



# WAIKĀIA SCHOOL

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3rd of April 2025

Dear Whānau,

This week, we held our Parent-Teacher Conferences, and it was fantastic to connect with whānau to share our students' progress so far this year. These conversations are such an important part of supporting each child's learning journey.

It was a great opportunity to celebrate successes and set clear goals to help our tamariki continue growing and thriving throughout the rest of the academic year. Thank you to all the parents and caregivers who made the time to attend and engage in these valuable discussions.

Health New Zealand recommends getting immunised against the flu for everyone aged 6 months and over. The vaccine is free for those who have a health condition that may mean they are at risk of getting very sick from a flu infection. This includes pregnant people and those aged over 65 years. Check with your medical provider for eligibility. Upon request, I can share links to check and to book online. Let me know if you need any further information.

New Zealand is at risk of a measles outbreak and immunisation is our best line of defence. When you have your flu or whooping cough vaccines, your vaccinator can also check that you are fully protected against measles.

Daylight savings kicks in this weekend. Remember to change your clock.

**“Regular attendance is an essential part of giving children the best possible start in life”**

Together with our community and whanau lets help make this happen

**SOUTHERN REAP ATTENDANCE SERVICE**



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It was recently pointed out to me that I haven't properly introduced myself and my family yet—my apologies for the delay! So, here we are—the Gerber family. I'm Phillipus, and alongside me are my wonderful wife Reanda, our son Paul, and our daughter Maricke.

We are thoroughly enjoying life here in Waikaia and feel incredibly lucky to be part of such a welcoming and supportive community. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who has helped make our transition smooth and enjoyable. We're looking forward to many more great moments together!





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## Teacher Aide Vacancy

Waikaia School is seeking a caring and committed Teacher Aide to join our supportive team. This permanent position is for 3 days per week during term time and involves working alongside teachers to support the learning and wellbeing of our tamariki.

We are a small rural school with strong community values and a positive, inclusive culture. The successful applicant will:

- Work collaboratively with teachers to support students in their learning
- Show empathy and build positive relationships with children
- Be flexible, reliable, and proactive
- Have excellent communication and organisational skills
- Ideally have previous experience as a Teacher Aide (though not essential)

Start date is start of Term 2 (Monday, 28<sup>th</sup> of April). Remuneration will be in line with the Teacher Aide Pay Equity Settlement.

Applications close: Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> of April 2025

To apply:

Please send a cover letter and CV to:

Phillipus Gerber – [principal@waikaia.school.nz](mailto:principal@waikaia.school.nz)

# Rugby Registrations 2025

Rugby registrations are now open for 2025, there is a new system this year called rugby xplorer. To register your child you can either download the app or go to the website below

<https://myaccount.rugbyexplorer.com.au/>

Please note when ; when it asks who you are playing for make sure you choose 'Riversdale Rugby Club' not the school as both options are available. Any questions please contact - [Muffler 0272916470](tel:0272916470)



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