

# WAIKANA NEWSLETTER

NOV 2023



## EVENTS FOR NOVEMBER

- 2 SEZ Touch Tournament
- 6-9 End of Year Assessments
- 6-21 Rugby Programme by Auckland Rugby
- 8 School Athletics
- 8 Boys Volleyball (AIMMS - Auckland Championship)
- 17 Teacher Only Day

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- |             |                               |             |                        |
|-------------|-------------------------------|-------------|------------------------|
| 5 December  | Year 6 Transition Programme   | 12 December | Certificate Assembly   |
| 13 December | Prize Giving                  | 14 December | Year 8 Graduation Ball |
| 15 December | Sports Day/Last day of school |             |                        |

## **SEZ Touch/AIMMS Volleyball Finals**

Our boys and girls team participated in the SEZ Touch tournament at Sir Barry Curtis Park. Both the teams played hard and showed great sportsmanship. Our girls team finished 3rd and the boys team finished 6th overall.

Our boys volleyball team had qualified for the AIMMS finals and participated in this championship at Northshore Events Centre. This was a hard fought championship where we won two games a



**Girls Touch Team 2023**



**Boys Touch Team 2023**



**Boys Volleyball Team 2023**



# **ATHLETICS DAY 2023**

Our Athletics Day took place on 8 November at our school grounds. This annual event aimed to promote physical fitness, teamwork, and sportsmanship among students while providing an opportunity for friendly competition and celebration of athletic achievements. The athletics events included traditional track and field competitions such as sprints, shotput and discus throws. The diversity of events allowed students to showcase their talents in different areas of athletics.

The participation level was impressive, with students from all classes actively involved in the events. The school's house system added an element of friendly rivalry, as students competed not only for personal achievement but also to contribute points to their respective houses. The colourful team uniforms and creative house chants added to the vibrant atmosphere, creating a sense of unity and team spirit among the participants.

An addition to this year's event was the House Chant competition. This was full of creativity, fun and displayed a strong sense of competitiveness.

The school athletics day was not only a showcase of student talent but also an opportunity for parents and the community to come together. Many parents attended the event, cheering on their children and supporting the school's commitment to fostering a healthy and active lifestyle. The involvement of the community created a sense of pride and unity, reinforcing the importance of a holistic education.

This was the overall standing of each house after the day's event.

