



Waikite Valley School

Developing Learners for Life

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Weekly Panui – Tuesday 13th June 2017

Reporoa Cultural Festival

Friday 23 June 2017

Hangi Meals available.

\$10.00 per meal.

Please let the Office know, final day for ordering is Friday 16 June.



Mon 19th June

★ Te Reo Class with Matua Grant 5-6pm

Wed 21st June

★ BOT meeting 6.30pm

Thurs 22nd June

★ Te Ruma Puawai Assembly 9-9.30am

Fri 23rd June

★ Culture Festival—Reporoa College

Tues 27th June

★ Newsteam competition (5.45pm)

Thurs 29th June

★ **OPEN DAY—STUDENT LED TOURS OF LEARNING** (Mid-year Reports handed out)

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!



Horse Cover Repairs

PH: 0274047505

Megan King

878 Corbett Rd

Waikite Valley



Grazing Wanted—for 2 quiet mares please ph. Casey 021 281 183

Thank You

★ To the parents who offer to run errands in town for us—this is so helpful! If you are able to

take a water sample in to the treatment once a month please let the office know!



Junior Tough Guy

Friday August 18th at Lakes ranch.

Entry fee: \$20

This is a chance for primary and intermediate aged kids to get involved in New Zealand's biggest mud run series in a version tailored especially for them! The Junior Tough Guy and Gal Challenge will include many of the same amazing perks along with all competitors receiving a stunning finishers medal, Hell Pizza voucher and the chance to experience the challenging obstacles, incredible venues, hot showers and spot prizes.

1.5km Course Option – For school years 3 – 4

3km Course Option – For school years 5 – 8

Cure Kids are the official charity of the 2017

Loaded Tough Guy & Gal Challenge.

Other Junior Tough Guy races across NZ have sold out early so see Mrs Pearson for an entry form asap if you are keen to enter this year.

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Waikite Valley Settler's Memorial Unveiling Ceremony

On Saturday 10th June, a large number of past and present residents of Waikite Valley gathered around the oak tree to acknowledge the development of the area and the original seven ballot farms that began our settlement as we know it today. There were fantastic speakers who shared their experiences in the Valley and I was invited to talk about the school and what our vision is for the future. A number of our students also shared speeches about their research of the local hot pools and what they value about our school. It was an educational afternoon that was both humbling and was an opportunity for our community to come together and celebrate the journey that has been traversed. Our Settler's Hall was then abuzz with families catching up and the current locals sharing how the land is now used. This is a copy of the speech I presented:

“Waikite Valley School in 2017”

Our proud rural community is predominantly made up of dairy farmers and lifestyle blocks. We are fortunate that our community is very supportive with a strong parent base.

At the heart of Waikite Valley is our school. We have a current roll of 61 awesome kids in 4 classrooms. We employ 6 teachers across the school (including me), a full time teacher aide/office administrator, a part time caretaker, cleaner and an after school care supervisor. The school is governed by the Board of Trustees, who are elected every 3 years from nominated members of our community, it is their responsibility to ensure the school is meeting its legal requirements, but foremost, to ensure our 61 students are being given the best opportunities to make progress with their student achievement.

The school in partnership with the community aims to develop each student for life, using high quality learning opportunities pitched to individual needs.

Our school whakatauki is **“Putā atu ki te pae maunga o Paeroa”** – which states that we are located at the foot of the Paeroa Ranges. Our logo depicts our geographic position. The Paeroa Ranges dominate the landscape and are a breathtaking sight on a clear day.

In a 2016 survey, the staff learned that THE STUDENTS & FAMILIES OF WAIKITE VALLEY SCHOOL most value our: Teachers; Small class sizes; Location as a Rural/country school; The reinforcement of Good values - our school values are displayed around school and taught in the classrooms, we aim to be: proud, enthusiastic, respectful, caring, confident and curious. There is a shared sense of belonging, a family feel, with close and genuine links between staff and families. Our Parents & community are well informed – with effective methods of regular communication. We are able to provide 1:1 teacher time due to low student/teacher ratios. The school has a friendly, welcoming environment and offers a range of broad learning opportunities. Eg. Kapa haka, camp, sports involvement, music tuition, swimming lessons, learning languages, science specialist teaching.

