



Waikaia School



*We are kind
We are responsible
We do our Best*

26th February 2025

Dear Whānau,

It's been a busy week. We have completed our first round of standardised assessments in Reading and Mathematics. These assessments provide valuable insights into each student's progress, helping us identify strengths and areas where further support may be needed. The results will guide our teaching, ensuring that learning is targeted and effective for all students. By using this data, we can tailor our classroom programmes to meet individual needs and track progress throughout the year.

The Senior Room has been introduced to Writer's Toolbox, an online platform designed to support students in developing their writing skills. It provides structured guidance, real-time feedback, and interactive tools to help students improve their vocabulary, sentence structure, and overall writing quality. This programme encourages independent learning while also allowing teachers to provide targeted support. We are excited to see how our students grow as writers with this new tool!

Last Friday, we had our first swimming block for the term, where students worked on basic water skills and confidence in the pool. Next week, we begin our two-week REAP Swimming Programme, which will provide structured lessons to help students develop their water safety and swimming abilities. This is a fantastic opportunity for all students to build their confidence and skills in the water.

Our tamariki will be representing our school at Waimea Athletics tomorrow. We wish all our students the best as they compete and give their best effort! Keep an eye on our Facebook page for photos of the event, and we'll share a full recap in next week's newsletter.

We still have spots available for the First Aid training and need a few more people to meet the minimum threshold. Email me at principal@waikaia.school.nz

Ngā mihi,
Phillipus Gerber

Programme 2025 Waimea Athletics Sports

**At the Riversdale Sports Grounds on
Thursday 27th February**

This programme is subject to change without notification, depending on how the day progresses. **Postponement date: Friday 28th February**



Note: Ages are taken on 31st December of the year before.

Roles

Junior Programme Lynette King Sofia Wall Kylie Tayles Georgia Callander Natasha Humphrey Kirsty Bryan Jacqui Burgess Katie King Parent Volunteers	Discus Jo Smith Phillipus Gerber Parent Volunteers	Long Jump Meg Cloete Adele McCallum Parent Volunteers	Shot Put Jo Bright Andrea Holt Parent Volunteers	High Jump Marion Frei Sarah McClintock Parent Volunteers	Track Start Marshall Michelle Houghton Results Janelle Horrell Finish Line Bronwyn McCall Parent Volunteers
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First Aid - Debbie Schriek

Canteen - Balfour Home and School

Equipment

Please see attached information.



NB – Footwear essential for shot put.



Programme 2025 Waiwera Athletics Sports

Some food will be available to be purchased at the sports grounds on this day.

This programme is subject to change without notification, depending on how the day progresses.

Postponement day: Friday 28th February

Time/Date: 9:00am Thursday 27th February 2025 (8.30am if running 1500m)

Venue: Riversdale Sports Grounds

Children who wish to run in the 1500m event, this will start at 8:45am before all the events.

Children will need to be there 15 minutes before start time.

All students assemble in the middle of the running track in their age groups at 8.55am.

5 and 6 year olds are then taken to the junior programme.

After lunch all students will assemble in their age group on the inside of the track ready for sprint finals.

Time	7 Year Olds	8 Year Olds	9 Year Olds	10 Year Olds	11/12 Years
8:45am				1500m Assemble at the *1500 Georgia Callander Bronwyn McCall	
9:00am	Assemble with Michelle Houghton	Assemble with Marion Frei	Assemble with Meg Cloete	Assemble with Jo Smith	Assemble with Adele McCallum
Children move when their event is completed. NB there is no bell	Discus	Long Jump	100/200m	High Jump	Shot Put
	Long Jump	Shot Put	Discus	100/200m	High Jump
	Shot Put	High Jump	Long Jump	Discus	100/200m
	High Jump	60/100m	Shot	Long Jump	Discus
	60/100m	Discus	High Jump	Shot	Long Jump
800m (final) 10 years and up					
Lunch Break (approx 12.30)					
Please make sure that you take lunch and plenty of water to drink. The length of this break depends largely on the weather. Food is available to be purchased.					
All Sprint Finals including preschool and 5 and 6 year olds (children to sit on inside of track behind their age group sign)					

NB – Footwear is essential for shot put competitors.

Waimea Athletics Junior Programme 27th February 2025

All students assemble in the middle of the running track behind their age group signs at 8.55am.

9.00am - go to junior area

Warm up dances

Split children into their groups

9.30am 1st Rotation (Approx 15mins each rotation)

<u>Time</u>	<u>Discus</u> Sofia Wall and Jacqui Burgess	<u>Long Jump</u> Kylie Tayles and Natasha Humphrey	<u>Shot Put</u> Lynette King and Katie King	<u>High Jump</u> Georgia Callander and Kirsty Bryan
<u>9.30am</u>	Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4
<u>9.45am</u>	Group 4	Group 1	Group 2	Group 3
<u>10.00am</u>	Group 3	Group 4	Group 1	Group 2
<u>10.15am</u>	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4	Group 1

Morning tea (Approx) 10.35am – 10.50am

Gather back at junior area for second rotation

11.00am 2nd Rotation (Approx 15mins each rotation)

<u>Time</u>	<u>Obstacle course</u> Sofia Wall and Jacqui Burgess	<u>Rob the nest</u> Kylie Tayles and Natasha Humphrey	<u>Sponge race</u> Lynette King and Katie King	<u>Sprint races</u> Georgia Callander and Kirsty Bryan
<u>11.00am</u>	Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4
<u>11.15am</u>	Group 4	Group 1	Group 2	Group 3
<u>11.30am</u>	Group 3	Group 4	Group 1	Group 2
<u>11.45am</u>	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4	Group 1

12pm Prize giving

12.15pm (Approx) = Lunch Time (length of lunch break depends on how long senior programme takes to complete)

After lunch line back up behind age group signs – Preschool Races and 5 and 6 year old sprints will be on the main running track.