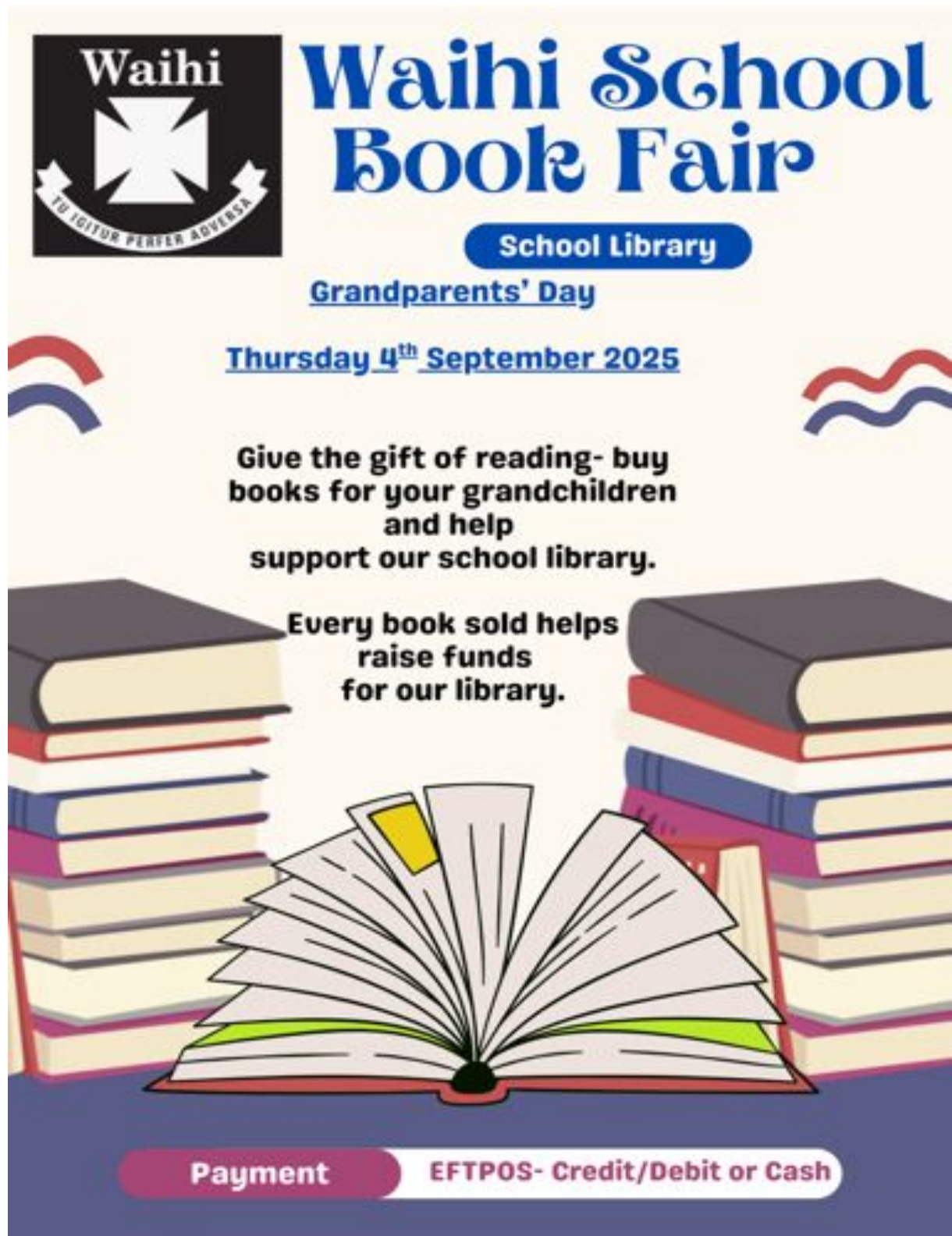
<https://waihi.school.nz/uniforms> or send an email to [uniform@waihi.school.nz](mailto:uniform@waihi.school.nz)

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Waihi School are delighted to announce that we will be holding a book fair on Grandparents' Day Thursday 4th September..

Pop along to the library in the afternoon during your tour of the school and purchase books for your grandchild. Eftpos is available for debit and credit cards and cash too. Every book sold helps raise funds for our library.



