

Hello Tena koutou Talofa lava Fakaalofa atu Talofa ni  
Malo e lelei Kia orana Ni sa bula vinaka Malo ni

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## Te Kura o Wairau News



We had the privilege of AJ, from the Police, come along to train our new Road Patrollers for 2021. Our patrollers have a very important job serving our school community and managing the traffic on Somerset Crescent. Thank you AJ and Ka pai new recruits!

### Diamond Awards

Room 4 - Daniel, Filimoto-Grace & Oliver,

Room 1 - Una-Dawn, Xavier, Taylor, Tahlia, Tahi, Peter, Silas, Noah, Mikaere, Katie, Lucian, Bella, Harmony, & Britny

### Ruby Awards

Room 14 - Isaac, Ka'lei, Benjamin & Kaine

Room 2 - Iona, Sarah, Nephi & Kaloline

### Top Cat Class

Room 1

### Emerald Awards

Room 1 - Pomare, Norman-Louis, Feli, Amarleen, Mana, Lucas & Blake

Room 2 - Arihia, Shyla & Aaliyah

Room 4 - Shanti, Malaika, Julian, Atunaisa & Andraez

Room 14 - Lukas & Shannon

### Sapphire Awards

Room 1 - Kruize-Dorothy, Tarzhae & Jade

Room 14 - Mia & Raiha



### Star Staff Award

Mrs Alefaio received the Star Staff Award for all the amazing work she does with the Amanaki Stem Academy and the Reading together programme.

### New school name and tohu/logo

We are all so proud of our new school name 'Te Kura o Wairau'. We are also very proud of our tohu/logo. In this newsletter is an information sheet outlining and describing what our tohu means. This will support you from home when your children want to talk more about what they are learning at our kura.

### New Uniforms

Due to our new school name and being rebranded with a new tohu/logo we are going to begin exploring what our school uniforms could look like early in 2021. We will be asking for our students input and then begin the process of phasing out our current uniforms to then replace them with our new uniforms in due course. This will most probably take most of 2021. I will keep you all in the loop about this and everyone will have ample time to make the change.

### Swimming

We are so very fortunate to have a school swimming pool. Mr Telfer prepared the pool and got the robot cleaning the pool every day until it was ready for all our students to swim in. This term we use the pool every day for fun and for our students to have swimming experiences in preparation for the summer months ahead. Mr Telfer painted the inside of the changing rooms so they now look smarter and cleaner. Thank you Mr Telfer.

### Kahikatea 'Whole School Assembly'

On Friday 20<sup>th</sup> of November our Kahikatea Team led the whole school assembly. Each of the groups that performed shared knowledge and history from Aotearoa and the Pasifika. Thank you to our Senior Team for running this assembly that our school and whanau enjoyed.

### Hau Pihi Graduation Evening & Pasifika Pride Graduation Evenings

On Wednesday the 2<sup>nd</sup> of December we will be having our Hau Pihi Graduation Evening from 4.30pm-6.30pm. On Thursday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of December we will be having our Pasifika Pride Graduation Evening from 6pm -8pm. We want to have these two graduation events during this later time so more whanau and friends can attend and celebrate the achievements the students have made. We hope you can come along and celebrate our students in both these roopu.

### Reports Home & Meet the 2021 Teacher

On Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> December all of our students will receive their reports. There will also be a slip telling you who their teacher will be for 2021 and what class they will be in. On Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December all of the students will visit their 2021 class and teachers from 2pm-2.45pm. This will be the first time the 2021 classes and teachers are together. It is such a valuable time for both parties to gather and have a chance to get to say 'hi' and learn about one another before the beginning of next year.

### UROCK Day

On Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December we have our UROCK Day. This year

we are venturing to the Lido for a day of swimming and water fun. We will leave school by bus at 9.30am and be picked up from the Lido/Esplanade at 2.30pm. We will have a sausage sizzle for the children on this day. Our Kowhai Team will be including a ride on the Esplanade Train and a play in the playground. Well done everyone for achieving this goal for the term.