THIS ONCE BARREN VALLEY FLOURISHED, FOLLOWING DEVELOPMENT BY THE LANDS AND SURVEY DEPARTMENT. THE WAIKITE VALLEY MANAGER, JIM HOSSACK AND HIS WIFE DULCIE, WERE ASSISTED BY STAFF AND CONTRACTORS. IN 1951 THE WW2 RETURNED SERVICEMEN AND THEIR FAMILIES BEGAN SETTLEMENT OF BALLOT FARMS. THE FIRST SEVEN SETTLERS WERE:

ROLLIE AND JESSIE BURLING
BERNIE AND MOREEN COOPER
DOUG AND ALMA HARRISON
WALLY AND NANCY HOPE
MAC AND BELLE JUDD
CEDRIC AND BARBARA NEWBY
JIM AND GUDREN WALLACE
THE PIONEERS OF WAIKITE VALLEY

SCULPTURE DESIGNED AND CREATED BY MURRAY MATUSCHKA
(DESCENDANT)



As well as working on the basics, the traditional 3 R's of reading writing and arithmetic; the ideas that underpin the teaching and learning of the school are based on key philosophies and theories we aspire to.

These are developing the students Learning Power (Guy Claxton); Increasing the mindfulness and wellbeing of our staff and students, through the use of meditation, yoga, awareness of mental health and calmness to allow us the space to think and act well. Talking about changing and building flexible Mindsets (Dweck). Also working collaboratively within our school and between other schools.

These aspirations all lock in well to the school vision of : ***Building Learners for Life.***

We believe all students at Waikite Valley School will learn best when:

- ★ They are equipped with the foundation skills of numeracy and literacy
- ★ They are actively involved in goal setting and are encouraged to take responsibility for their own learning
- ★ Their beliefs, opinions and ideas are valued
- ★ They are in a safe, caring and positive environment.
- ★ They are provided with, and involved in powerful, authentic and cooperative inquiry learning experiences that cater to a wide range of learning styles
- ★ They experience success
- ★ They are encouraged to think deeply, reflect on their learning and to take risks
- ★ They are in a stimulating supportive environment where their efforts are proudly celebrated and valued
- ★ They are challenged to be the best they can be
- ★ There is a strong partnership between home and school that incorporates the shared values of the school

Consistent with our beliefs we reflect cultural diversity through a variety of activities such as Kapa Haka, ka hikitia, Pet Days, Sports Exchanges, guitar, keyboard and vocal lessons, language classes, learning songs and greetings in languages other than English.

We understand, value and appreciate the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi. This is enhanced through incorporating Te Reo Maori and Tikanga Maori through a school wide Ka Hikitia programme. Classes are given the opportunity to move between cultural learning experiences such as Te Reo, Kapahaka, Art, and Waiata. Our school houses reflect our local iwi – Tahu & Whaoa. The school logo was developed in consultation with local iwi (ngati tahu-ngati whaoa), ensuring the image ties in strongly with the local geography and tangata whenua.

This year we have also facilitated an evening course for board members, staff and community members to learn some basic te reo, tikanga and geography of our whenua. These classes are being held this term on Monday evenings with Matua Grant and will culminate with a trip to our local marae. – Ohaaki Marae.

Our current challenge is to maintain our school roll and ensure that our local students attend our school from when they are 5 to when they are 13 years old. This will ensure that schools like ours thrive and continue to provide quality learning opportunities where each student is valued along their learning journey—where they are successful, positive and challenged to dream big, achieve well and do what it takes.

Teresa Topp

Principal

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RED CROSS

JOURNEY

The School held a Sausage Sizzle last week and raised \$90 for the Red Cross.



website - www.rats.org.nz

WINTER DUATHLON SERIES 2017

Sunday 28th MAY

Sunday 25th JUNE

Sunday 23rd 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

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WAIKITE VALLEY 'THE VALLEY WHERE DREAMS COME TRUE'

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"The Valley where Dreams come True"



A detailed book of anecdotes about the development of Waikite Valley. Available from the School Office for \$20

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By Wally Hope