

# WISDOM

## Wainuiomata Intermediate School

### Issue #5 - `Akuhata 2026

**Kia ora koutou e te whānau o te kura,**

Term 3 started with our Learning Conferences and thank you to everyone who made the effort to come. The day time slots didn't suit everyone and we will probably go back to the late night version to try and better accommodate everyone.

Our Fun Run at the end of last Term raised over \$15,000 dollars for new Library furniture and books. The student council are involved with selecting both, and we look forward to a grand re-imagining of our library space.

Our opportunities to try something new continue and so far this Term we have had science labs at Wainuiomata High School, Inter-Intermediate Netball, Blake Virtual Reality Science, Tongan Language Week, Speech Showcase, We hosted Intermediate Rocks, put on the Glowshow, and last week won the Inter Intermediate League 9's tournament!

Pictures from the Glowshow!, Intermediate Rocks! and the Science Roadshow are on the next page.

We know that at this age and stage finding your identity and forming a self image about who you are and who your people are is crucial, and if our students can get an idea that they are an artist, or a musician, a scientist or just be more comfortable in their culture, it pays off big time at high school because they have some self identity to anchor them.

Encourage your child to get involved in some of the opportunities we have on offer and they might find that spark that starts them on the journey to who they might become.

Despite the flu greatly affecting attendance this term, we have had 59 students who were here 100% of the time, so far! Those students still on 100% at the end of term will go into a draw for a prize.

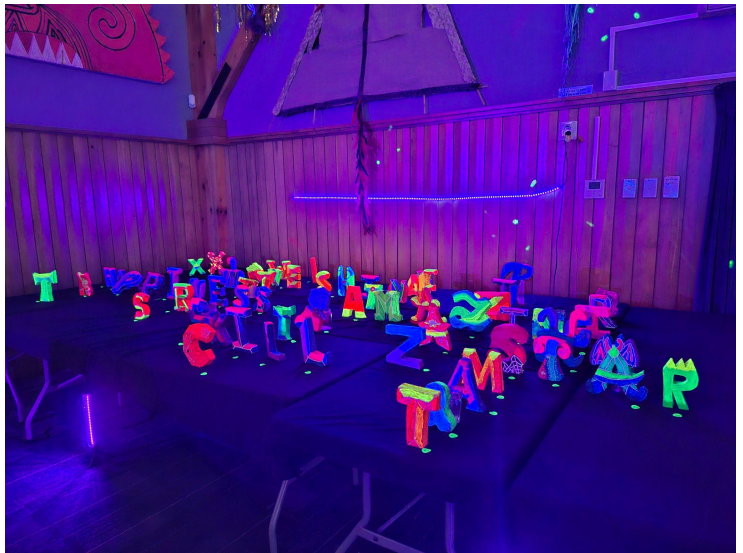
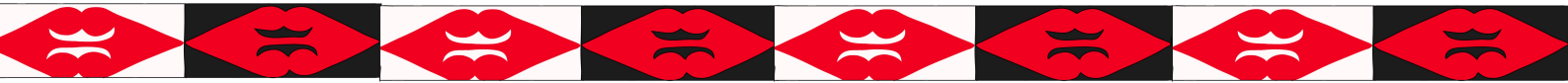
We have the election coming up next term and students will be learning a bit about how a democracy works. We are not allowed to push any particular political party's policy over another, but we can encourage you all to register and vote. Voting is in our school hall and in an MMP parliament every vote has value.

The calendar on the following pages shows what is left this Term and the first three weeks of Term 4, please note the Teacher Only Day preceding Labour Weekend.

We have had a few instances lately with students doing something stupid in the community outside school hours that is outside the rules and values of the school. If they are in their school uniform then they are still representing the school and we will take action where it is warranted.

The majority of our students are awesome and show great values in and out of school and are a credit to the school and their whānau. Thank you for trusting us with them.

**Craig Sharp**  
Kaihautu/Principal





### Week Seven Aug 31 - Sept 4

Wed 2: Young Athletes  
Program

**AIMS Jersey  
Presentation**

Thur 3: Nairnville Rippa

### Week Eight September 7 - 11

Mon 7: **AIMS Games**

Tue 8: **AIMS Games**

Wed 9: **AIMS Games**  
Young Athletes  
Program

Thur 10: **AIMS Games**

Fri 11: **AIMS Games**

### Wiki Iwa Mahuru 14 - 18

Mane 14: **Māori Language  
Week**

Wenerei 15: Young Athletes  
Program

Paraire 16: Māori Moment

### Week Ten September 21 - 25

Wed 23: WRISSA Volleyball

**Fri 25: End of Term 3**

**School Term 4: October 12**

### Week One Oct 12 - 16

Mon 12: Niue Language Week

Tue 13: Epro 8 Competition

### Week Two Oct 19 - 11

Wed 21: **Polyfest**

**Fri 23: Teacher Only Day**

### Week Three Oct 26 - 30

Mon 26: **Labour Day**  
**Tokelau Language Week**

Tue 27: World Teachers Day

Wed 28: WRISSA Ki-o-rahi

## Our School Values - “That’s how we do it here”

All of our “rules” at Wainuiomata Intermediate School are based in our school values, or tikanga. These were developed in conjunction with our community and embody the expectations we have for all of our students.

We teach them and then look to catch our students going “over and above” displaying them. They are:

**Kaitiakitanga** - Guardianship, Protecting, Nurturing

In our school we are the guardians, protectors and nurturers of all things and the connections between them.

**Manaakitanga** - Kindness, Respect, Service

In our school this means showing genuine kindness, care and respect for the good of self, others and the environment. We value and care for others through our words and actions. We use our gifts and talents for the good of others.

**Rangatiratanga** - Leadership, Team Building, Collaboration

In our school we lead, guide and keep people together.

We also have the ability to lead others to their own rangatiratanga by nurturing them, empowering them and acknowledging their mana.

**Whanaungatanga** - Relationships, Community, Family

In our school we honour who we are and where we come from. We create a safe learning environment, where we all discover our strengths and interests, and we take calculated risks to make progress.

**Our Values - Ngā Tikanga**

**Whanaungatanga, Kaitiakitanga, Rangatiratanga, Manaakitanga.**

Our school values are about knowing where we are from, that we belong here, that we create an environment where we all feel safe to learn and grow in, and that we use our talents to give back to our community.

## Showing Whānaungatanga - WIS School Uniform

It’s great to see so many of our new and returning students wearing the school uniform with pride. Thank you to all our whānau who made that happen. For us, wearing the proper school uniform is one way that we show whānaungatanga as all our students feel part of a collective team and no one feels left out. It is for this reason that we ask that you continue to help your child wear the correct uniform each day...especially as the weather starts to change. Please name your uniform to make it easier to find - as it all looks the same!

If you are having trouble finding any lost uniform item, please contact our office.

### CONTACT DETAILS

Please advise the office of any change of phone, email or address details.

### PARENT PORTAL - Hero

Please scan and download the Hero app to receive your child’s learning goals, progress, notices, absentees and written reports.



### ABSENCE

Please advise the office if your child is going to be absent. Messages can be left:

- Hero app
- Text 021 02824544
- On the school answer phone 939 1970
- Email [absences@wis.school.nz](mailto:absences@wis.school.nz)
- School website [www.wis.school.nz](http://www.wis.school.nz)