### Year 6 Graduation

On Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December we will be celebrating alongside our Year 6 Graduates at their Year 6 Graduation Evening. This is a formal occasion for our students. They will be acknowledged and celebrated on this evening amongst all the staff who supported them to this point in their educational journey. We are looking forward to this evening and suggest families and friends take advantage early to capture photos and memories of this day. This evening will run from 5.30 - 8.30pm.

### End of the Year Prizegiving & Leavers Assembly

This year we are trialling something new due to the inclusion of our Year 6 Graduation evening now. On Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December from 1.30-2.55pm we will hold our End of Year Prizegiving & Leavers Assembly. Please come along and celebrate alongside us all as we celebrate and congratulate those who are awarded our school trophies and certificates.

Nga mihi nui  
Teena Johnson  
Tumuaki/Principal

## Welcome

We would like to welcome Cadence and her family to the Te Kura o Wairau community.

## School App

In the future if you need to contact school or report an absence please phone 3543274, 0800 45 44 44, email us or download the School App, and report the absence that way.



## Coming Events

28 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Pasifika group performing
2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec	Board of Trustees Meeting @ 5.30pm in the staffroom - All welcome
2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec	Hau Pihi Graduation 4.30pm-6.30pm
3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec	Pasifika group performing
3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec	Pasifika Pride Graduation 6pm-8pm
4 <sup>th</sup> Dec	U ROCK Day
9 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Public Health Nurse visits @ 12pm
11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Year 6 Leavers Dinner - 5.30-8.30pm
14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Prizegiving & Leavers Assembly 1.30pm
15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Last day of Term 4 - School finishes at 12.30pm
3 <sup>rd</sup> Feb 2021	First Day of Term 1 2021



## Sports News

### Touch Rugby -

**Under 8's** - Players of the Day' for Under 8s on the 6<sup>th</sup> of November were Maihi & Te Ahumairangi. On the 13<sup>th</sup> of November Players of the Day were Waimarie & Richard.

**Under 12's** - Player of the game for Touch for 6<sup>th</sup> of November was Andraez and the team won the first game 7-0. Player of the game for the second game was Katie and we won the 2nd game 8-1.

For the 13<sup>th</sup> of November the first game for the Under 12's was a win, 5-4 and the Player of the game was Noah. The second game a draw 5-5 and the Player of the game was Pyro.

It was lovely to hear the referee was really impressed with the Under 12 teams conduct and came and talked to them about their amazing behaviour. Well done team!

The Under 8's and Under 10's play at 4pm and 4.30pm every week. The Under 12's play at 5pm & 5.30pm every week.

Touch finals will be played on the 5<sup>th</sup> of December from 9am-1pm.

Please pay the \$25 for Touch at the office asap.

Thank you to all coaches and parents who help out with these teams

### Flipperball -

Congratulations to the following two students who won 'Player of the Day' recently - Crusade - 4th November & Jordan - 11th November

**Team Reminder:** fees are due. Please pay ASAP or see Ms Etuale or Whaea Lisa to make arrangements.

## Pasifika Pride Upcoming Performances...

Talofa Ni! Manuia Te Vaiaho Gagana Tokelau. This term we have 2 more performances coming up.

Please pop the following 2 performances in your calendar.

Further notices will be out, closer to the time...

The first event is a performance at the Amanaki STEM Academy Awards in 4 weeks, of which a number of past students are members. It is on a Saturday afternoon.

The last event is our final performance for the year. It is our Pasifika Pride Concert and Year 6 Graduation. We hope to see all of our families at this performance and celebration.

Amanaki STEM Academy  
Awards

Saturday, 28th November  
Crossroads Church 2pm

Pasifika Pride Graduation  
& Concert

Thursday, 3rd December  
Te Kura O Wairau 6pm

Manuia te aho  
Julie Etuale

## Year 6 Graduation Dinner

Our Year 6 dinner is fast approaching (3 weeks to go). It is strictly for Year 6 students, selected helpers, and staff only.

