

# Waikite Valley School

*Developing Learners for Life*

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## Weekly Panui **Tuesday 9th February, 2016**

### CYBERSAFETY—SOME WORDS FROM NETSAFE TO PARENTS

www.netsafe.org.nz—this website has info for parents, students and teachers

#### RISKS VERSUS REWARDS

At NetSafe, mobile devices are increasingly playing a part in many of the issues raised with us by students, parents and teachers. Cybersafety challenges include:

- \* Sexting or the sending of inappropriate texts and images, often by minors
- \* Text or mobile bullying where children with a mobile can be sent threatening messages or a video of an embarrassing moment or school fight can be shared or uploaded to YouTube
- \* Time management or cost issues that can be caused by teens sending hundreds of txts a day or staying contactable late into the night
- \* Location based concerns where smartphones can automatically share a child's current location on social media sites or apps and perhaps with friends they don't know that well.

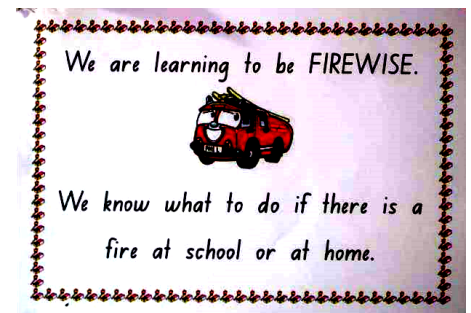
There are of course great benefits to children having mobiles too – the ability for parents to keep in contact and advise on late pickups or revise plans and track location if 'stranger danger' is a real worry.

But often we are asked by parents and caregivers how they can perhaps filter, lock down or just generally control or monitor their child's cellphone to do any of the following:

- prevent the use of the camera
- block calls or texts from certain people
- set strict usage limits or times for internet access
- prevent file sharing over Bluetooth or the installation of downloaded apps

### GET FIREWISE

This week we are learning about how to be firewise at home and school. The students will do some work in class about this each day, with a visit from our local fire warden on Friday to round off the sessions. We will also be doing a fire drill to ensure we all know what to do in case of a fire at school. Please talk with your children at home about what you would do if there was a fire in your house or on the farm.



### WAIKITE VALLEY COMMUNITY KINDERGARTEN

We have been told by the new Early Childhood Centre organisers that the site will be up and running by the end of March. I know, we had heard the start of this year, then late Feb, and now late March... but this time we are sure it will be so! Seems the building has a couple more weeks of work, then the Ministry of Health and Ministry of

Education will visit to sign off the centre, then they can open! We are all waiting with anticipation, it has been a long and frustrating wait, but we are confident that once it opens and our kids are there reaping the benefits of a local ECE we will all be proud of the effort to get it here. It will be a real boost for future families with pre-schoolers. If you have pre-schoolers or know a family with pre-schoolers who would like to pre-enrol them, please get in touch with Arlene Troy:

a.troy@beststarteducare.co.nz or ph 0275717582 The Kindy will cater for 2-5 year olds, with 20 hours ECE for over 3's.



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## IMPORTANT DATES

### Wednesday 10th February

- ★ Swimming lessons with Alistair begin

### Friday 12th February

- ★ Stuart from Firewise (9–11)
- ★ GO BY BIKE DAY

### Thursday 18th February

- ★ WVS swimming sports (PP 19th Feb)

### Wednesday 24th February

- ★ Cluster swimming sports (PP 26th Feb)

### POINTS TO NOTE

- ☺ Mrs Curtis' office hours are Monday, 9-4pm, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday and 9-3pm Friday.
- ☺ The Public Library Bus visit **Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February**



Mr Adams for repairing our Girls Toilet sink faucets! We had a minor flood in the holidays and had to close the junior girls toilets—which was a little disappointing at the start of the year—so a

huge THANK YOU to Mr Adams for all that time and effort to get the bathrooms in order again! We are so lucky to have people like you in our midst. :)



### Get the school newsletter e-mailed to you.

Simply email Kelly :  
office@waikitevalley.school.nz **OR**

Get onto our school website and enter your address onto the mailing list:  
www.waikitevalley.school.nz



Free to caring family homes: three beautiful black 10 week old kittens—two males, one female.

