



Waikite Valley School

Developing Learners for Life

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Weekly Panui – Monday 11th December, 2017

Kia ora Koutou Whanau,

PTA PICNIC DAY—THIS THURSDAY 1-3PM

This Thursday the PTA are hosting a family picnic afternoon with a sausage sizzle, pony rides, slip'n'slide, old fashioned games: tug o war, sack races, egg & spoon races the school pool will be open for supervised swimming. Please come along to spend the time with our students and other school whanau. The school bus will be running as usual.



SCHOOL LAMBS SOLD AT AUCTION

Last Tuesday the GPA took their lambs to market at the Rangiuuru Saleyards. The students and Mr Topp watched the auctions running and talked about the weights, quality of stock and related sale prices. We were all relieved when our lambs sold for \$66.50 each, which we knew would bring in a profit for all our hard work. Thank you to our students and their families who ensured they made it to the market stage! A big THANK YOU to Steve Wattam and PGG Wrightson for supporting our school and students in this endeavor.

PGG Wrightson

First Lego League Team—3rd overall at National Event!



What an unexpected and remarkable outcome for our Year 7-8 Lego Robotics Team. They were competing against 23 other teams from all over New Zealand. Their placing has qualified them for entry into the International Tournament held in 2018. Their project on Water Drainage and Filters (supported by visits to the Rotorua Council and a range of other team research) and their Robot Missions put them in the best scoring position we have achieved yet. A huge Congratulations to the team, and thank you to Brett Vanner who put in extra coaching sessions and accompanied the team to Karaka for the Tournament. Tu meke!

Back to Michigan for the Xmas Break

Andy and I are heading back to Michigan for a family catch up over the break. Lisa Dinning (DP) will be point of contact for any school enquiries—027 2820641. Any property or grounds concerns to Maurice Shilton (Caretaker) - 027 634 4744. On a personal note I would like to thank the school families for all their encouragement and words of support over the year—they are very much appreciated and remind me of how rewarding my job is. :)

Swim2XL Swimming Lessons – Book your Term 1 lessons today!

If you would like your child to Learn to Swim really well and help them to master the different strokes, then please book their Swim2XL swimming lessons as soon as possible. Term 1 is always very busy, so act today and get them started! Please contact Yvette at Swim2XLoffice@gmail.com or on 027 9066708. If you quote the discount code **1FREE2018** then you will receive one free lesson for Term 1.

Swim2XL is also running a **Holiday Programme** from **Monday 15 to Friday 19 January** and **Monday 22 to Friday 26 January 2018** for only \$48 per person per week. Please contact Yvette as soon as possible if you wish to enrol. Thank you.

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**Thank
You**

To all of our families who have been paying their outstanding fees and any other items. This is the time of year when our school accounts can start to look a little bedraggled and your donations make a real difference.

**IMPORTANT
DATES**



**Monday 11
December**

End of Year Prize-giving—community hall 6pm (please bring a plate)

Thursday 14 December

PTA family picnic day—12pm-3pm

Friday 15 December

Last school day for 2017—school closes at 3pm

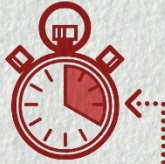
NO AFTERSCHOOL CARE TODAY

Tuesday 30 January

First day of school 2018

BEST ways to PREVENT SUMMER LEARNING SLIDE

Have your child read at least
20 MINUTES PER DAY



Students who read **5 minutes** a day score only in the **50th percentile**
Students who read **20 minutes** a day score in the **90th percentile**

* Anne E. Cunningham and Keith E. Stanovich, What Reading Does for the Mind, The American Federation of Teachers, American Educator, Vol. 22, No. 1-2, pp. 8-15.

Visit  the **Library.**

Find reasons for your child to **practice** writing skills.
Write..!
a book, a blog, a zine, a poem

Engage in meaningful conversations with your child.

Stimulating conversations boost language skills.

Quick Conversation Tips:
1. Ask questions.
2. Be positive.
3. Give your full attention.
4. Be encouraging.

Audio Books

Instead of listening to the radio, listen to audio books during long drives.

