

It is important to contact the school if your child is absent. Unexplained absences are of concern. A reminder that in order for our students to receive the best education possible, they need to be at school every day. MOE now requests our attendance register on a daily basis. We will be sending home reports on your child/children's attendance on a regular basis. We look forward to a year of regular attendance to allow teachers to deliver learning programs on a daily basis. Please do our tamariki a favour by insisting they attend daily. Thank you in advance!!

Overall attendance has improved during the second half of this term. Thank you to those parents who are reporting an absence. This is much appreciated.

HOW TO REPORT AN ABSENCE? - choose one of the following options

1. Phone us on (09) 4053901	2. Lodge an absentee form via the Skoop Loop app	3. Email our Principal on principal@waima.school.nz
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UP & COMING EVENTS

Wednesday, 25th June	Rippa Rugby at Rawene School - Yr5&6 <i>*New date set due event being postponed on Wednesday, 28th May</i>
Friday, 27th June	Last day of Term 2 Half day - Early finish @12pm
Monday, 14th July	First day of Term 3
Thursday, 31st July	Hokianga Interschool Cross Country - Waima School will be hosting
Wednesday, 17th September	Cultural Festival - Waima School will be hosting We would like to offer our community an opportunity to fundraise on this day. There will be limited stall food stall space available. If you would like to fundraise for your club then please contact the school office. If you have a club that you would like to fundraise for, then please contact the school office with the following details. Your name, name of club, food that you would like to sell. This will avoid doubling up on stalls. There will be no cost to have your stall on site. Waima school will be selling sausage sizzle, pies, popcorn, cold drinks and iceblocks.
Friday, 19th September	Last day of Term 3

Monday, 6th October	First day of Term 4
Thursday, 23rd October	Marae Noho
Monday, 27th October	Labour Day - SCHOOL CLOSED due to public holiday
Friday, 10th December	Last day of Term 4
2026 - Term 1 11th - 13th February 2026	School Camp - Lonsdale Park
Friday, 27th February 2026	School visit to Waitangi Treaty Grounds
2026 - Term 3 Year 6, 7, 8 Snow Trip 14th - 18th September 2026	<p>Cost - \$300.00 per student/attendee. Automatic payments can be set up at any stage before this trip. Families have done this in the past and have found this easier than trying to find \$300.00 a few weeks before departure. Our school bank account details are below:</p> <p>Account Name: WAIMA SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES Account Number: 12-3097-0205558-01 Please use your child's name as a 'reference' and <u>SNOW</u> as the 'code' when processing payment.</p> <p>Further information about this trip will be distributed in due course. Please contact the school if you are unsure of your child/ren's year level and feel free to email any payment related queries to admin@waima.school.nz</p>

SCHEDULED 2025 BOT MEETING DATES	
TERM 3	TERM 4
7th August & 4th September	23rd October & 27th November

Please ensure your child's clothing is named. Some students have absolutely no idea what clothing they have worn to school that morning! Each day we hold clothes up. After two weeks the clothes are washed and given out to whoever would like to wear them. We would throw out on an average of 8 pairs of socks per week.

Some of our students are arriving at school extremely tired, which in turn causes them to be grumpy with their peers and they find it difficult to play a game fairly. Please ensure your children get regular sleep of between 9-10 hours per night. We know some of our students are up until 1.00am gaming with each other, then waking at 4.00am to continue gaming before school.

A few photos from our Matariki mā Pūangā Celebration last week (18th June 2025)



Tupu Tuakana

A huge thank you to all the whanau that came to our Matariki Day celebration. The students all worked hard on their learning leading up to this day and were proud to show off their efforts.



Aaliyah



Marley



William



Thyme



Mana



Jaydah

A long time ago when there was no light or space in the world.

Ranginui and Papatuanuku got separated from each other.

Tawhirimatea, the atua of the winds, was very, very angry because he didn't want Ranginui and Papatuanuku to be separated. Then he and his brothers had a big fight.

