



Waihi Newsletter | 8 Oct 2025



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TERM FOUR 2025

OCTOBER

WEEK ONE : MON 6 OCT - SUN 12 OCT 2025

SAT 11 Cricket starts

WEEK TWO : MON 13 OCT - SUN 19 OCT 2025

TUE 14 School Photographs: Cultural / Sporting photos

WED 15 SCPSSA Mountain biking

WEEK THREE : MON 20 OCT - SUN 26 OCT 2025

WED 22 Year 7 Science Roadshow

WED 22 Timaru Community Visit: 6.00pm - 8.00pm

FRI 24 Juniors Space Dome Visit (at Waihi)

WEEK FOUR : MON 27 OCT - SUN 2 NOV 2025

MON 27 LABOUR DAY - NO SCHOOL - PYNE HOUSE OPEN

TUE 28 Production Tech Day

WED 29 Waihi Association and Board meetings (PM)

Ashburton A&P Show (Day one)

FRI 31 Summer Sports Exchange: Rangi Ruru & St Margaret's
Clash of the Colleges (AgriKids competition) Ashburton

SAT 1 Ashburton A&P Show (Day two)

Jump Jam Nationals (CHC)

SUN 2 Blokes Brunch

Old Boys vs 1st XI Cricket game @ Waihi

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

TUE 14 OCT 2025

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FROM THE HEADMASTER'S DESK

Dear Parents, Caregivers, and Friends of Waihi,

Welcome back! I trust the recent holidays provided a valuable opportunity for everyone to rest, reflect, and reconnect. It has been fantastic to have the school grounds buzzing with energy again, and particularly pleasing to see the students jump straight back into purposeful routines, with friendships picking up exactly where they left off.

A very warm welcome also to our four new permanent boarders and their families who have joined us this term: Imogen (Year 6), Archie (Year 7), Fred (Year 7), and Paige (Year 8). We are delighted to have you as part of the Waihi community, and we look forward to getting to know you all in the weeks ahead.

We also extend a warm welcome to our two Boarding Exchange students from Huntley School, Pippa and Fred, who joined us on Monday for the week. This exchange is part of a new initiative aimed at strengthening the relationship between two of New Zealand's leading preparatory schools. It is wonderful to have them here experiencing life at Waihi. We have also received great updates from Charlie and Maggie, who are currently enjoying their time up North at Huntley School as part of the exchange, they are certainly making the most of this unique opportunity!

Just before the holidays, I had the privilege of attending the ISNZ Conference, where one message was clear and resonated deeply with our values here at Waihi: the future of education is less about what students know and more about who they are. Predictions show that in the years ahead, soft skills – resilience, teamwork, adaptability, and empathy – will be the number one thing employers are looking for.

This struck a chord with me because, while technology has made life easier, it has also, ironically, removed many of the natural “social frictions” that once taught us perseverance and patience. Many of us remember waiting all week for the Friday night trip to the video store, only to find our favourite movie already rented, or worse, getting it home and discovering the tape didn't work. We had to knock on a friend's door and ask, “Can you come out to play?” rather than send a text. Even developing a roll of photos meant waiting days to see whether they had come out.

These small frictions were formative. They taught us to cope with disappointment, to compromise, and to try again, all skills our young people still need to learn, even if the context is different.

At Waihi, we are intentional about giving students the chance to learn these lessons. The back end of Term 3 was filled with opportunities where students have been challenged, and in doing so, have shown us who they are:

- Grandparents' Day was a beautiful example of this. The hall was packed to the brim (we even ran out of chairs), and there was a real sense of connection as students proudly toured their grandparents around the school and then played house football matches in front of them. It was a reminder that heritage, continuity, and family involvement are still at the heart of what we do.

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- The Year 8 Otago Rail Trail camp provided some real “grit moments.” They faced challenging conditions but showed determination, teamwork, and humour throughout, supporting one another and returning home tired but proud of what they had achieved. Their resilience was truly impressive.
- We also received a lovely email from a parent following the Aoraki Maths Competition. She was writing to thank our Year 7 team, who, after finishing the competition, stopped to congratulate another school for coming second. Her daughter was surprised at their kindness and sportsmanship, and said their positive attitude made an impact. While it is a shame that such moments stand out as unusual, it is a testament to the character of our students and the values we strive to instil at Waihi.
- Boarding life continues to be a cornerstone of how we grow soft skills here. Living alongside others requires compromise, collaboration, and learning how to resolve differences—the very skills we know will serve these young people well long after they leave our gates.

The strength of character on display was also evident in our recent sporting and cultural successes:

- Koru Games Excellence: Congratulations to our teams on a superb Koru Games showing. The skills, dedication, and sportsmanship of our players resulted in outstanding achievements: Hockey – 2nd, Netball – 3rd, and Football – 12th.
- Flava Festival: Our Kapa Haka group's performance at the Flava Festival was powerful and moving. The commitment of our students to their kapa haka group and their confident performance was a credit to them all.
- Flag Football National Qualification: Congratulations to our Year 7 Flag Football team, who are now regional champions and have qualified for the national tournament! We wish them the very best as they prepare to compete on the national stage.