The poster features the Waihi School crest on the left, which includes a cross and the motto 'TU IGITUR PERFER ADVERSA'. The main title 'Waihi School Book Fair' is in a large, blue, serif font. Below it, 'School Library' is in a blue rounded rectangle, and 'Grandparents' Day' is in a blue underline. The date 'Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2025' is also underlined. The central text encourages buying books for grandchildren to support the school library. It states that every book sold helps raise funds for the library. The bottom of the poster shows two stacks of books on either side of an open book with a yellow bookmark. A purple bar at the bottom contains the text 'Payment EFTPOS- Credit/Debit or Cash'.

**Waihi**

# Waihi School Book Fair

**School Library**

**Grandparents' Day**

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2025**

**Give the gift of reading- buy books for your grandchildren and help support our school library.**

**Every book sold helps raise funds for our library.**

**Payment EFTPOS- Credit/Debit or Cash**

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## Waihi School 2025 Production - Frozen Programme Advertising Form



Company Name:	
Contact Person:	
Contact Address:	
Contact Phone Number:	
Contact Email Address:	

I wish to include the following advertisement in the 2025 Production Programme. I understand I will be invoiced in November 2025 for the advertising fees.

Type of Advertisement	Price
<input type="checkbox"/> Quarter Page Colour (74 x 105mm)	\$95.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Half Page Colour (148 x 105mm)	\$180.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Full Page Colour (148 x 210mm)	\$365.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Back Page Cover (148 x 210mm) <b>**ONE AVAILABLE**</b>	\$400.00

**TWO COMPLIMENTARY** tickets to attend Frozen Jr on Tue 25 Nov 2025 for all advertisers.

*NOTE: this date is not able to be changed or transferred.*

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Please return this completed form and a copy of your advertisement in .jpg format to Kat Thompson at [executive@waihi.school.nz](mailto:executive@waihi.school.nz)

**Deadline: Friday 31 October 2025**



# YEAR 7 NARRATIVE WRITING

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## Year 7 Narrative Writing

This term, our Year 7 students have been diving into the world of narrative writing. What began as an innocent video of a girl skipping down a snowy street soon turned sinister, thanks to some very well-timed pauses from their teachers. Each pause left students to capture the moment in words, building suspense and flexing their descriptive muscles. The result? A collection of wonderfully creative, spine-tingling stories.

Moral of the story: if you ever spot a miniature doll version of yourself in a snowy shop window... do not, under any circumstances, go inside!

Below is a selection of the best paragraphs, each offering a tantalising snippet of the unfolding story.

*Alma*

Written by Year 7 Waihi

A gentle snowfall blanketed the village as a young girl happily skipped down an empty street. The snow was as white as freshly fallen cotton, and the footpath was slippery beneath her feet. She looked joyful as she approached a window adorned with many scattered names. With a flourish, she wrote her name in neat cursive: Alma. The window stretched like a blackboard, surrounded by others that reflected the winter scene around her. All the windows were covered in fog and ice.

Adele Overcomer - TW

The little girl was admiring her work and noticed a crank sound. She quickly turned around and looked down the street, both ways, like someone was trying to steal something. Hesitantly, she slowly walks across the road. She puts her hand on the window and swipes the fog to get a better look "Squeak" She peers through the window face-to-face with the doll. Then she looks down at her clothes and realises It's wearing the same clothes as her. Then Alma looks up, and the doll is gone. Vanished.

Hunter Mackenzie - TW

She leans against the fogged-up window, searching for her doll. Alma walks along next to the shop, curious and determined to find her doll. As she walks past a window, she notices a doll perched upon a stool, sitting against a wall. It had a big frilly dress like a ballerina, frozen in time. It had pink hair and an evil, grimacing smile. That wasn't her doll. She darts to the next window and cranes her neck around, looking for her doll. She squinted through the glass, and there, in the middle of the room on a big chair, stood her doll.

Evelyn Low - JS

There it is, just standing there. Alma, intrigued, reaches for the door handle. Yank! Yank! Yank! The door goes as Alma tries to open the half-glass, half-wood door. The shop is reasonably empty, with a stool and a couple of shelves on the side. They are filled with something, but she can't see them clearly yet. She tugs at the door again. Locked. The doll stares at her mockingly. Irritated, Alma stamps on the floor with frustration. She picks up some snow and perfectly moulds it into a sphere. She throws it at the door. Annoyed, she walks away, sliding her hand on the wall. Creek! Goes the door as it slowly opens...

