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WAITOKI SCHOOL

Waitoki School was established in 1924 and has a long and proud history. It is a place where students develop memories, friendships and morals. Our school vision is to empower students to become adaptive, creative, curious lifelong learners who confidently achieve excellence through integrity and perseverance by displaying our school GOAT values (Grit, Ownership, Acceptance and Tolerance).

From country beginnings the school has expanded to the semi-rural school of over 200 students that it is today. Ministry of Education projections estimate the school roll will continue to grow as the metropolis of Auckland expands north with several large subdivisions being built just outside the school's zone.

Our school is a full primary that provides quality education for students from Years 1-8. This continuous education has allowed the school to develop an atmosphere that we believe produces well rounded students ready for their secondary education and beyond. High standards of conduct and responsibility are expected of all our students. In addition, the senior children are expected to take on leadership roles within the school, in which they thrive.

Our aim is to develop confident, open minded thinkers who possess a positive attitude. ICT is incorporated into learning for senior classes with students given the opportunity to 'Bring Your Own Device' (BYOD) in years 6-8.

We have very dedicated staff members who strive to unlock the potential in every student as we grow lifelong learners. We have just been awarded our Bronze Enviro School qualification, thanks to an active and productive Enviro Group led by teachers and parents within the school.

Waitoki School is fortunate in having an active and willing parent community. The Board of Trustees, along with our supportive community, work extremely hard and are very committed to supporting our school and students. Our Parent Whanau and Kapa Haka groups are growing from strength to strength.

The school runs a number of diverse fundraising events throughout the year ranging from Meet the Teacher BBQ, social evenings, High Tea through to the school Ag Day. Ag Day is a major school and community focus and an opportunity for our students to showcase their animal husbandry, artistic and

construction skills. Each year our fundraising team contributes thousands of dollars to the school and this has been greatly appreciated by the school.

We are fortunate to have very attractive grounds and facilities including a large hall, swimming pool, astroturf, adventure playground and an outdoor learning environment. The field space is greatly valued by the school and despite the projected growth the BOT envision keeping the field space. The school has a school house that is currently rented out for a nominal income.

Sporting opportunities and experiences are prolific for Waitoki School students. Healthy exercise is part of the programme within the school environment. As part of the Kaipara Kahui Ako students from Waitoki regularly have the opportunity to compete against their peers at school and inter-school events ranging from swimming, cross country and athletics through to team sports. Our students also have access to other sports such as netball, triathlons, hockey, touch rugby, rippa rugby etc. Senior students have the opportunity to participate in the William Pike Challenge each year to strengthen their leadership, responsibility, creativity, social skills and community involvement. The Year 7 and 8 students travel to Kaipara College for their Technology classes of BioTech, Hard Materials, Soft Materials and FoodTech. Our students also regularly enjoy success in inter-school speech and Future Problem Solving (FPS) competitions.