Tawhirimatea crushed his eyes and put his eyes in the heavens. His eyes turned into stars.

The name of the stars is Matariki.

Jaydah

A long time ago when the Sky Father and the Earth Mother were hugging each other the kids were unhappy so they pushed with all their might. Their parents were sad.

Tawhirimatea was very angry with his brothers so Tawhirimatea and his brothers fought.

Tawhirimatea lost, he was angry so he crushed his eyes and he threw his eyes into the sky.

And we call them Matariki.

Jarell

A long time ago there was no light or space in the world. There was no space and the kids had to split their parents apart.

Tawhirimatea was very, very angry because his brothers had pushed their parents apart.

The brothers had a fight and Tumatauenga defeated Tawhirimatea.

Then Tawhirimatea pulled his eyes out and chucked them into the sky. His eyes turned into stars. The name of the stars is Matariki.

Aavei

Puawai

It's the last week of term 2. Things have been very busy in Puawai over the past couple of weeks. What a great time we had last week. Below are pages from the retelling of the stories of Matariki.

Maria

Tyriarn

Eventually Manaia found her way home and said thanks to Hiwa i te Rangi. Hiwa i te Rangi then said your welcome well anyways it's time for me to go home and prepare for Matariki tomorrow as well it was nice meeting you now bye. But before Hiwa i te Rangi could go Manaia yelled out saying wait. Just as Hiwa i te Rangi was about to leave she said yes Manaia what's wrong. said I want to know a little more about you can you please tell me Hiwa i te Rangi then said okay. Hiwa i te Rangi started saying well every year when it's Matariki look up into the skies and wave me and my family will see you. Manaia then said okay Hiwa i te Rangi bye. Now every when it's Matariki Manaia looks up into the sky smiling and waving as a thank you and remembering how Hiwa i te Rangi helped her find her way home.

THE END



Some people think that Tāwhirimātea crushed his eyes and threw his eyes up in the sky. Others think that patupaiarehe who married Mitai's brothers and were evil were carried in the the haven by Mitia when he transformed into an albatross and flying into the haven. But I know what really happened.



Douglas



He got up and ran again like always. Nana said, "watch out, don't fall again you might get hurt Tay'Jahn".
"Oh okay Nana, me and Tu are gonna get our warm clothes for eeling," said Tay'Jahn.

Payton

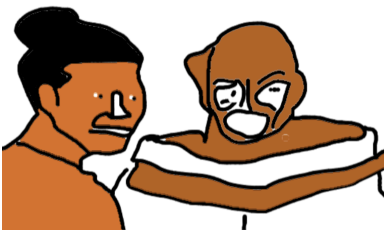


She was a nice girl. Hana and Puanga did everything together.

Tūmatauenga



They were looking at themselves and could see the difference of how they were looked now compared to before. They called the other brothers and they went to look at themselves. Mitai was the only one who looked better and stronger. The brothers were all sad an did not like how they looked. They were all hungry and thirsty so they snuck up to the villagers to get kai and a drink.