William Johnston - JS





She sprints back to the door, she can finally come inside and see her doll! She rests her mitten on the door and slightly pushes the door open, the sound of the door creaking fills the airy silence. She takes a moment to think then she takes a step in and realizes the building is filled from top to bottom with just dolls, dolls, and even more dolls, centuries of different styled dolls. None of those dolls matter, she needs her doll, Almas doll and there it is in the middle of the room. As soon as she starts to walk up to it the doors start to close.

**Shaiah Stewart - TW**

She quickly paces towards the table, reaching out her hand. So close, she mumbles, when something catches her foot as she looks down to see a little boy-like doll, dressed up in a very posh school uniform, riding a penny fathington bicycle. He's like a spectre of the past, his boyish wonder trapped in porcelain. She bends down to lick the boy up. He kicks into another gear, his feet start pedalling in double time. He arches in a wide circle around them, then zooms to the slither of light that still holds the door open. Slam! The door locks itself. Thud! Thud! Thud! She watches him for a moment his mercy movements bring a smile to her face. She places her hand on the table. Bringing herself up. Gone. Again. The table is empty.

**Neve Johnson - TW**

As it disappears, her eyes dart everywhere, but she can't see it. She looks all over the shelves that are crammed with dolls, but it isn't there! She has a look under the wooden table, but she still isn't anywhere; her eyes look everywhere. "I swear it was right here, wasn't it?" Finally, she looks up and it. "There it is, crammed in with all the other dolls." She starts running over to the shelf. Eyes locked on like a cheetah chasing its prey!

**Ryan Harrion - TW**

Alma takes another step, rushing forward and jumps onto the grey, threadbare couch. Two old-style dolls in matching dresses look up at her, almost like they are warning her to turn back. Bang! Bang! The trike doll is still banging on the door, straining to get out. Alma takes her hand out of its mitten, and she reaches up to touch the doll; her hand seems to be a viper ready to strike.

**Anton Bakx - JS**

The iris of her doll's eye sucks her soul inside. Flashes of memories and images of her. Hundreds of naked babies with hollow white eyes. The world snaps back into view, but her vision is different, like it were a round window. The shop is exactly the same, dusty furniture, dolls crammed into every nook and cranny, snow still falling outside, but now she looks down on it all. She desperately tries to climb down off the shelves, but her body refuses, frozen. She looks down around the room, glancing at all the dolls, then it hits. All these dolls were kids, all of them, the names on the wall, the dolls and the missing poster outside on the side of the street are all what's left of them. Creak, creak, creak, a new doll with urban hair and a red dress with red apples on it spins around to begin the cycle again.....

**Annabel Maw - TW**



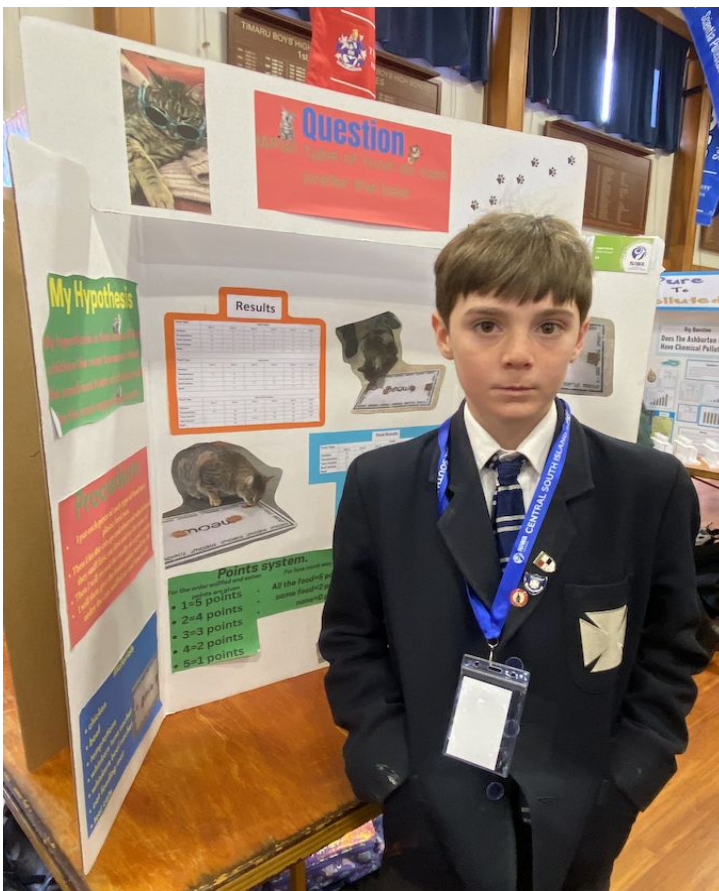
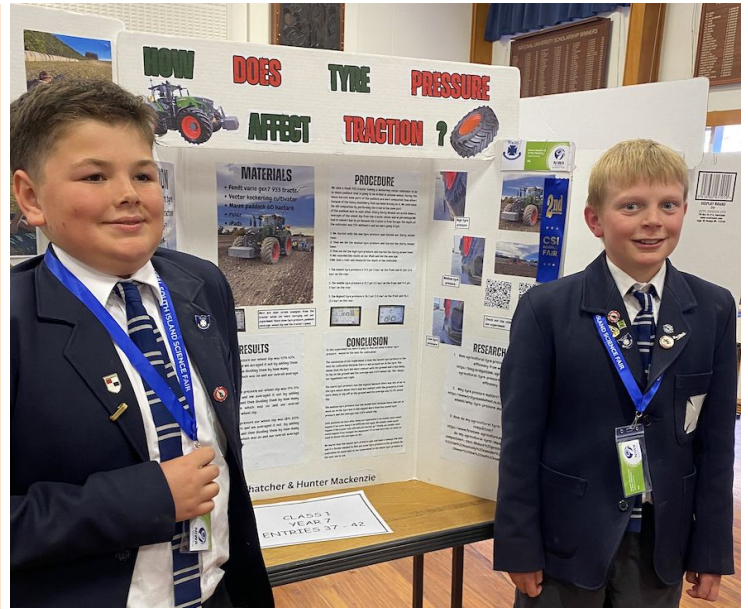


