



Waikite Valley School

Developing Learners for Life

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Weekly Panui - Wednesday 8 August, 2018

Kia ora,

I hope this busy time of the year is going as smoothly as possible for you all. Next Wednesday the 15th, primary teachers across the country are taking industrial action in support of their collective agreement. As mentioned last week we will open for students whose families cannot make other arrangements. Please contact the office if you would like your child supervised on this day.

You may well have heard some of the media reports regarding the teachers' claim. I would like to share some of the facts of the claim, many of which have not been given air time. Yes, teachers are asking for a pay increase spread over the life of the new collective agreement, however the Ministry's offer of 14.7% is only for the early steps of the pay scale not for the top half where most teachers sit. The claim is also for an increase in non-teaching support including teacher's aides and time for a dedicated teacher to support students with special learning needs. In addition they are asking for an increase to their non-contact time with their class. This time is used to undertake activities like 1:1 assessments and ongoing professional learning. It should be noted here that most secondary school teachers have 20% of their time to do these tasks. Primary teachers have been offered 12 hours (up from 10) per term (5%) - this equates about an extra 30s per child. The claim is for 20 hours per term - 10%. The last part of the claim I'd like to draw your attention to is a reduction in teacher:student ratio for classroom teachers and more time for middle leaders to actually lead learning for their teams.

Please consider these issues when your children are at home on Wednesday, especially how these issues affect your family.

Ngā Mihi

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Dear Parents of the Reporoa Area.

It is with great pride and excitement that I write this letter of introduction to you as the new Principal of Reporoa College. I am looking forward to getting to know you and working with the students, the parents and community members in the local area.

I would like to take the opportunity to introduce myself to the community. I began my educational career 20 years ago in South Auckland and have worked in a variety of schools throughout New Zealand and the United Kingdom. For the last 12 years I have worked in Senior Leadership and have just left Waihi College as Deputy Principal.

I am passionate about student centered learning and believe the benefit of learning in smaller rural schools is that we really get to know our students as individuals. We can adapt learning programs to meet the needs of these students to create individualized learning plans.

I also see the benefit of connecting the curriculum to real life and providing opportunities for students to develop themselves through education outside the classroom, sport, cultural activities and international travel.

I have been married for 19 years to my wife Sarita and have three pretty cool children, Amie (13), Matthew (11) and Emma (6). We are looking forward to getting involved in the local community as we are members of Lions International and St John.

My door is always open and I welcome your input. Please feel free to stop in, call or email me to discuss any concerns, suggestions, or ideas! I am looking forward to meeting you in the near future.

Regards

Brendan Carroll



Thursday 9 August

- ★ **Bike skills - postponed**

Wed 15 August

- ★ **NZEI Teachers Strike - All day**
- ★ **Junior Tough Guy & Girl**

Thursday 16 August

- ★ **Reading Together 6.00 - 7.15pm**

NOTICES DUE

- ★ **Indication of Pet - This has been re issued to those who have not responded. Please return ASAP**
- ★ **Please note , any outstanding fees for extra curricula activities must be paid ASAP or the activity will not be available.**

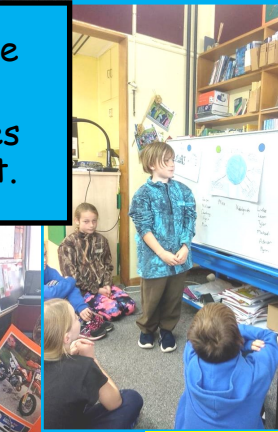


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SHARING LEARNING ACROSS THE SCHOOL



Room 4 sharing their Home Learning on Planets & Toys & Games from the past and present.



Ryder & Indigo read the book Cooking Pancakes.



On Thursday night our first Reading Together session was held with a great turn out from Waikite Valley School and Kindy parents and children.



Clarifying School Donations and Fees

In the last few weeks we have had some questions about these items. The following text is copied from the Ministry of Education's guidance on this issue:

Section 3 of the Education Act 1989 (the Act) states that every domestic student is entitled to free enrolment and free education at a state school or partnership school kura hourua from the person's 5th birthday until 1 January following the person's 19th birthday.
Clarifying School Donations and Fees

This means schools cannot charge domestic students a fee for enrolment or attendance, or for delivery of the curriculum. The only exception to this rule is that proprietors of state-integrated schools can charge attendance dues.

Donations

Payment is voluntary. Donations can be for general purposes, or for a specific purpose such as library books or sports equipment. They can be requested, but payment cannot be compelled or enforced. It must be made clear that donations are voluntary.

GST is not payable on donations, and tax credits can be claimed.

Purchase of Goods and Services

Payment must be made for the purchase of goods or services, but only after a parent has freely chosen to make the purchase. Schools must provide students and parents with information on any charges before they agree to receive goods or services.

GST is payable, and tax credits cannot be claimed.

For more information on donations and fees see education.govt.nz | Search for 'Donations' | Read Circular 2018/01

Fees and Donations at Waikite Valley School

Fees are generally for 'extras' over and above the delivery of the curriculum e.g. music tuition, school camps, sports activities or third party activities that the school facilitates for students. We are not funded, and do not budget for, these items. If they are unpaid we must cover the debt from funds that are provided for the delivery of the curriculum for all children.

Donations help us add additional value to the curriculum. They go towards things like extra colour photocopying, school trips as a part of our programme, some books for the library etc. We are funded for some of these items but delivering a high quality curriculum puts pressure on resources. This is what we generally use donations to support.

Your next statement will have all items clearly identified for you. Thanks for your support in this.

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Reading Together

The Second of four sessions will be held this Thursday 16th August at 6pm.

Let Mrs Dinning know if you would like to attend.

This is a fun, interactive programme for the whole family.



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**

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Waikite valley school fundraiser

murder mystery night

more details to follow !!!!



ATTENTION

Waikite Valley School Slink Run Families

Austin's Farm—78785 have moved their slink calf location next to the old Palm kernel bin.



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