



Waikite Valley School

Developing Learners for Life

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Weekly Panui – Thursday 22 February, 2018

Kia ora Koutou Whanau,



Go By Bike Day! What a fantastic success!

Waikite Valley School opened their new pump track yesterday with an all-day all-school celebration of bikes. A pump track is an off-road, cycle training circuit of bumps and banked turns. The rider uses gravity to get momentum by shifting their body weight up and down as they navigate the track. The students got a thrilling demonstration of this technique by Casey King from South Star

Trails (the company who designed and built our track) who has been mountain biking for 25 years. Casey also gave the kids guidelines for riding the track safely, and kindly helped with a few running repairs.

Drew Brown, a year 2 student, bravely stepped forward and tried the pump track first. Trepidation soon turned to excitement as each rider got to have a go, and they were still riding hard well into the evening. Bike day also included a grand procession, the best dressed bike competition, sprints and long distance races, and a sausage sizzle to refuel. All of these events were organised and run by the senior students in Mr Topp's year 7 and 8 class. Year 1 student, Jackson, described bike day as, "the best day ever!"

Planning, fund raising and construction of the Waikite Valley School pump track has taken over two years. And the school would like to acknowledge all the help from local businesses and contractors. Watson and Carl from Bluff Contractors and Clint from Cooks Contractors generously gave their time and resources while the pump track was made over the summer holidays. We are also grateful to Shelley & Pat Schnuriger who provided the pumice and fill needed. Waikite Valley School is having an official opening for the pump track on Saturday, April the 8th, and all keen young riders and their families are invited. There will also be food stalls and a car boot sale.

Article written by Sophia Burton

Starting next week the Pump Track will be open as follows:

ROOM 1—Monday
ROOM 2—Tuesday
GPA—Wednesday
ROOM 4—Friday



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

IMPORTANT DATES

Thursday 1 March

- **Waikite Valley School Swimming Sports**

Friday 2 March

- **Intermediate Futsal Tournament (Tauranga)**

Monday 5 March

- **Parent /Teacher conferences 1.30—6.50pm**
- **Mobile Dental Nurse arrives**

Tuesday 6 March

- **Rats Duathlon**

Wednesday 7 March

- **Room 4 Sharing Assembly (2pm)**

Wednesday 14 March

- * **PTA AGM 7pm**

AFTER SCHOOL CARE:

If you need after school care, please let the office know or leave a message on the school phone.

There is after school care every day from 3-5pm.

This is at no charge to you.



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