Model Reading Behavior

If your child sees you reading, they will want to read as well.

Read to your child

This builds listening skills, imagination, and increases vocabulary

Learn a new word each week.

Post the new word with its definition and have a contest for who can use it the most times in one week.

Reciprocity
Fait Accompli
Equanimity
Plethora
Erudition
Panacea

COOK with your child

Have your child follow a recipe. This enhances both reading and math skills.

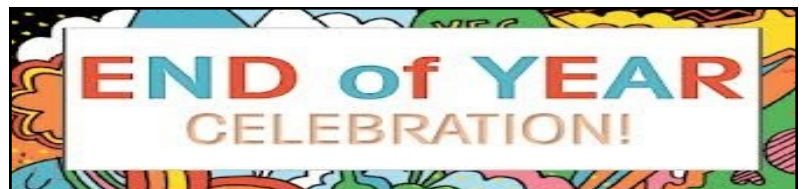
Big Universe
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Engage Students. Empower Teachers.

TONIGHT - PRIZEGIVING AT 6PM

We **expect all students to attend** the Prizegiving tonight starting at 6pm (please be present and seated before this time so we can start promptly).

The program for the night is as follows:

1. National Anthem
2. Musical interlude (guitar performance)
3. Pet Day Cups, Sporting Cups, School House Shield
4. Musical interlude (2 songs from the production)
5. Crest
6. Year 8 Farewell Speeches& PTA presentation to school leavers
7. Singing Groups
8. PRIZEGIVING (All other cups and trophies awarded)
9. Kapa Haka performance
10. Classroom Awards
11. All students presented with gift as celebration of their work over the year
12. Shared supper



The formal part of the evening should **conclude at about 7.30pm**, with supper to follow. We would like all families to bring a plate to share (please put on the tables in the supper hall); PTA will provide the tea & coffee.



READING: A CRITICAL PART OF YOUR SUMMER

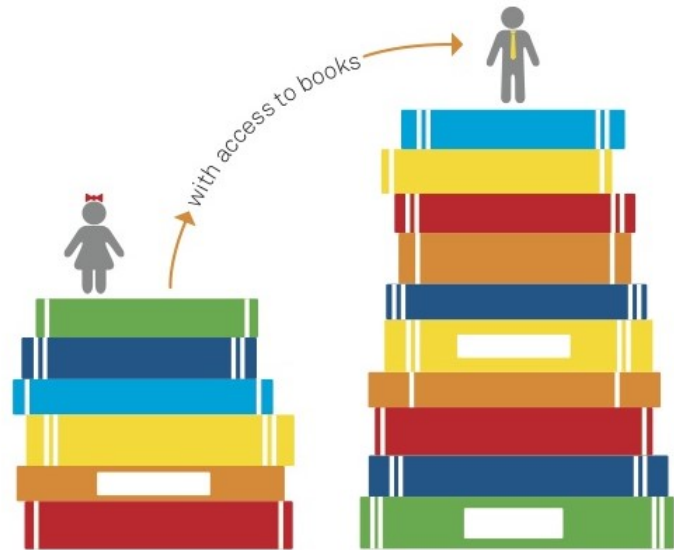
HOW TO BEAT “SUMMER SLIDE”

Children who are given access to books over the summer perform

35-40%

better on reading achievement tests.

—*First Book*



During the summer months, children who don't read fall an average of

2 MONTHS BEHIND.



However, kids who read over the summer can make slight **GAINS!**



By fifth grade, children can be as much as **2.5 YEARS BEHIND** in reading due to “summer slide.”

Reading Practice Is Essential. Kids Get Better At Reading By Reading.

“One of the major differences between poor and good readers is the difference in the quantity of total time they spend reading.”

—*National Reading Panel, 2000*

Daily Reading Adds Up!

If a child reads **30 minutes a day** at home, every day of the school year, he or she will have read **90 hours in one year.** That's more than two weeks of school!

S|A KEEP IT UP DURING THE SUMMER: READ EVERY DAY!

Room 1's Santa letters



Whole School Assembly

