



Connect with Waikanae School

There are 3 different ways you can help out, or share your ideas with our School.



Parent Voice - Whānau Connect

Share ideas, opinions & aspirations

This group operates as a 'Sounding Board' for us to consult with and gather Whānau Voice from our wide-ranging community.

We will often contact you via email, but will also offer in-person get togethers to find out your opinions, ideas, and aspirations.

Commitment: no formal commitment time required, but we will likely contact you a couple of times a term to ask for your feedback, and/or invite you to meet with us. *Extra information can be found on the next page.*



Parent Teachers' Association

Fundraising & Event organisation

Our PTA is made up of a dedicated group of volunteers that love getting involved with the organisation of events, fundraising and community spirit. Events such as Mighty March Market, Disco's and Pizza lunches are organised by the PTA.

Commitment: Meetings can be up to twice a term and are held at school at 7pm.

Communication is via a Whatsapp group or email. Donating time to help organise and run our school/community events is shared among the group.



Helping Hands

Lend support when needed

We always need extra hands to help out at various times during the year, and as such, keep a list of 'helping hands' that may be able to volunteer time for certain activities or events on an ad-hoc basis.

Things such as Mighty March Market, Discos, Working Bees, Breakfast Clubs all require an extra pair of hands every now and then!

Commitment: You will be emailed when we need an extra pair of hands, and you can offer to help us as and when it suits you!

To sign up for any of the above groups, please email office@waikanae.school.nz and indicate which group. Alternatively, we have a **SUGGESTION BOX** in our office, where you can let us know your thoughts, ideas and feedback.



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We value your input, and signing up for our Parent Voice group is one way to ensure your voice is heard. We couldn't run the school without the support we receive from parents and whānau and we offer a huge thank you to everyone who has already contributed in many ways to our school community.

Our **Parent Voice Group** has been set up so that our whole community can:

- help guide and support us when we need a sounding board, ideas, and feedback,
- support us with ideas for things that matter to you, for example; teaching and learning, attendance, curriculum development, achievement and aspirations, timing of meetings, homework, Hero posts, skills for the future, etc
- offer some local community expertise,
- allow us to hear your views and ideas so we can work together on your child's learning journey.

This is a group that you can dip in and out of when you want to get involved - a fluid group that has different voices on different topics as appropriate, and recognising Māori as tangata whenua. Contact may be through an email, Hero, a phone call, the newsletter, or we may hold the occasional meeting as a focus group for a particular topic.

It is different to our other groups:

- **Board of Trustees** - Formal governance of the school
- **Parent Teacher Association** - Organising events and fundraising over the year
- **Helping Hands** - a list of volunteers for breakfast, road patrol, special events, working bees etc

Should you wish to put your name forward for our **Parent Voice - Whānau Connect** group - please email office@waikanae.school.nz