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Nga mihi o te wa kia koutou me to whanau. It is hard to believe this is my final newsletter for 2017. The year has gone by very quickly. Thank you to the students, parents, staff and Board of Trustees for being part of a very successful year. I wish everyone a safe and enjoyable Christmas holiday and a happy new year. Take care and enjoy spending time with your family. See you in 2018.



ATHLETICS



Athletes do well at competition

WAIKATO School athletes managed to punch well above their weight at the recent Waikato Primary Athletics competition. The school had four athletes compete in the Waikato Full Primary Athletics in Hamilton on November 29, and the team returned home with four medals.

In a week of their world best, three medals came second overall for schools with less than 100 students in English Speaking schools.

Principal Vanessa To Haka says the young athletes performed amazingly.

"All the competitors qualified from their district or from overseas."

Success for the team was guaranteed from the start. School the three athletes competing on Saturday. Lauren who was glad to be her first day at school with a winning throw of 10.1m, well above the rest of the team.

Two more students Mike Kaleopa and Ariana Nathan both placed second in the discus competition, while one girl, Orepka Kaleopa, came third.

To Haka says "We are very proud of these students as we are a small school of 30 and to have four students compete and place is just phenomenal."

Our athletes participated in the Waikato Full primary athletics in Hamilton on Wednesday 29th and performed amazingly. All of the competitors qualified from their region so were up against the best of the best.

- Mike Kaleopa (Year 7) Placed 2nd Discus
- Ariana Nathan (Year 7) Placed 2nd Discus
- Orepka Kaleopa (Year 8) Placed 3rd Discus

We are very proud of all our students who competed. Here is the link to the Waitomo news article. <http://waitomonews.realviewdigital.com/?iid=156793#folio=10>

CAMP

We had a fantastic time learning on the Marae and the students really challenged themselves to take risks while at the pools and at Rainbows End. Thank you to the parent helpers who attended either or both days. The camp experiences were a great way to round off this term's learning block.

PRIZEGIVING

Prize giving will be held next Tuesday 19th December at 5pm. It is expected that all children will attend as this is a celebration assembly to award prizes for a range of achievements for this year. It will also be our final farewell to the Year 8 students who are going to high school next year. Children must wear their school uniform.

SCHOOL REPORTS

End of year school reports will be given out by the end of next week. If there is anything you would like to discuss in the reports when you receive them, please come and see your child's class teacher.

Upcoming Events

Monday 18th December	94% attendance special lunch School Reports home
Tuesday 19th December	Prize Giving at 5pm in the hall
Wednesday 20th December	End of Term 4 - Family picnic at school 12.00



SNAPSHOTS OF CAMP