Tangaroa - 1st Place

Tane Mahuta - 2nd Place

Tawhirimatea - 3rd Place

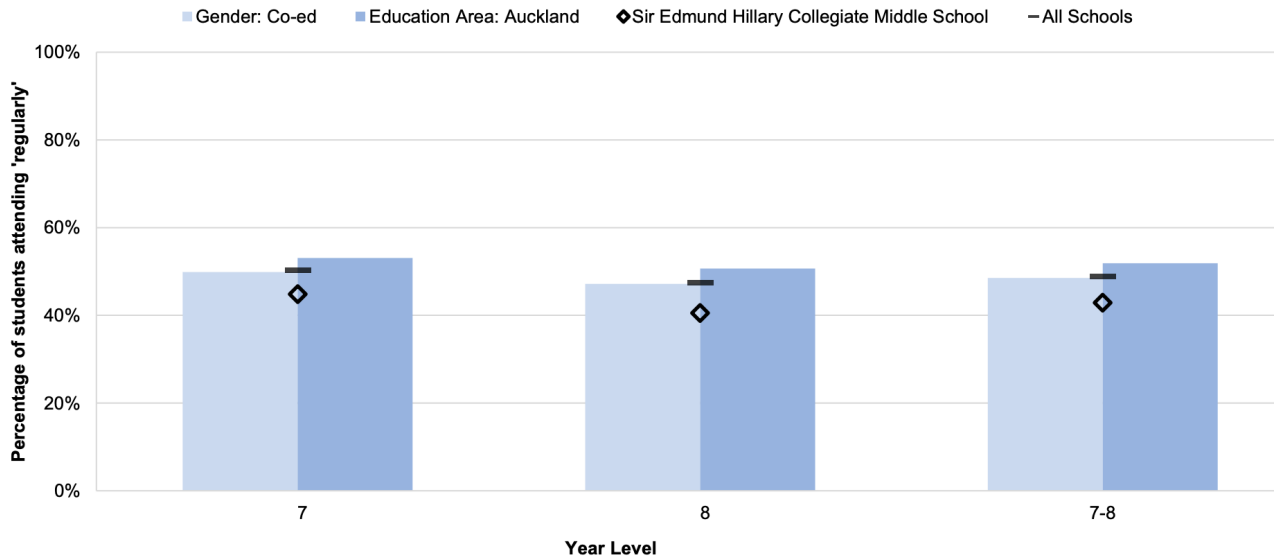
Tu Matauenga - 4th Place



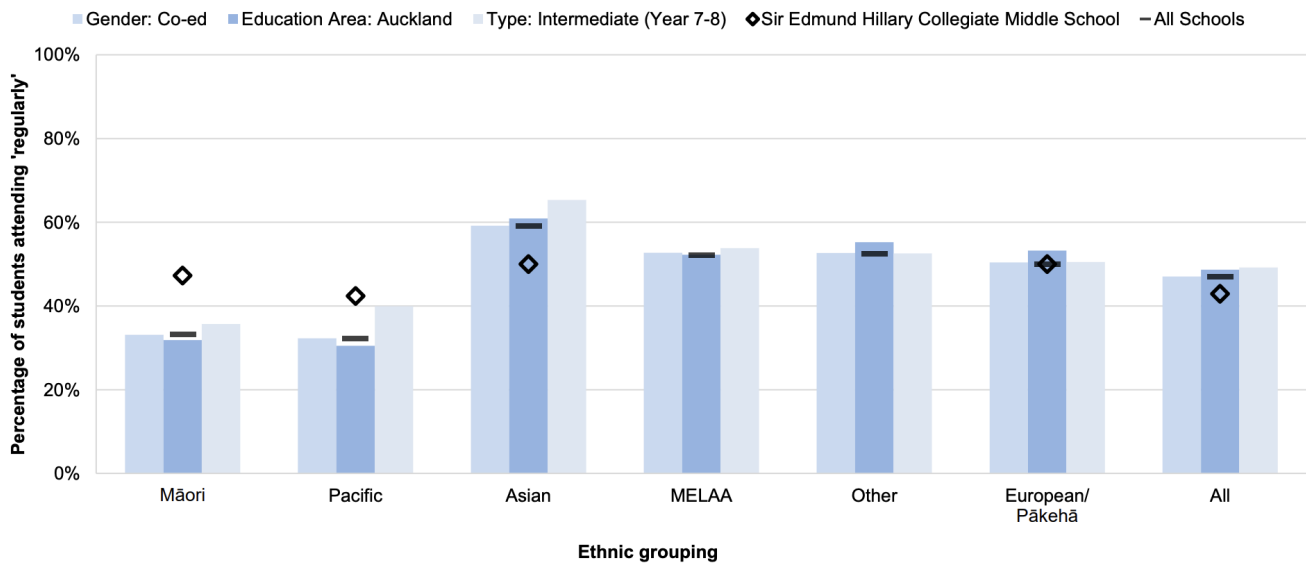
# Attendance and Engagement

Ministry of Education has released the comparative attendance data for Term 2 and this how we compare with rest of New Zealand and schools like us.

## Year Level 7-8



## Ethnicity



We are slightly below average in comparison with all Year 7-8 students. However, our Maori and Pacific students are attending school more regularly when compared with the same ethnic group in other schools.

## Weekly Attendance Challenge Winners

**Week 1 - MR11 (91.2%)**

**Week 2 - MR9 (90%)**

**Week 3 - MR3 (85.5%)**

**Week 4 - MR3 (89.4%)**

**Week 5 - MR2 (88)**

**Week 6 - MR2 (95%)**



# RIP Rugby Programme

We're excited to share that our students participated in a rugby program in the fourth term! This fantastic initiative gave our students the opportunity to learn essential rugby skills in a safe and enjoyable setting. Led by two experienced coaches from Auckland Rugby, the program was adaptable and inclusive, involving all students. It proved to be a transformative experience for our tamariki as they gained knowledge about Rip rugby, kicking, tackling, and engaged in modified games. A big thank you to Auckland Rugby for their support!



## Teacher Only Day

Our teachers gathered with other teachers from Otago schools at Te Uhu O Te Nikau Primary school on Friday 15 November for a days professional development programme exploring and diving deep into the New Zealand Refresh Curriculum. It was a great opportunity to network with the other Kaiako in our cluster. The Ministry is two years into a six-year programme to refresh The New Zealand Curriculum. Te Mātaiaho | the refreshed curriculum will support students to experience success in their learning. It will give practical effect to Te Tiriti o Waitangi, and will be inclusive, clear about the learning that matters, and easy to use from year 0 to year 13.



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