

Waikite Valley School

Developing Learners for Life

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Weekly Panui – Wednesday 13 June, 2018

Kia ora Koutou Whanau,

RETAINING OUR INTERMEDIATE STUDENTS

Many of you are aware that over the past 4 years the staff, BOT & community of our school have worked hard to find out what we can do to ensure that our school meets the needs and aspirations of our community. It is a huge credit to us all that we have had an intermediate class with at least 9 students in Year 7-8 for the past 2 1/2 years. However, we are still aware that some families are considering moving their children before they complete their full primary schooling at Waikite Valley.

Apparently, one of the main reasons for the early shift is a concern that the children will not be accepted to John Paul College at Year 9 because of a lack of spaces. Over the past couple of years I have been working with the Principal of JPC, Patrick Walsh, on how we can form a positive relationship that ensures the students of Waikite Valley can get the 'best of both worlds'. The main focus of this collaboration is to assure parents that they are best to stay at Waikite Valley School for as long as is possible to take full advantage of our school's opportunities: unique rural setting, core curriculum targeted teaching, key competency development, student-teacher ratio, leadership learning and other initiatives the students develop in collaboration with our expert staff. At the start of 2018 Mr Walsh attended an information evening at our school where he made the following points:

- Waikite Valley School does excellent work to prepare students for College, and many of our students who go on to attend JPC do very well and take on leadership roles
- The leadership opportunities, and exposure to a range of learning experiences, at WVS in Year 7 and 8 are a solid foundation for Year 9 and beyond at College. WVS students have a well-rounded education.
- We are able to provide assured acceptance to JPC in Year 9—by reserving spaces to ensure this opportunity is available
- Mr Walsh would prefer that our students remain at WVS for the duration of their full primary education (Year 1-8)



Our school has excellent resources and expertise around how to focus learning around each student (as opposed to teaching content), developing student agency and engagement—which are areas that are proven to greatly advance student achievement and self motivation. We know that from Year 9-13 (5 years total) they will have plenty of exposure to large class sizes/peer group and high school opportunities. In fact, they will be better equipped to enjoy success through those years when they have completed Year 7-8 in a safe environment conducive to developing self-esteem and confidence.

At present we have 5 students in Year 7, and 9 students in Year 6; this should make for a **class of 14 students** in our intermediate class in 2019. The opportunities and engagement of this age group is strengthening from year to year, with the ongoing support and confidence of the community in their local school we are shifting from strength to strength. The increasing number in the class allows us to provide an outstanding intermediate education second to none.

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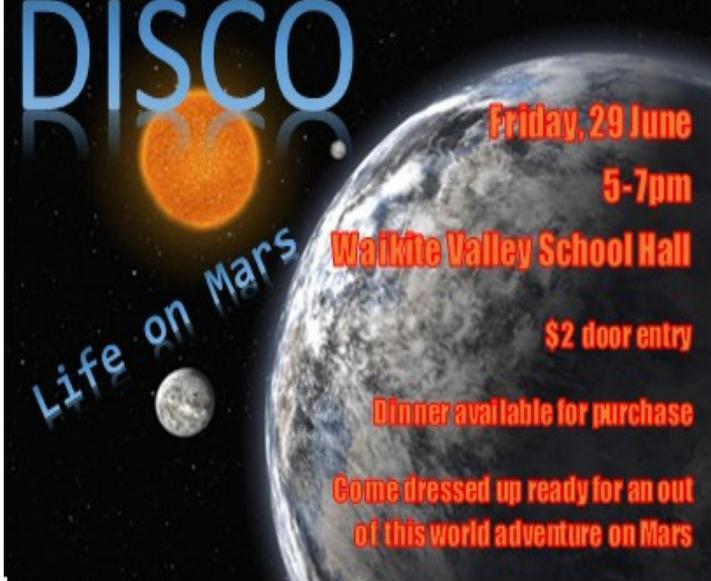
IMPORTANT DATES

Wednesday 20 June
Board of Trustees Meeting 6.30pm

Friday 22 June
Reporoa Cluster Cultural Festival—
Reporoa College

NOTICES DUE

- ★ Kapa Haka Festival
- ★ Teachers Union Meeting



To Waikite Valley School Community,

I would like to take the opportunity to thank Waikite Valley School, the sponsors and all the people that donated to the Give a Little Page, Mr and Mrs Topp and the community for the opportunity to join the Waikite valley Doozers in America for the FLL tournament.