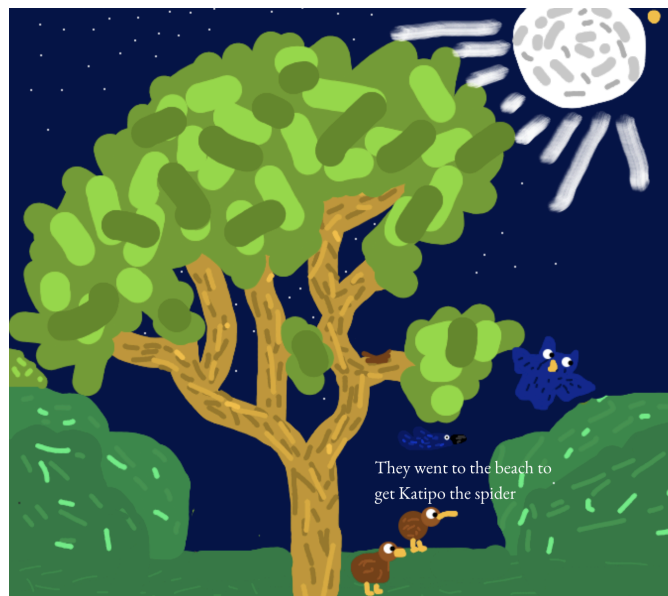


Raymin



Rastafari

Hezekiah



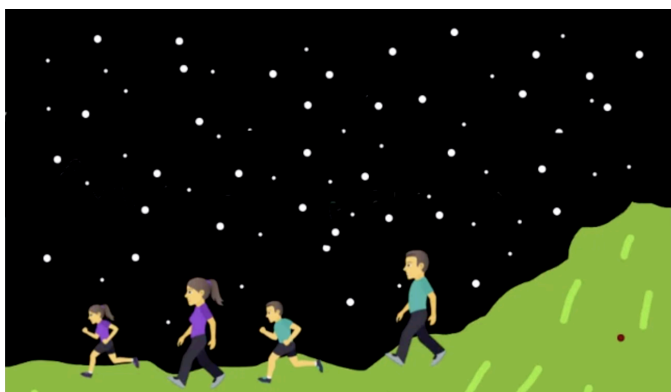
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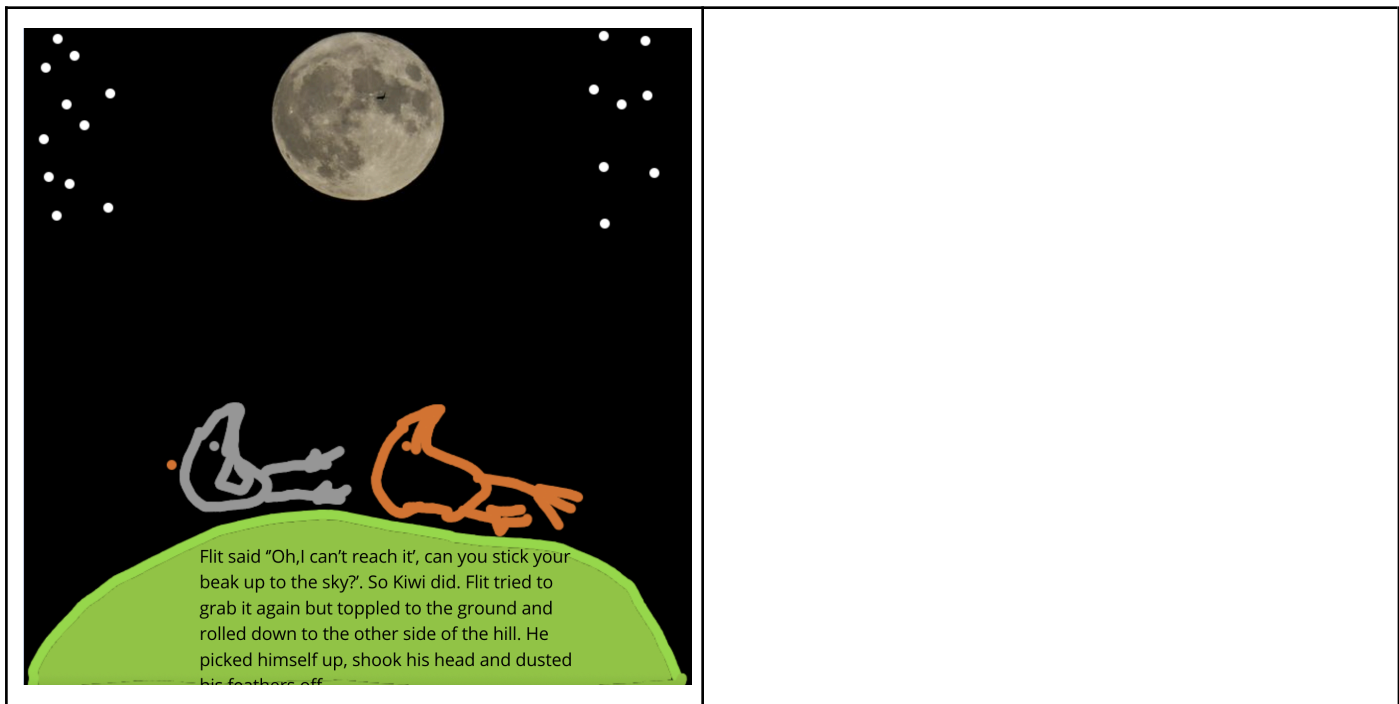


