

# Waikite Valley School

*Developing Learners for Life*

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## Weekly Panui – Monday 15th May 2017



### School Calendar!

#### Mon 15th May—5-6pm

- ★ Te Reo/Tikanga lesson with Matua Grant in Rm 3

#### Wednesday 17 May

- ★ Amazing Race—Papamoa (Yr 5-6 team; Yr 7-8 team)
- ★ BOT meeting 6.30pm

#### Tuesday 23rd May

- ★ Waikite Valley School Cross Country event

#### Thursday 25th May

- ★ GPA (Year 7-8) Sharing Assembly 9am

#### Mon 29th May-Thurs 1st June

- ★ Year 7-8 Leadership Camp in Christchurch (National Young Leaders Day)

#### Tuesday 30th May

- ★ Reporoa Schools Cluster Cross Country event at Lake Rerewhakaaitu Reserve

#### Wednesday 31st May

- ★ Rippa Rugby Tournament

#### Sat 3rd-Mon 5th June

- ★ Queen's Birthday Weekend



Our school cross country is approaching fast (Tuesday 23rd May) so we have started training at school. As we knew our students were preparing for mini-marathon we felt confident that their fitness levels would be pretty good. So now we are stepping it up with a 15 minute run at school each day (weather permitting) either on the school field, or on the farm across the road. Please make sure your child/ren have appropriate footwear to run in each day. Lace up footwear is the best, if it gets wet then we will encourage the children to put them somewhere to dry overnight.

On the day of the Cross Country we will start the running with the kindergarten kids at 9.30am, then start from the 5 year old girls right through to the 13 year old boys. There will be different courses according to the age groups. The course will be marked out, but if you are able to help marshal on the day that would be greatly appreciated.

Teresa Topp  
Principal



### The Amazing Race

This Wednesday 12 of our students from Year 5-8 will represent our school at the Amazing Race held at Mt Maunganui. This is our second year competing at this event and it is a great all round challenge of fitness, problem solving and orientation.

#### **Participants will require:**

- sports shoes (compulsory)
- backpack
- hat

- water bottle
- sun block
- wet weather gear / towel
- lunch, snacks etc
- 1 x camera (for the team to share)

We wish them all the best and look forward to hearing how the day goes! If the weather is dreadful on Wednesday, saving day is Friday.

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As part of our preparation leading up to International Pink Shirt Day to Stand up and Speak out against bullying, the GPA students have been learning some facts, statistics and information about Bullying.

Every student wrote an essay on the topic, we will try to publish one each week. They have done so well to tackle this tough topic! We have also made posters that we will put up around school.

On Friday 26 May 2017, we're asking our school to celebrate Pink Shirt Day and stand together to take action against bullying.

Celebrated annually around the globe, Pink Shirt Day began in Canada in 2007 when two students took a stand against homophobic bullying, mobilising their whole school, after a peer was bullied for wearing a pink shirt.

Pink Shirt Day aims to create schools, workplaces and communities where all people feel safe, valued and respected.

**Will you stand with us to stop bullying on Friday 26 May?** Please wear pink and bring a donation to support NZ Mental Health Foundation.

## HOCKEY TEAMS

Look on the Rotorua Hockey website for any cancellations. Please bring sticks and mouthguards to school so you can take part in your practises!



## AFTER SCHOOL CARE:

If you are needing after school care, please let the office know or leave a message on the school phone. There is after school care every day from 3-5pm run by Mrs Linda Lester. This is at no charge to you.



## WHAT IS BULLYING?

Bullying is happening every day all around the country. Bullying is when someone is getting harmed or hurt by a person on purpose. It might be repetitive 2,3 times doing something harmful.

Anyone can be affected by bullying from primary to high school. It can be once a day or multiple times a day, any time of the day. They can go home and bring their siblings down or just be sad.

There are different types of bullying which are, **verbal** bullying which is repeated mocking, name calling etc. **Physical** bullying is physical so hitting, kicking, punching and threatening. **Social or relational** bullying is gossiping, exclusion or spreading rumours. **Cyber** is social media, making unkind comments and images.

Bullying can sometimes happen when people are trying to find where they are on the social ladder. Or it might be someone's personality. Bullying can be learnt by copying behaviour going on at home either from their sibling or parents.

To make a difference you could choose to not watch nor participate at all because bullying stops a lot faster if peers intervene. It has been scientifically proven that if peers step in and stop watching, bullying stops.

Bullying happens for a variety of reasons and in a number of ways. Anyone can get bullied, you, me anyone. You can help by not standing by watching or by speaking up, that will stop the bullying. Now we understand bullying we can prevent it.

*By Reg Vanner (Year 7)*

## Community Kindy Waikite Valley

**FREE Play and Stay every Friday, 9am-11am**, for morning tea and coffee.

This is a great way to meet new and local families in area. Everyone welcome!

- Catering for children aged 2 to 5 years old
- Morning and afternoon teas provided daily
- Fun and friendship for children
- Teachers from the local community

**OPEN: 7.30am-5.30pm Mon-Fri**

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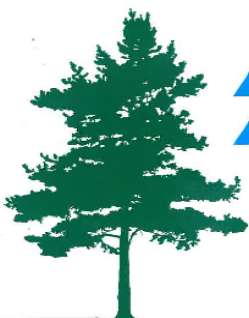
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**Thank You**

★ To our Amazing Race coaches who are transporting and running around the course with our teams on Wednesday—Year 7-8 Lee Stubbs, Yr 5-6—Pip Negus

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