

Waikite Valley School

Developing Learners for Life

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Weekly Panui – Wednesday 30 May, 2018



Kia ora Koutou Whanau,

At present, New Zealand Teachers and Principals are engaged in negotiations with the Government proposing solutions to address a mounting crisis in education. The key issues we are confronting are based around Teachers and principals consistently raised high workloads, lack of support for students with additional learning and behavioural needs, and the undervaluing of the profession. We have tried to address these issues through previous rounds of negotiations and through work programmes. Although we've made some progress, it has been insufficient to address the deep-seated and fundamental issues facing our profession. This has led to a crisis in recruitment and retention of teachers and principals. So our Kua Tae Te Wā/It's Time campaign has been launched to achieve the significant investment we need so that all children can reach their potential, and teaching is an attractive, valued and well-supported profession. Together we need to build strong community support to ensure the government understands that this crisis can only be solved by major investment. Our 3 claims focus on issues in education that cannot be resolved solely through renegotiating our employment agreements. Education requires increased resourcing in New Zealand to ensure that:

- ★ all children reach their potential through quality teaching and learning. Teacher recruitment and retention is crucial to achieving this
- ★ Teaching is attractive, valued and well supported profession

91% of NZers want more money to be spent on education, so we need to get together behind this mandate and all take action to ensure the government follows through with their campaign promises. **This campaign will be won on the ground by everyone working together—principals, teachers, parents/whanau, school communities.** I have included a flyer on the inside page of this newsletter with a link to an online survey—please take the time to complete this so you have a say towards the next 30 years of education in NZ.

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The GPA classroom are pleased to welcome 2 new students to our class this week. Alana & Lydia McKay (Yr 7 & 8 respectively) have just moved into our community. We know our students and local families will reach out and make this family feel welcome.



Monday 4 June
Queens Birthday
Holiday

Mon 4 – Fri 8 June
Hillary Outdoors Camp
(Yr 8) - Mrs Twiddy
accompanying

Wednesday 6 June
Rippa Rugby
Tournament

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

Wednesday 13 June
Room 4 assembly (Mr
Dinning—Acting
Principal while Mrs
Topp is on Sabbatical
will be attending)

Wednesday 20 June
Board of Trustees
Meeting 6.30pm

Friday 22 June
Reporoa Cluster
Cultural Festival—
Reporoa College



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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- ★ Shannon & Wayne Cathcart for purchasing the Klear Klenz as fundraiser for the Agrikids Invercargill trip—thank you!
- ★ All our families who are able to access electronic newsletter saving our paper and photocopying—and helping save our planet ;)
- ★ Mr Vanner, Mrs Teague and Mr Topp for accompanying our FLL team to California for their amazing venture into the world of International Robotics Competition



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!



•Teachers from the local community * Catering for children aged 2 - 5 years old * Morning and afternoon teas provided

•Fun and friendship for children

OPEN: 7.30am-5.30pm Mon-Fri

Get in touch Phone: **(07) 562 4623** Email: ck.waikite.manager@best-start.org

BOP Amazing Race 2018—Results Year 7 & 8

On Friday 18 May we entered an Intermediate team in the Sport BOP Amazing Race (held at the Tauranga Domain). Our team was: Tegan Negus (Yr 7), Baylie Edwards (Yr 8), Gabriella Muller (Yr 7), Jackson Worsp (Yr 7), Carlos Brbich (Yr 7) and Max Lang (Yr 6). The team had to complete a range of tasks using their teamwork and problem solving skills. Pip Negus was the manager and team transport for the day. This is our 3rd year competing, with our best result yet. Congratulations to these students for their cooperation, persistence, fitness and thinking skills demonstrated on the day.

Overall Winner:	Pyes Pa School [Team 8]	31 points
Second equal:	Tahatai Coast School Pongakawa [Team 18]	30 points
Third place:	Waikite Valley	29 points