Chaise



Amelia





PB4L

During weeks 9 & 10 our focus is on **Aroha**.

Skill/Rule

We show aroha in every part of our day when we respectfully relate to others; awhi & tautoko.

Learning Focus

- To show aroha in all areas of our day

Actions

When showing aroha, I:

- Build positive relationships
- Effectively lead others with confidence
- Own my behaviour and take responsibility for the consequences of my choices
- Take ownership for learning
- Show understanding and tolerance toward others
- Support and care for self and others

W A I M A



Remember to use our website to keep updated about school information - www.waima.school.nz

We also have a Waima School Facebook group. You can find this group by following this link <https://www.facebook.com/groups/400262154975410>, alternatively you can search for Waima School and you will find the page under the groups section.

Important Notice about Road Safety

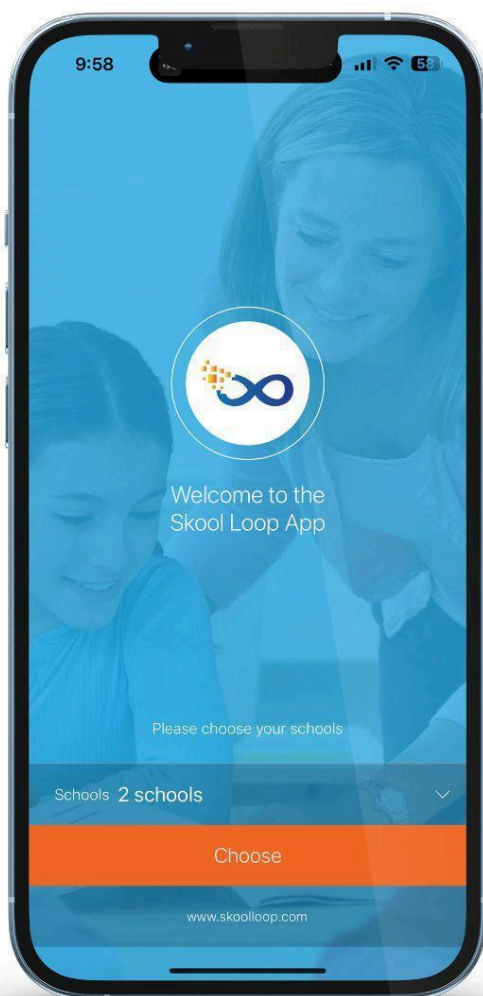
Reminders for parents and caregivers:

- *Caregivers are responsible for safely transporting their children to and from their school bus stop and as such are best placed to decide the safest way to do this.*
- *Stick to the speed limit: it's 20kph when passing a stopped school bus (on either side of the road).*
 - *Drop your tamariki off on the same side of the road as the bus stop.*
 - *Teach your tamariki to always get out of the car on the side closest to the curb.*
 - *Always take your tamariki to and from the bus-stop.*
 - *Teach your tamariki not to run across the road.*
 - *Remind your tamariki on how to keep safe boarding and disembarking the bus:*
 - *While waiting at the bus stop, keep well back from the road.*
 - *Wait until the bus has completely stopped and the door opens before getting on.*
- *After getting off the bus, stand well back from the road and wait until the bus has gone and you can see clearly before moving.*

The New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA) has safety advice that on their website that you may find useful: [Safety on buses | NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi](#).

