



Waikite Valley School

Developing Learners for Life

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Weekly Panui – Wednesday 14 February, 2018

Kia ora Koutou Whanau,

Meeting with Principal of John Paul College (Patrick Walsh)

Last night a large number of parents came to talk with Patrick Walsh, the Principal of John Paul College, about the work our school has been doing to foster a mutually beneficial relationship with the College. The meeting opened with each parent introducing themselves. Patrick then talked about John Paul College and went on to add the following main points:

- Waikite Valley School does excellent work to prepare students for College, and many of our students who go on to attend JPC do very well and take on leadership roles
- The leadership opportunities, and exposure to a range of learning experiences, at WVS in Year 7 and 8 are a solid foundation for Year 9 at College. WVS students have a well-rounded education.
- We are endeavouring to provide assured acceptance to JPC in Year 9—by reserving spaces to ensure this opportunity is available
- It is Patrick's preference that our students remain at WVS for the duration of their full primary education (Year 1-8) and through JPC collaborating with our school, we will ensure that the skills, knowledge and values that we develop are matched to what they need to be successful at college from Year 9-13.



IMPORTANT DATES

Wednesday 21 February

- **Go BY Bike Day**
- **Te Ruma Puawai Assembly—2.15pm**

Thursday 1 March

- **Waikite Valley School Swimming Sports**

Friday 2 March

- **Intermediate Futsal Tournament (Tauranga)**

Questions that were raised were:

- Is Waikite Valley School providing adequate homework to prepare the children for Year 9? This is something that Patrick and I have been discussing in the sense of whether homework 'adds value' to student learning—research suggests that it is not a productive use of student or teacher time. Therefore, we see a greater value in developing student values and strategies that will reinforce self-motivation and ways of finding information that ensure they will cope with a range of tasks and activities.
- Are our students prepared for the transition to college—class sizes, physical school size, timetables and a range of teaching staff? Patrick and I were both of the opinion that by the end of Year 8 our WVS students have the confidence and engagement in learning that will see them thrive in the college environment.
- Will our Year 8 students leave Waikite Valley School with the academic levels in Maths, Reading and Writing that will enable them to 'keep up' with the other students? The most simple answer is yes. The students in our intermediate class are thoroughly prepared for college because of the intensity of learning that is made possible by the combination of the student/teacher ratios in our classes, and strategic and effective teaching.

Over the course of the year we will continue to develop this positive relationship with JPC, and enable our school to benefit from some of the resources of the college, especially conversations and insights that help us prepare our learners for Year 9-13. Conversely, John Paul College will also gain access to some of our resources and expertise around how to focus learning around each student (as opposed to teaching content), developing student agency and engagement—which are areas that our school is excelling at nationally.

One last note: the relationship being formed with John Paul College does not affect our ongoing relationship with Reporoa College and the transition work that we have done with them in the past will continue.

Teresa Topp

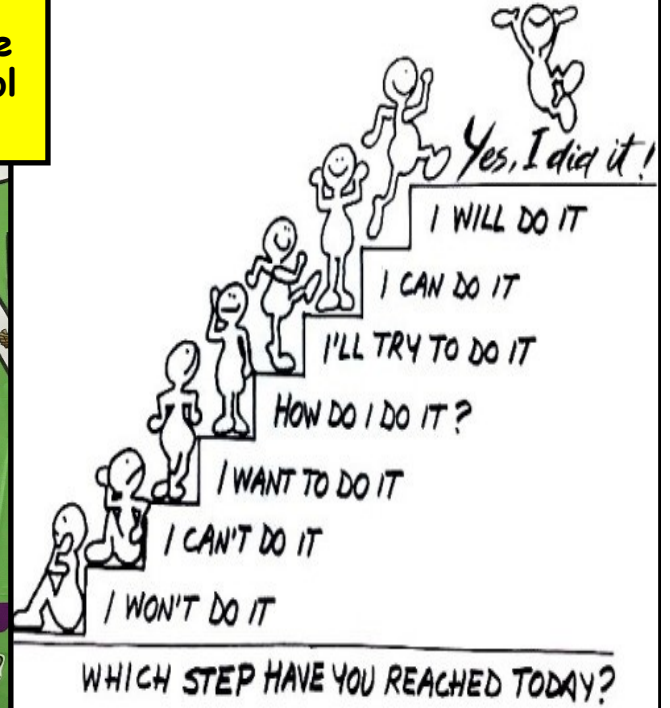
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Welcome to our School!
Jackson Munns (Rm 1) and Blake Braithwaite (Rm 1) who have turned 5 and started school in the past week



Celebrating Success!



On the 27-28th January, Gabriella Muller (Year 7) competed at the Rotorua A&P Show. She did extremely well, placing 1st in Costume, 4th in Dairy Type, 2nd in Youth All Breeds, 6th in Holstein Friesian, and 6th in Handler Class. Well done Gabriella and your calves!

Thank You

To our school community for starting the school year in a positive way, with motivated kids arriving at school ready to learn!

GO BY BIKE DAY 2018—rescheduled for next Wednesday!

On the 21st of February it is Go By Bike Day (fingers crossed for better weather next week!) We would love to see every child at school with their bike if possible. :) Some of you may be able to ride to school, otherwise if you would like to drop their bike at school on Tuesday afternoon or Wednesday morning, they will be able to take part in the activities on the day

In the morning there will be a registration table at the bike shed it will be \$2 donation to get a sausage sizzle and to enter the go by bike day fun.

These are the events that will take place:

- Best dressed bike (This will be judged at 9:15 on the school field)
- Pump track
- Races (on the field)
- Spot prizes
- Most laps of the field/endurance



We are hoping to take a whole group ride at 9:30am, we will need some parent help. If you able to ride with us that would be great. We will talk to the classes on Monday and Tuesday to help them prepare for the day. Everyone will be required to wear helmets when on their bikes.

Thanks, The GPA class—2018

Sports Notice Board



March 1st: Waikite Valley School Swimming Sports

March 2nd: Futsal; year 6,7,8 entries close February 26th

March 6th: Rats Duathlon: year 3 - 8, entries close February 27th (see Mrs Pearson for permission forms)

March 4th: Little Devils Fun run. For ages 3 - 10 yrs. Can enter on the day or entry forms from Mrs Pearson

March 13th: Reporoa Cluster Swimming Sports

April 4th: CBOP swimming sports

Mrs Pearson

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