



Waikite Valley School

Developing Learners for Life

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Weekly Panui – Wednesday 23 May, 2018

Kia ora Koutou Whanau,



From Monday 25th June I will be away from school on leave as I have been awarded a Primary Principals' Sabbatical from TeachNZ. A Primary Principals' Sabbatical is a period leave available to a principal as part of their career. Leave is provided to engage in a balance of professional learning, reflection and rejuvenation. I will be away from school from the 25th June (2 weeks before the end of Term 2) until the 17th September (2 weeks before the end of Term 3). During this time I will be studying Positive Education (a developing field of psychology with huge benefits for primary aged students) and Mindfulness (especially focussing on the growth of grit, resilience and wellbeing). This is a field that is increasingly in the spotlight and with the growing stresses that are affecting children and our communities, with worsening mental health statistics, I feel like it will become even more important for our children to have tools and strategies to help them cope and be happy.

While I am out of school working on this study, Mr Niall Dinning will be Acting Principal. He will also take over my teaching responsibilities in Room 3/GPA. This is a huge boon for the school and the class. I am grateful to the Ministry of Education for allowing him leave to take up the role while I am on my Sabbatical. It is very assuring to step out of the role to focus on my work, knowing that the students will flourish during his time in the school.

He will be attending an assembly later in the term so that we can introduce him to the students prior to my departure. I can also very definitely assure everyone that I will be eager to return at the end of Term 3 and get my teeth into future focussed planning—refreshed and rejuvenated!

CLUSTER CROSS COUNTRY—next Tuesday at Lake Rerewhakaaitu domain



The students in our Cluster Cross Country team will have brought home their slips earlier this week to help us organise transport and supervision over the day. Please return these by Friday so that we can make sure all of the competitors can get there and back on the day. :)

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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.



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IMPORTANT DATES

Thursday 24 May
First Lego League Team arrive home

Sunday 27 May
RATs Winter Series Duathlon

Tuesday 29 May
Reporoa Cluster Cross Country—Lake Rerewhakaaitu Domain

Monday 4 June
Queens Birthday Holiday

Tuesday 5– 8 June
Hillary Outdoors Camp (Yr 8)

Monday 11 June
PTA Meeting 9am in the staffroom, all welcome.

Friday 22 June
Reporoa Cluster Cultural Festival—Reporoa College



★ Thanks to our parents who helped with marshalling on our Cross Country day.

★ Thank you Pip Negus for transporting and managing our Amazing Race team.

★ Red Stag—for donating a truck load of woodchips for the Food Forest

★ Pat & Shelley Schnuriger for the use of their paddocks to run our Cross Country



Pink Day 2018

Our students and staff dressed in pink and donated \$51.00 to the Mental Health Foundation



Reg, Toby, Rachel & Daniel at the First Lego League Tournament, Carlsbad, California



Waikite Valley School Cross Country—2018

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A person/people skilled
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girls the Poi for our up
coming Kapa Haka
performance on 22 June.
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