



WAIKAIA SCHOOL

NURTURE, ENRICH, INSPIRE

14 August 2026

Over the last two weeks, we have been treated to some fantastic speeches from students in the Waikaia Room and Switzers Room. It was great to see our tamariki show courage as they stood in front of their peers and delivered their speeches with confidence. We are incredibly proud of the effort they put into preparing and presenting their work.

A big congratulations to Monty, Aaron, Alfie, and Darcy, who will now progress to the next round of the speech competition. We wish them all the very best! A huge thank you also to Dianne Smith, Jocelyn McKee, and Tom Clark, who kindly gave up their time to judge the Switzers Room speeches. We really appreciate your support of our students and school.

Last Wednesday, we also launched our new Gardening Club with the support of Ceilia Watkins. It was fantastic to see the students getting involved and getting their hands dirty! We're looking forward to watching our garden grow over the coming months, along with our students' gardening knowledge and skills. A big thank you to Ceilia for sharing her time and expertise with our tamariki.



Policies up for review

With a new term comes a new round of policy reviews. These are an important part of ensuring our school's practices remain up to date and reflect our community's needs.

You can access our policies through the school website by clicking on the Policies and Procedures tab. This will take you to our School Docs page—once there, click on Current Review to see which policies are open for feedback.

Thank You

Ceilia Watkins - volunteering at Gardening Club

Warmest regards,
Phillipus Gerber

Upcoming events:

Daffodil Day - Friday 28 August

School Website



School Facebook





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DAFFODIL DAY 2026



COME JOIN US

- RAFFLES
- WHITE ELEPHANT STALL
- BBQ LUNCH
- GAMES
- ART SALE
- CHOCOLATE WHEEL

12:30 START



TICKETS ON SALE NOW!



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Gore Musical Theatre
Present's
The Mataura Licensing Trust's
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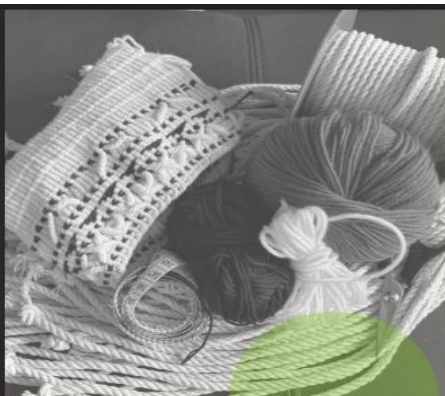


★ 27th - 29th August 2026 ★



7pm
Thu 27th
Fri 28th
Sat 29th

3pm
Sat 29th



BACK TO BASICS IN TĀNIKO WEAVING

6 Week Course

28 JULY,
4, 11, 18, 25 AUGUST
1 SEPTEMBER

Evenings
Course

6pm - 8.30pm

30 JULY,
6, 13, 20, 27 AUGUST
3 SEPTEMBER

10am - 12.30pm

Day Time
Course

SOUTHERN REAP GORE
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