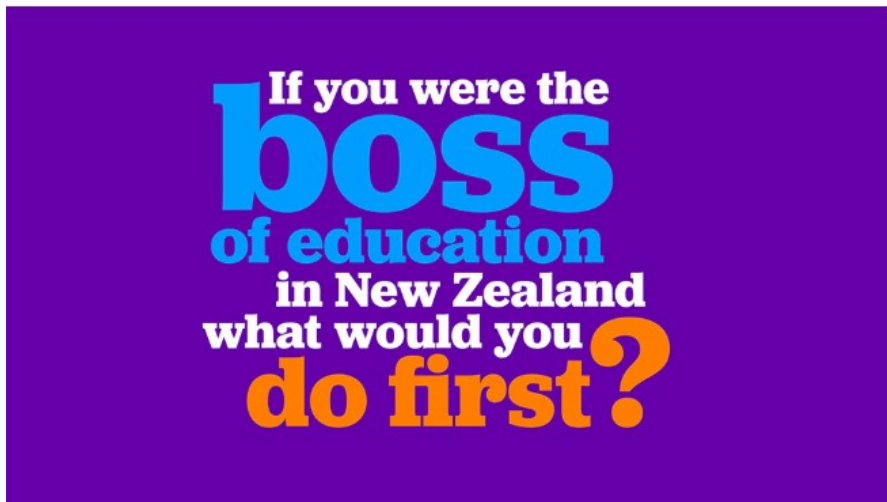
Further Results: 28 points:
Tauranga Intermediate
Matahui School
Omokoroa Point School
Waihi College
Bethlehem College [Team 17]
27 points
Otamarakau [Team 4]
Papamoa Colege [Team 19]
26 points or less
Oropi School
John Paul College
Te Puna School
Otamarakau [Team 5]
Bethlehem College [Team 16 - 3x girls]
Team 14—Omokoroa No.1



Have your say

This is your chance to have your say on the future of New Zealand education, for all our children and young people, for the next 30 years or more.

So come on, join the conversation spread the word to everyone you know - post publicly on Facebook and Twitter #EdConvo18.



Visit: <https://consultation.education.govt.nz/education/korero-matauranga/>



It's Time: Community action planning

*Ehara taku toa i te toa takitahi, engari he toa takitini.
Our strength is not that of a single warrior but that of many.*

This campaign will not be won by the bargaining team. It will be won by many teachers and principals joining with their communities and showing the strength of support for the issues.

Success is up to all of us

Kua Tae Te Wa will be as successful as we make it - the more you do, the more we will win. For too long education has been neglected. You and your students have born the brunt of that neglect.

This can change. We have public support, and for the first time in a long time, we have a Government that is listening. We know Government's act on public concern. The louder the concern the more politicians will act.

You know your school community. They are voters and potential allies for the campaign. What can you do right now to get support in your school community?

If you were the
boss
of education
in New Zealand
what would you
do first?

Why get in behind the campaign?

New Zealand has a problem. Enrolments in teacher training have dropped 40% between 2010 and 2016 while there are growing school rolls.

Since the early 2000s teacher salaries have dropped significantly relative to the median NZ salary from 1.8 times the median (for experienced teachers on the top of the pay scale) to just over 1.5. In effect, this means jobs that used to earn less than teachers now earn more.

What is the Government saying?

The Finance Minister Grant Robertson hinted that the Government have made provision for a teacher salary increase in May's Budget, but we don't know the extent. The other issues in primary education haven't really been addressed (except some movement in additional learning needs).

We know they agree there is a problem. Education Minister Chris Hipkins has said there is a chronic teacher shortage: *It's a shocking failure of planning by the previous National Government that has left an immediate shortage of teachers, but more worryingly, a ticking time bomb for schools as baby boomer teachers retire and too few incoming teachers coming through to take over.*

Teacher-led community actions

Here are two current examples from the campaign:

In Howick, Robyn wanted to do something simple that would get her school colleagues activated and at the same time target decision makers. She wrote a letter explaining the issues schools are facing in her community and calling for support.

The letter that could equally be sent to the local MPs, the Minister, or the Secretary of Education.

"It was my letter, but I asked all of my colleagues to sign it too," says Robyn. "That led to lots of signatures, but also plenty of conversations around our issues."

Most signed, but some were motivated to write their own versions based on Robyn's template.

In South Auckland, Tracey and her colleagues are keen to inform families about the campaign and bring them on board.

As a first step the team are designing a survey that will ask parents to identify what they value and expect from their children's schooling experience.

As a follow-up a hui for families is planned. There the survey results will be shared and discussed over food and linked to the Kua Tae Te Wa campaign.

Sport Bay of Plenty
more people, more active, more often

Stuck in a fitness
or health rut?

Are there limited exercise or
fitness options close to home?

Would you like to see
some changes?

If you answered yes, we want to hear from you.
Let us know what activities you want to see.

AND if you, or someone you know, would be the
perfect person to lead this, we'd love to hear from
them too.

*Don't delay an udder day – get in
touch with Sport Bay of Plenty*

Please send your feedback, ideas or
comments to your local Recreation Advisor
Lauren Atkinson at laurena@sportbop.co.nz
or call 027 269 273

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WANTED

A person/people skilled
and willing to teach our
girls the Poi for our up
coming Kapa Haka
performance on 22 June.
Please contact the office.



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