Jenny Colebrook (Principal)

Downloading the Skool Loop app a step by step guide



Once you have downloaded the Skool Loop App, via either your Google Play or App store, please follow the below instructions to select your school

1. Open the Skool Loop App – you will land on a welcome page.
2. Click the 'Select your schools' this will bring you to a menu you can either search your school or follow the country/region prompts.
3. Once you reach your school, select it with the tick on the righthand side. You can select as many schools as required.
4. Tap the 'select schools' button in the top right corner.
5. Tap the big orange choose button. This will load your school and bring you to the settings page.
6. Subscribe to the groups that are relevant to you, then click the 'go back' button on your phone, which will bring you to the main screen of your schools app.
7. Use the circular arrow button at the top of the main screen to toggle between your chosen schools.

NEED MORE HELP OR INFORMATION?
Call Skool Loop on 0800 238 379



Submitting Absentees

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Download **The Skool Loop App**. A simple 100% free download: In Google Play & App Store search 'Skool Loop' & choose our school once installed.

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Tap the Absentee button

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If you have multiple schools selected tap on the Switch School icon to select the correct school

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Choose Absentee Form to fill out your details on the app

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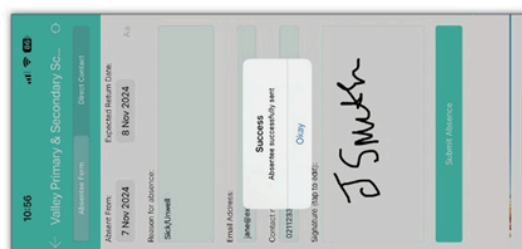
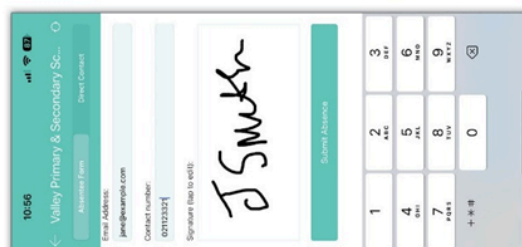
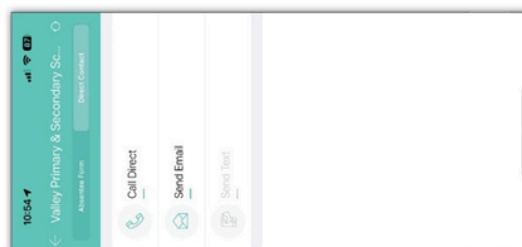
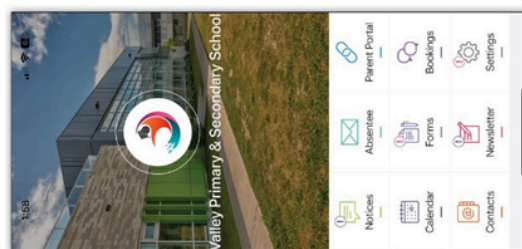
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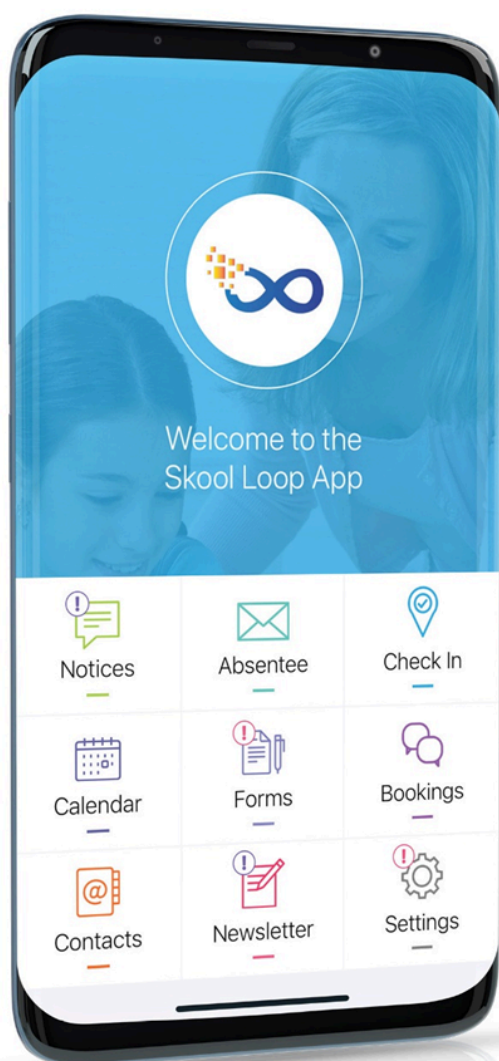
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You will receive a Success notification