# SCIENCE FAIR

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In our Waihi Science Fair 2025, we had the honour of hosting David Batchelor from South Pacific Laboratory in Timaru to judge the entries. Congratulations go to - 1st place Logan Gorrie, 2nd Hunter MacKenzie and Tom Thatcher, 3rd Ben Watson and George Dwyer and Judge's Choice Evelyn Low and Shaiah Stuart.

These projects were then entered into the NIWA Science Fair at Timaru on Thursday 28th August and were judged against entries from other schools. A huge congratulations goes to Hunter MacKenzie and Tom Thatcher for second place in the year 7 category, and Ben Watson and George Dwyer who were awarded fourth place.





# MID-TERM READING CHALLENGE

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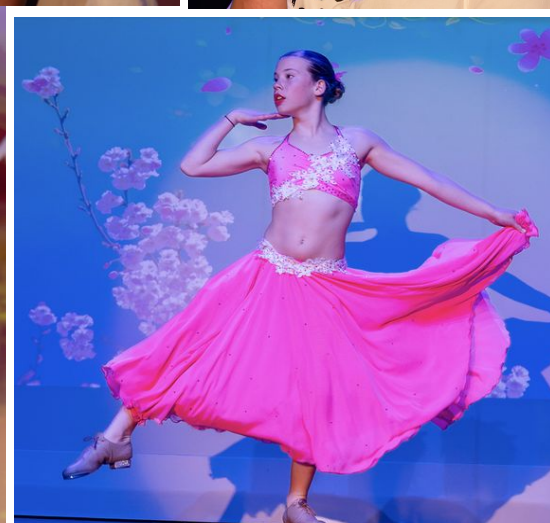
## *Reading In Unusual Places Challenge*