All of these moments – from grandparents on the sidelines to students navigating gravel roads on a bike – are more than just activities on the calendar. They are our intentional opportunities to grow confident, capable young people who can thrive in a world that will expect them to adapt, empathise, and lead.

Wishing you all a positive and fulfilling remainder of the term ahead.

Ngā mihi nui,

Gareth Wood
Headmaster

The latest Waihi Alumni Newsletter is attached to the same email this School Newsletter is being sent to you on.

Please enjoy reading about some incredible past Waihians.

WAIHI NOTICES

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Welcome to Waihi School & Pyne House

Massive Waihi whanau welcome to:

Immy Ivey	6AR
Archie Jones	7TW
Fred Kearney	7JS
Paige Smith	8JB



School Photographs

Tuesday 14 October 2025

All Cultural, Summer and Winter sports team photos will be taken next week.

All children to be in their **number one uniform, with clean shoes** for this school day.

Formal Uniform (Number Ones)

Boys: Blazer, white shirt, tie, dark grey shorts, long grey socks, black leather shoes

Girls: Blazer, white long-sleeve blouse, tie, winter tartan skort, long navy socks or tights, black leather shoes, tartan scrunchie/hair band

Team photos will be taken with children in their relevant sport uniforms – please ensure they have these kits with them to change into, including the correct socks for each of their sporting codes.

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If you do not wish to order any (or all) of these additional photographs which your child will be appearing in (cost of \$17 each), please email Kat on [executive@waihi.school.nz](mailto:executive@waihi.school.nz) to advise prior to this photo session.

Advising of this early will assist with logistics of ensuring we only supply the 'wanted' photographs and try to avoid any returns.

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## SUMMER UNIFORM

### Term Four 2025 / Term One 2026

The start of Term 4 sees the return of our summer uniform.

If you require any extra uniform items, please place an order via our school website <https://waihi.school.nz/uniforms> or email Stacey on [uniform@waihi.school.nz](mailto:uniform@waihi.school.nz)

**The wearing of Waihi School caps / hats is compulsory for both these terms.**



## Summer Uniform Checklist

Boys: Blazer, light blue Aertex shirt, light grey shorts, jersey, black/brown sandals or grey socks and black lace-up shoes

Girls: Blazer, white short-sleeve blouse, summer check skirt, jersey, black/brown sandals (can be T-bar sandals), Waihi tartan scrunchie/hair band

**Note:** All day students are to wear their Blazer and Tie when travelling to and away from school - this includes the school bus services as well as private transportation.

Some leniency will be given in weeks 1 and 2 as we settle into the new term and ensure all students have all Summer uniform items required.

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## UPCOMING COMMUNITY VISITS

### TIMARU

**DATE:** Wed 22 October 2025

**TIME:** 6:00pm – 8:00pm

**VENUE:** Hector Blacks, Timaru

### WANAKA

**DATE:** Tue 18 November 2025

**TIME:** 6:00pm – 8:00pm

**VENUE:** Edgewater Hotel, Wanaka

Everyone welcome. Whether you are a past, current or future parent, we would love to see you when we are visiting your local area.

This is an informal gathering – we would love to discuss with you how we can best nurture success in your child.

Please email your interest to:  
[executive@waihi.school.nz](mailto:executive@waihi.school.nz)

These events are a combined hosting with Christ's College, St Margaret's College and Waihi School coming together.

## OUTDOOR EDUCATION Term 4 2025

Outdoor education in Term Four will see us in the rivers again. We will not have wet children on the school buses as all vehicles are used for our daily bus services.

We will be changing at the river. Please ensure your daughter or son has a change of clothes, and footwear for all OE sessions.

Because we are changing at the river, just a reminder a 'towelling robe' or a large towel to get changed behind is required.

Thanks  
Mr Brighthouse

## EXEAT WEEKEND

The Exeat weekend this term is Friday 14 November 2025 (no school that day) through to and including Monday 17 November 2025.

Boarders are welcome to return to Pyne House from 5.00pm on Monday 17th, or in time for the start of the school day on Tuesday 18 November 2025.

*PLEASE NOTE:*

*No school on **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November** or  
**Monday 17 November 2025***

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## Waihi School 2025 Production - Frozen Programme Advertising Form



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|------------------------|--|
| 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**

# SAVE THE DATE

## BLOKES BRUNCH~02 NOV 2025



~ WATCH YOUR INBOX ~

An email will follow later this week with a Google Form attached.

Please complete this form to help us with numbers for catering.

# PYNE HOUSE

## START OF TERM FOUR PICS

