

# Waikite Valley School

*Developing Learners for Life*

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## Weekly Panui – Monday 22nd May 2017

### School Calendar!

**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 (pp date Fri 2nd June)

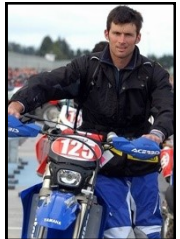
**Sat 3rd-Mon 5th June**  
★ Queen's Birthday Weekend

**Tues 6th-Fri 9th June**  
★ Hillary Outdoors Camp (Yr7-8)

**Sat 10th June**  
★ Unveiling of Settlers Monument at front of school under Oak Tree

### Board of Trustees Update

Following the Selection process as advertised in the Daily Post and the school newsletter, the Waikite Valley School Board of Trustees is pleased to welcome Cam Negus onto the board. Cam has served on our school board in the past and we are lucky to have him return to this role. Our board chair, Shelley Muller, is supported in this role by our other trustees: Katie Wheeler, Henry Worsp, Lisa Dinning and myself (Teresa Topp). Each member has a portfolio of responsibility that they oversee. Katie keeps an eye on Finance, Henry monitors Health & Safety, Cam focuses on Property issues, Lisa as a staff representative and community liaison, I serve as Principal and Shelley in the role of Chair oversees the group.



Cam Negus

A casual vacancy has occurred on the board of trustees for an elected parent representative following the resignation of Carolyn Morris. The board has resolved under section 105 of the Education Act 1989 to fill the vacancy by selection (whereby current board members invite a selected eligible candidate to join the board). If ten percent or more of eligible voters (our student's parents) ask the board, within 28 days of this notice being published to hold a by-election to fill the vacancy, then a by-election will be held. Any eligible voter who wishes to ask the board to hold a by-election should write to:  
Chairperson—Board of Trustees  
Waikite Valley School  
RD1  
Rotorua 3077

We meet monthly, with any member of the public welcome to attend. Our next meeting is Wednesday 21st June, 6.30pm.

Teresa Topp  
*Principal*

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**This Friday** we're asking our school to celebrate Pink Shirt Day and stand together to take action against bullying.

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?

This Friday, please wear **SOMETHING 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!

Hustle,  
Hit,  
AND NEVER QUIT




Tomorrow we will start the running with the kindergarten kids at 9.30am, then start from the 5 year old girls, 5 year old boys and carry on 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.

If the weather is no good, we will postpone until later in the week.

**Thank You**

★ To Svetlana Hornby for taking the time to clean the outside of our office block/staffroom windows—we are very grateful and can see clearly now!

## What is bullying?

Bullying is something that happens in our communities. So what is bullying? Bullying is when someone is physically hurt, but it can also be when someone is verbally insulted. An important thing to remember is that it is only bullying when it happens more than once or twice. Something mean is not bullying but it is still wrong, but bullying is if it happens repeatedly.

Bullying affects all of us. Many different people can be harmed or part of it. You may be the bully and later on you may feel bad after. If you are the one getting bullied you may get hurt, or feel bad from nasty comments or e-mails.

Bullying takes many different forms. Physical bullying is when you kick, hit punch or hurt someone. Cyber bullying is like verbal bullying, but online. It can be when you get sent mean e-mails, images and comments. Bullying is when someone says something mean or nasty, that's verbally bullying. Social or relational bullying is about spreading rumours, gossiping and pulling faces. The different ways people bully are physical through hitting or kicking, verbal is when someone says something mean or nasty, social through gossip, and cyber is when someone is mean online or using social media.

There are many reasons why bullying happens. Bullying can happen when the bully is having a bad day or it can be that the person is trying to find out where they stand in their social group. They may have seen it in their family. They may be trying to impress someone. Or they may be trying not to get bullied by being the bully.

There are a lot of ways each of us can make a difference. In some instances you may be able to step in, but don't put yourself at risk. You could go get an adult or you can just walk away or say that it is wrong. Just make sure you don't get hurt and that you don't encourage the behaviour.

I hope that if you have read this you will think before you act and do be careful. Make sure you don't get caught up in the crossfire. And if you are the one getting bullied make sure to tell an adult.

By Rachel Teague (Year 7)

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### WINTER DUATHLON SERIES 2017

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> MAY  
Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> JUNE  
Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> JULY

### WAIPA MOUNTAIN BIKE PARK

Registration opens @ 8.30am  
Racing starts @ 10am

**Kids \$5    Adults \$15    Teams \$30**

\* prices shown are per race, club member discounts apply





**WAIKITE VALLEY MAXI'S HOCKEY TEAM IN ACTION!**



Stewart Graham Gary Mansfield Murray Matuschka Jim Stone

**Waikite Valley Settlers Monument**

These four men are part of a team who have been working on a project at the front of our school. They talked with Mrs Topp about their idea, which they had developed with many of the original settler families at their reunion last year.

Following their initial conversations, they came up with the idea of a solid foundation, with a bronze casting of a bulldozer on the top of the structure. The bulldozer has been designed and made by Murray Matuschka (artist). They plan to have

an opening on Saturday 10th of June, where they are hoping many of the current and past local community will attend.

Why a bulldozer? It's because when the first settlers came the land was not ready to be farmed, therefore, this model of bulldozer was used to prepare the land for its current use.

On Saturday 10th June there will be an unveiling of this monument. The time and programme will be announced closer to the date. This will be an important occasion for our community members past and present.

(Information gathered and written by Kasey Hall Yr 7 & Rachel Teague Yr 7)



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RED CROSS

## JOURNEY

The staff have taken on the challenge of fundraising for Red Cross through walking!

We are taking a 'walk in their shoes' - following the incredible journey of a former refugee family now living in New Zealand.

We are walking 10000 steps each per day between 8 May and 8 June 2017, and are fundraising to support the work Red Cross does in our own community and around the world.

<https://redcrossrefugeejourney2017.everydayhero.com/nz/waikite-wanderers>

Use this address or go to the red cross refugee journey page and search for our "Waikite Wanderers" team page if you want to get behind our fundraising efforts.



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