



Waikite Valley School

Developing Learners for Life

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Weekly Panui – Wednesday 9 May, 2018

Kia ora Koutou Whanau,

HOCKEY

First games this weekend (Friday for Intermediate, Saturday for all others). Please watch for times of games. We are required to provide an umpire for each game, so please help out our teams and make yourself available if possible. We love having the students involved in sport, but we really need help to make sure they all get the most out of it and succeed.



CROSS COUNTRY



Our annual cross country tournament is just around the corner (Thursday 17th May), the distances will be published next week so we can all get into preparations. Most of the students have been running daily at school to prepare for their mini marathon last week, so we will be working from a good fitness base. If you are able to encourage your children to keep up their fitness by being active at home and running a little each day it will really improve their confidence when competing at our school event.



- Tuesday 8 & 9 May**
GPA—Trip to Auckland for Body Works Exhibition & National Young Leaders Day
- Tuesday 15 May**
First Lego League leave for the States
- Wednesday 16 May**
BOT Meeting 6.30pm
- Thursday 17 May**
Waikite Valley School Cross Country PP
- Friday 18 May**
- Thursday 4 May**
First Lego League Team arrive home
- Saturday & Sunday 26/27 May**
RATs Winter Series Duathlon
- Tuesday 29 May**
Cluster Cross Country



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We have a 200 litre Quantum one (retail value \$1047.34 GST incl.) donated from



Farmlands as a fundraiser for our Agrikids Team travelling to Invercargill to compete in the Grand Championship this July. If you can support us by purchasing this item, please contact the office. Money raised will go towards flights & accommodation. Farmlands also generously donated 20kg of Kleer Klenz (already purchased by the Cathcarts) and our team shirts!

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* To the Southern Trust for providing \$3950 funding to support our Agrikids Finalist Team—Waikite

Valley Cream of the Crop with their trip to Invercargill to compete at the national tournament in July



Don't forget to collect your Tea Towels that were used at Camp. They are in the Office.



Community Kindy Waikite Valley



FREE Play and Stay every Friday, 9.30am-11am, for morning tea and coffee.



This is a great way to meet new and local families in area. Everyone welcome!

- Catering for children aged 2 to 5 years old
- Morning and afternoon teas provided daily
- Fun and friendship for children
- Teachers from the local community

OPEN: 7.30am-5.30pm Mon-Fri

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PUMP TRACK ROSTER

ROOM 1—Monday

ROOM 2—Tuesday

GPA—Wednesday

ROOM 4—Friday



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Mini Marathon 2018

Waikite Valley kids gear up for International Lego League

A group of young robotics fanatics are busy fundraising for their first international competition.

The Waikite Valley School Lego League finished third in their third competition in Auckland last year, making them eligible for the international competition.

In May the group will compete at the Lego League Legoland California International Open. The tournament sees the group compete in four areas: robotics, where the group programmes a robot to complete tasks, a project around a theme and problem, general problem solving, and robot design.

At the national tournament the theme was hydro dynamics, or to do with water. In preparation the team visited Rotorua Lakes Council, said team member Toby Stubbs, 12. "We went to council and talked to them about out waterways. They showed us how they have their own water system ... they showed us the filters and what they do to empty them and look after the water."

After the visit the team designed its own water filter using new-found knowledge. Rachel Teague, 12, said the team was working to improve the project in preparation for the tournament.

"It's really fun and good for team work and it's a really good experience," she said.

Team coach Andy Topp said the team was continuing to learn a lot in the lead up to the

trip.

"We've learned a lot along the way. They're a good group which works well together. They've gone through a lot of leadership and that's come out in their team work and ability to work together," Topp said.

Topp estimated the trip would cost around \$17,000 and the group was fundraising. At the competition in Legoland the team will compete against about 80 international teams.

Reg Vanner, 12, said the group was excited. "The experience of going overseas and having a competition with teams from all over the world. It's quite overwhelming," he said. He said the work he did in the Lego league was a good insight into future career possibilities. "It's good because it's becoming more like real life and that's what it's coming to. It's a good insight into possible careers and we get to learn about team work. There's lots we get out of it."

Joining Rachel, Reg and Toby will be Waikite Valley School graduate Daniel Muller, 13, who was part of the team last year.

Reg said the trip was "a big sum for a little community" and wanted to encourage people to donate.

The tournament starts on May 18 and the group was also looking forward to looking around the theme park it's set at.



Reg Vanner (left) and Daniel Muller working on the robot. PHOTO/SUPPLIED



The team at a tournament in 2017, wearing blue jackets and green hoodies. PHOTO/SUPPLIED