This trip was awesome and really inspired me to look at all the different careers that involve programming. I have always been a huge fan of Lego since I was little, so going to Legoland was always a dream. I have also learnt a lot of skills like being patient with the robot and also not being rough with it, building teamwork and learning to take the good with the bad.

I would like to thank Mr Vanner for all the long hours of help and support that he gave us with the robot.

Lastly a big thank you to the Doozers, Reg, Toby and Rachel for including me in the team and I'm sure that we all had a great time in America.

Thank you very much,

Daniel Muller

(Past Waikite Valley School stu-



Hockey Duty

This week our school and Ngakuru are on Hockey Duty at the turf. At 7.55am a Rotorua

Hockey committee member will meet us at the turf with the keys. The duty school tasks are in the Hockey Handbook which is on our school website homepage. We will need every hockey parent to help out during the changeover of turf set-up. Ngakuru School will be running the BBQ/cake stall. Many hands make light work, so if we all pitch in we can be efficient.



HELP! We have been unable to locate the boy's kapa haka uniforms (shorts and sashes). If you have any idea where they might be, please let the school office know.



SHARING LEARNING ACROSS THE SCHOOL



Handwriting in Rm 1
Learning a new technique :)



Room 2 students applying acrylic paint to their fired clay cupcakes



Link to electronic return slips for permission and transport notices

Permission and Transport notices

Newsletter link

Link to newsletter archive

CHECK OUT OUR ENROLMENT PAGE FOR OUR ENROLMENT FORMS, NEW ENTRANTS INFORMATION BOOKLET, GRADUATE PATHWAYS ACADEMY (YR 7-8) INFORMATION BOOKLET AND GENERAL SCHOOL INFORMATION/PROSPECTUS



Welcome to Waikite Valley School!

Kia ora - welcome to Waikite Valley School

We are an awesome, progressive country school situated in a picturesque valley 26km South-East of Rotorua.

...ate to be surrounded by several beautiful lakes, thermal waters and hot springs and the famous Waikite Valley Hot Pools. The Paeroa Ranges dominate the landscape and are a breathtaking sight on a clear day.

Our strong rural community is made up of dairy and sheep farmers and lifestyle blocks. It is very supportive of our school, with an active PTA and an excellent parent and community base.

At the heart of Waikite Valley is our school – come and see us! We have a current roll of 73 awesome kids in 4 super classrooms.

WEEKLY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Email *

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MURDER MYSTERY

Waikite valley school fundraiser

murder mystery night

more details to follow !!!!

Who dunnit?

Ngakuru/Waikite Valley District
Mid Winter Warm-Up and Welcome-In

Friday 22nd June
Waikite Valley Hall
\$15 per person
Includes: Soup and finger food, mulled wine, speakers and a quiz
Starts: 6:30pm

Email donglenys@xtra.co.nz or jandsatkinson@gmail.com (by the 18th)
to book your spot Bookings essential !!

(Please let any new neighbours know as they won't receive this newsletter)



★ To Joel McKay and Kelly Curtis for running the Rippa Rugby Teams at the tournament last Friday

JUN
30

welcome in bonfire

Robkelly Cowan · Private



Edit



Invite



More

🕒 Saturday, 30 Jun at 5 PM

📍 along hossack road farm gate be open to park in the paddocks signs will be up

rob and kelly cowan r hosting a welcome in to all our new community families bring the kids along a blanket or chair and meet some of the locals byo drinks and something to chuck on the bbq or just come on down when u want too

★ To the Cathcart's for delivering a load of wood-chips to the pile beside the school pool, which will be used in the food forest

★ To the families who helped erect the school marquee at the Cluster Cross Country

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