They are de-flead, de-wormed and partially house trained. Please phone Catherine on 333 2103 or 021 954019

## SPORTS NOTICES



### Upcoming events!

It is Bikewise month so a lot of these events involve bikes.

### Friday 12th February

**Go by Bike Day** at school If you can't ride to school bring your bike along and ride at playtime and lunchtime. Rm 4 will be using some Maths to try and ride the distance between their house and school over the day. We have bike goodies to give away.

### Thursday 18th February

Between 5.30 and 7pm **MTB adventure** quest for families. Check out [www.obop.org.nz](http://www.obop.org.nz)

### Saturday 20th February

**Family Fun Ride** 9am at the Telly Tubby Hill (near the museum)

### Thursday 11th February

**Cricket:** the first games start this week at Smallbone Park. More information will come home this week.

### Saturday 26th February

**XRace** Rotorua. 6pm on a Friday A fun Amazing Race type event for children and parents. Find out more at [www.xrace.co.nz](http://www.xrace.co.nz)

### Saturday 14th March

**Rotorua motorcycle Club Interschools MX Challenge:** Primary/Intermediate. Please see Mrs Pearson if you are interested.

### Thursday 14th April

**Mini Marathon:** once again we are hoping to take the school to the Mini Marathon.

- ★ **When:** Thursday 14th April 2016 (No Postponement)
- ★ **Venue:** Energy Events Centre, Rotorua
- ★ **Who:** All Primary & Intermediate aged children - Year 1-8
- ★ **Cost:** \$5 per child.

Please see Mrs Pearson for an entry form.

### **Need a Babysitter?**

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## Waikite Valley School Netball...

We are looking at seeing if we can get some school Netball teams together this year. The session will run from May-Sept approx. and will be Saturday morning's at the Rotorua Netball Courts on Malfroy Road. Trainings will be once a week, either during school time or after school, depending on which will suit everyone.

If you are interested in playing, please fill in the below form and return to the office by **Friday 19 February.**

Thanks  
Shannon Cathcart

Name: .....

Age: .....

**Have played Netball before: YES NO**

## NO CHARGE this term



We will continue to run after school care this term (3-5pm) for our school families. We will be charging \$5 per child, or \$10 per family each day to cover costs. This term it will be run in Room 2. We will apply for a grant to try to cover costs for this in Term 2-3.

Tayla Curtis runs a relaxed program to give the kids downtime after school, and a teacher is always on site. If you need to use this service, please phone the office to let us know and return the form that was sent home last week.

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### Calling all Fruit Tree Owners

We are trying to collect heritage trees to plant in our school gardens. We are looking for trees that have been around for thirty or more years. They are usually found by old farmhouses or on old farms. If you have or know of someone with a heritage tree that produces big fruits or nuts, Please contact the school office.

# Welcome to Waikite Valley School



Room 1: Tangohau Kereama, Felix Topp, Libbie Wheeler (ABS: Charlotte Cowan)

Room 3: Katelyn Cowan



Room 4: Ben Johnston, Cody Price, Bailey Adams



<p><b>MONDAY</b></p>	<p><b><u>Salon Club</u></b> Sophie, Jorja, Katelyn</p>	
<p><b>TUESDAY</b></p>	<p><b><u>Bike Club</u></b> Jackson, Liam</p>	
<p><b>WEDNESDAY</b></p>	<p><b><u>Art Club</u></b> Tegan, Eilish &amp; Rachel</p>	
<p><b>THURSDAY</b></p>	<p><b><u>Cooking Club</u></b> Reg, Toby, Michael &amp; Joshua</p>	
<p><b>FRIDAY</b></p>	<p><b><u>Gymnastics Club</u></b> Gabriella &amp; Kasey</p>	