HOW TO SUBSCRIBE TO NOTICE GROUPS



TO JOIN YOUR SKOOL LOOP APP NOTICE GROUPS, SIMPLY FOLLOW THE STEPS BELOW:

- 1. Go to the 'Settings' tile in the bottom right hand corner of the Home Screen**
- 2. Go to 'Subscribe to groups'**
- 3. Tap to select the group/s you would like to receive notifications from**
- 4. You're good to go - you will now receive all notices sent to the groups you have subscribed to**

Waima School

School Board Elections

Parent Election Notice (notify community)

Nominations are open for the election of 4 parent representatives to the school board.

All eligible voters will receive a nomination form. Use this form to nominate yourself or someone in your community. You will also receive a nomination cover letter calling for nominations. Information on who is not eligible to be a board member is provided with this notice, and the nomination form.

If you need more nomination forms, contact the school office.

Nominations close at **noon** on *Friday, 8th August 2025*. You may provide a signed candidate statement and photograph with your nomination.

The electoral roll is held at the school and can be viewed during normal school hours.

As nominations are received, there will be a list of candidates' names kept at the school up until election day, which you can view.

Voting closes at **4pm** on *Friday, 12th September 2025*.

Signed



Jahlene Kire
Returning Officer

People who are not eligible to be school board members

The following people are not eligible to be school board members.

A person who:

- is an undischarged bankrupt; or
- is prohibited from being a director or promoter of, or being concerned or taking part in the management of, an incorporated or unincorporated body under the [Companies Act 1993](#), or the [Financial Markets Conduct Act 2013](#), or the [Takeovers Act 1993](#); or
- is a permanently appointed member of the Board staff, unless they are standing for election as a staff representative; or
- contracts or sub-contracts with the Board without the approval of the Secretary of Education and receives payments exceeding \$25,000 in any financial year. This would also cover situations where a person has a 10% or more shareholding in the contracting company or a company that controls the contracting company; or
- is subject to a property order under the [Protection of Personal and Property Rights Act 1988](#); or
- has been convicted of a specified offence identified in [Schedule 2](#) of the Children's Act 2014, unless that person has obtained a pardon or been granted an exemption; or
- is a person in respect of whom a personal order has been made under that Act that either the person is not competent to manage his or her own property affairs, or does not have the capacity to communicate/make decisions relating to his/her welfare/personal care; or
- is a person who has been convicted of an offence punishable by imprisonment for 2 years or more, or who has been sentenced to imprisonment for any other offence, unless that person has obtained a pardon, served the sentence, or otherwise suffered the penalty imposed on the person; or
- is not a New Zealand citizen, **and** is –
 - a person to whom [section 15](#) or [16](#) of the Immigration Act 2009 applies; or
 - a person obliged, by or pursuant to that Act, to leave New Zealand immediately or within a specified time, being a time that was less than 12 months; or
 - deemed for the purposes of that Act to be in New Zealand unlawfully.

A returning officer for an election (or by elections) of board members is not eligible to be nominated as a candidate in that election.

For more information:

- see clauses 9 and 10 of [Schedule 23](#) of the Education and Training Act 2020 (the list below is a summary of these clauses).
- call NZSBA Advisory and Support Centre 0800 782 435, option 1.