# SPRING SOIREE

THURSDAY 28 AUGUST 2025



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# LADIES LUNCH

FRIDAY 29 AUGUST 2025

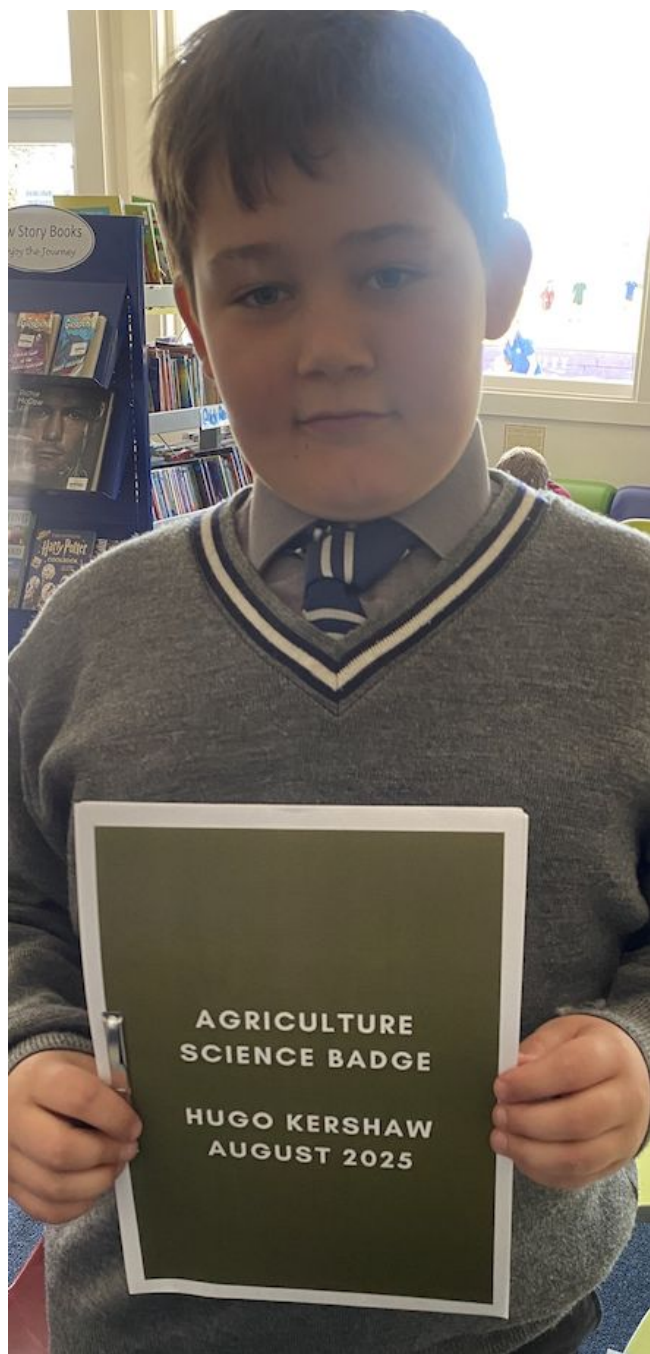


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# CELEBRATING OUR WAIHIANS

Photographs shared by parents



## Agricultural Science Badge Hugo Kershaw

Congratulations to Hugo who worked incredibly hard over the mid-term break on his agricultural activities, and achieved his badge.

Well done Hugo!



## Karate success Oscar & Ollie Murphy

On Saturday 23 August 2025 Oscar and Ollie competed in the Aoraki Timaru South Island Kyokushin Karate Tournament.

It was a great day with attendance from all over the country.

Oscar won his category overall in kumite (fighting), and they both placed second in the team Kata.

Well done Murphy boys!



# CELEBRATING OUR WAIHIANS

August 24-29, saw six riders and their ponies representing Waihi at the South Island Secondary Schools Equestrian Competition, with outstanding results, as follows:

## Team placings per discipline in Yr7/8 competition:

1st Dressage  
2nd Arena eventing  
2nd Show jumping

**Waihi Team won second in the Yr7/8 teams championship!**

## Individual placings overall:

### Competitive Trail Riding

Annabel Clouston 122nd  
Maggie McGregor 124th  
Darcy Sinton 123rd  
(there may have been a little 'long cut' taken!)

### Dressage

Claudia Studholme 1st and 1st  
Violet France 4th and 3rd  
Darcy Sinton 13th and 13th  
Eva Innes 29th and 28th  
Maggie McGregor 25th and 19th  
Annabel Clouston 24th and 27th

### Jumping

Darcy Sinton 60 - 70cm 5th  
Eva Innes 70 - 80cm 9th and 15th  
Claudia Studholme 60 - 70cm 11th and 17th  
Maggie McGregor 60 - 70cm 29th

### Arena eventing

Claudia Studholme 65cm 2nd  
Violet France 65cm 16th  
Eva Innes 70cm 20th

### Show Hunter

Claudia Studholme 60 - 70cm 3rd  
Darcy Sinton 60 - 70cm 11th  
Eva Innes 70 - 80cm 20th

A super week of everyone pitching in and helping each other out, supported by parents and grandparents, meant that riders and ponies were well fed and rested to perform at their best each day. Highs saw the team celebrating together, and lows showed the resilience of the team and encouragement of the 'village' to keep everyone on track. Thanks, Waihi School, for creating an environment where young riders are encouraged to pursue their dreams.

Mrs Judy Brown





# PYNE HOUSE

SPRING IS IN THE AIR - LONGER AFTERNOONS FOR BOARDER FUN