Please note, this is a **formal occasion**. Students are expected to dress up, and a dress-code will be in place (e.g. dress pants, shirt & tie/ dress, pants suit). It is not a compulsory part of our curriculum. Nor is it a right. It is an extra, and an invitation is required. It is free to attendees. It is a celebration of our Year 6 students. We would want all of them to be a part of this special event.

If there is an issue with the dress code, i.e. you are unable to dress your child formally, please see one of the Kahikatea teachers ASAP - but within the next 3 weeks, and we will see what we can do.

We cannot help you if you leave it till the last minute!

### Clothing Required

Do you have dressy (formal) kids clothes, you no longer need? Would they fit a Kahikatea student?

Kahikatea are currently on the lookout for donations of formal-wear (pants, shirts, ties, suits, dresses, jumpsuits, pants-suits, dress shoes, etc.)



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For further information pop in and see us.

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The end of Term 4 is approaching quickly and while that means long summer holidays are around the corner, at Variety we're already thinking about what kids need to start Term 1 ready to learn.

We continue to have generous Kiwis sign up to sponsor children, and we know there are lots of kids in need of help with the basics like school uniforms, stationery and extra-curricular activities.

So NOW is a great time for families/whānau to sign up to Kiwi Kid Sponsorship to ensure kids and young people have everything they need over the holidays and for Term 1 - 2021. Getting organised now means Variety has enough time to process a child's application and find them a sponsor so they can access their funding in time for the new school year.

Applications are all [online](#) and easy to complete.

If you know of any children who could benefit from sponsorship, or siblings of those already on the programme aged 4-17, please encourage them, and assist where possible to submit an application [online](#) or by using the [Sibling Request Form](#).

All children who are NZ citizens or residents aged 4-17 are eligible for KKS and there is no limit on the number of kids sponsored in a family.

Check out our [FAQs](#), email us at [kiwikids@variety.org.nz](mailto:kiwikids@variety.org.nz) or call us at 09 520 4111 to discuss.

Thank you for your on-going support of the Kiwi Kid Sponsorship programme. Without you, our team would not be able to support more than 5,500 children and young people across New Zealand every day.

Ngā mihi nui,  
The Kiwi Kid Sponsorship Team

### Dental Treatment

The Mobile Dental clinic will be at our school later in the year.  
You can still contact them if your child needs treatment on 0800 talk teeth - 027 6695117 .

### School Facebook page

Have a look at our Kowhai, Rata and Kahikatea teams facebook pages. Each team has their own page and regularly puts photos and exciting news of what is happening in their teams and around the school. Search for them: Somerset Kowhai Team, Somerset Rata Team, Somerset Kahikatea Team.

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**PLEASE remember to ring us if your child is going to be away from school for any reason.**

**Contact us on 3543274 or 0800 45 44 44 or download the school app (pictured below) and leave a message.**

**If you do not inform us when your child/children are away from school, they will be marked as TRUANT.**

**If you have a change of address or your phone number changes, please let the office know.**

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### The Voice of Christmas: WIN A SMART BEDROOM!!

This Christmas morning on Newstalk ZB - it's "The Voice of Christmas" singing competition... on the 'Crazy Kiwi Christmas Kids Show'... If you can sing, and you're under 13, call **0800 THE VOICE** (that's **0800 843 864**) and sing a Christmas carol or Christmas song as your audition. The grand prize? The ultimate smart bedroom bundle complete with an Amazon Echo Plus smart speaker and Alexa-enabled smart coloured light bulbs! Then tune in on Christmas morning to Newstalk ZB from 6am, to see if you've won!

### Lost Property

Please check the lost property boxes if you have lost anything. You can find lost property to the right of the entrance to the office (at the back of Room 3). Please make sure you name all your items of clothing.