



# Waikite Valley School

## Developing Learners for Life

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### Weekly Panui – Tuesday 24th October

Kia ora Koutou Whanau,

The term certainly started with a hiss and a roar! Our first week was fantastic, with crafty day, school pet day and then on Friday several of us attended Group Day at Upper Atiamuri School. Overall the entire week was a great success, albeit exhausting for the students and staff. Totally worth it, rewarding and we can all feel our school pride continue to grow as we represent ourselves so confidently and the results reflected the work put in over the school holidays.



Our school day results will be included in this newsletter in detail. The Group Day results have not been sent out yet. Some of the results were that Kasey Hall achieved Supreme Lamb over the entire group, and our school won the junior, Intermediate & senior shields - therefore also winning the overall school trophy for points. This is something to be celebrated as it was certainly a team effort, with overall points putting us ahead of the 9 other schools represented. This really highlights the calibre of our students and their pets, as well as the level that was presented at our school day to qualify to compete. I had an inkling we were doing well, as I was taking photos over the day and it seemed I couldn't keep up with the Ribbon Ceremonies in all of the rings where their seemed to be 1 or 2 of our students winning placings!

I know it is a little out of our way to put in the time to get our children and their pets together and training for these days, but it really is what makes our rural schools unique and has huge learning implications that we cannot teach inside the four walls of the classroom—valuable lessons! After a 10 month break from it, I hope we are all as enthusiastic and supportive next year to defend our titles!

### After-School Care

I take great pleasure in welcoming Sophia Burton to our school staff. Sophia has taken on the role of After School Care Supervisor from Monday to Thursday for this term. She will be running a range of

activities inside and outside for the students to keep them happy, busy, occupied and engaged. Sophia is mum to Ivy in Room 2 and Indigo who is at Kindy. After School Care will be continued free

#### Friday 27 October

**Dress up Diabolically for Diabetes Day - Gold**

Coin donation for Rotorua Diabetes. Can dress up as anything you would like to, all money raised is for our local diabetes support group.



#### Wednesday 1 November

Waikite Valley School Board meeting—6.30pm

#### Friday 3 November

School photos

#### Monday 6 November

Principal Appraisal meeting for parents—this is an opportunity for parents to talk with Spencer Baty in regards to the work that Teresa is doing in her role as Principal of the school. Will be from 3pm (15-30 min).

#### Wednesday 8 November

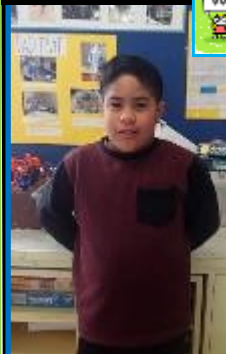
Digital Citizenship & Cyber Safety workshop for parents—6.30pm at school (hosted by Sue Winters—NPeW)

#### Tuesday 14 November

School Athletics Day

#### Friday 17 November

Lucky book orders due



New to our-school—Left: Rm 4—MJ Piripi-Pate (Yr 5)

Right: Rm 1 - Beatrice Topp & Dakota France (New Entrants)



of charge this term thanks to a generous grant from First Sovereign to fund the supervisor. On Friday the group will be taken by one of the teaching staff.

*Teresa Topp*

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### THANKS A BUNCH!



A huge thank you to our talented students—what an amazing effort you made with your animals at our school pet day, District Group Day and making your Crafty Creations.





# WVS Pet Day 2017



Animal Health Services provided Jed to carry out judging for our 'other' pet section. Joshua Inwood was the proud champion with his pet rooster.





# WVS Group Day 2017



Our school team at the end of prize giving with our junior, intermediate and senior shields and overall top school trophy



Waikite Valley School section in the Parade—sporting our fantastic new show jackets





# DRESS DIABOLICAL

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## for diabetes nz 27TH OCTOBER

Waikite Valley School Pet Day Prize giving—thank you to Simon Mara (Silverfern Farms) for sponsorship of our ribbons and for presenting cups on the day.

