

Welcome

Kia ora e te whānau, and welcome to the end of week 8 in Term 3.

Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori

Next week is the start of Te Reo Māori language week. We are fortunate to have Ngāti Kahungunu here on Tuesday lunchtime providing us with a free sausage sizzle by using the phrase, “Tēnā homai he tōtiti hihī - Can I please have a sausage sizzle”. We are grateful for the opportunity to contribute and take part in an awesome initiative. Ka mau te wehi!

AIMs Games 2026

Our AIMs athletes Molly Brown, Fletcher Rolfe-Teahan, Tim Bolton, Koda Ngametua-Smith, Delvene King, and Kathy Burgess-Henson have competed hard this week in Tauranga. We are all so proud of their efforts not only in Tauranga, but in the lead up via weekly practices and club night games. A big thank you must go to our coaches Karen Cumming and Mike Fouhy for their commitment to our team. Well done to Molly who placed in the **top 8**, and Tim who placed in the **top 64**, for the singles competition (out of 235 participants). In the pairs, Molly and Fletcher, as well as Delvene and Kathy managed to place in the **top 32**. These are fantastic results given the scale of competitors and we are all extremely happy for our athletes' success. Thank you to Mrs Thomson and Mrs Bolton for looking after the team and getting everyone to Tauranga and back safely. I hope your hearts have recovered from an intense week on the greens!

Ngā mihi,
Pā Wes
#upthewahs

Winter/Seasonal Bugs

Just a friendly reminder that to prevent the risk of spreading sickness in our school, we will continue to utilize good hygiene practices and disinfecting high traffic and shared spaces. Please support the health of the school by kindly keeping your child home if they present with flu-like symptoms and letting us know in the office.

Tapping Back Fundraising

A big mihi to all our staff and whānau who attended our most recent tapping back fundraiser earlier this week! It was by far our easiest one yet and we were able to complete our section of the track in under an hour. Well done everyone!

Bike Safety

We were fortunate to have Constable Max run safety workshops on bike safety in each of our classrooms. Thank you for sharing your time and expertise with us Constable Max, it is very much appreciated.

Woodville Lions Speech Competition

Congratulations to Arcayla Raroa-Baker and Jamee Tan for winning the Woodville Lions Speech competition cups for Y7/8 and Y5/6 respectively - held earlier this term. Arcayla will go on to represent our kura at the Bush Lions Speech competition next week in Pahiatua. Well done kōrua!

Woodville School Community Talent Quest Event

Whaea Tanya has been working hard to shortlist our talented ākonga for our big Talent Quest event next Thursday evening. This particular event, like last year's Fancy Dress Dance evening, is a revival and refresh of past celebrations, voted worthy by staff, of bringing back to life.

School Strategic Planning Survey

Earlier this term, a survey was sent out via email encouraging you to help guide our school's strategic planning over the next 3 years. Your responses play a pivotal part in shaping our school's future so please take the time to fill out the survey. Hard copies of the survey are available and can be returned to the office if you require one. The survey will close on Wednesday 16th September. A prize draw will take place at the Talent Quest evening with all whānau who have filled out the survey.

Attendance Matters

It comes with no surprise that our attendance figures continue to be lower than normal this term with the amount of sickness in and around the school. As of Friday 11/09/26, our average daily attendance rate (*percentage of students at school each day*) is at **87.9%** and our average regular attendance rate (*percentage of students attending school 90% or more of the time*) is at **47.5%** for this term. This is a significant percentage drop but it is also completely understandable given the context not just in our community, but nationwide.

Upcoming/Important Reminders

- Bush Lions Speechmaker Competition - Wednesday 16th September
- Woodville School Community Talent Quest - Thursday 17th September @ 5.30pm-7pm
- Bush Maths Quiz - Friday 18th September
- Waiata Hui - Friday 18th September @ 2.15pm
- Y7/8 Bush Formal Dance - Thursday 24th September @ 6.30pm - 8.30pm
- NZ Warriors vs Knights - Sunday 20th September @ 6.05pm
- Last day of Term 4 - Friday 25th September

Our Awesome Ākonga



Junior Classes getting a lesson in bike safety from Constable Max



Junior Students training with the Woodville Bratz Dance Group at Break Time



ZESPRI AIMS GAMES 2026

Mercury

AIMS Games Team



Enjoying the Historic Village in Tauranga during a break in games



Whāia Te Iti Kahurangi - In Pursuit of Excellence