



Waikite Valley School

Developing Learners for Life

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Weekly Panui

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FEEDBACK FROM LAST WEEK'S NEWSLETTER

Arriving home Monday night, I checked my emails to find a very encouraging one from a high school teacher in Rotorua who supports the idea of rural kids staying at their local schools until Year 9. I have posted an excerpt of her email below:

"I couldn't agree more about the value of completing Y7 and Y8 at a "small", country school. Students would not get the same education and experiences at a larger intermediate in town.

As a secondary school teacher myself, students who come from country schools in Y9 are not disadvantaged - they top our extension classes!!"

(Experienced teacher, Western Heights High School)

This is great to hear from a current teacher who has students arriving from smaller, rural schools. I know that **all** of the staff in Waikite Valley School have spent many years working in large, urban schools and can confidently say that they do not have the ability to compete with how effectively we target our kids learning—due to lower teacher-student ratio's, the amount of time we get to spend with them (2-3 years in one class) and the amount of extra learning opportunities we are able to provide (such as the Maths Club, Writers of Waikite, Reading recovery etc.). We have worked at large, urban intermediate and secondary schools and know their strengths and weaknesses intimately. I am regularly asked by parents in town if we have a bus that they can send their intermediate aged kids on to get to our school, as they would jump at the chance to place them in an environment like ours. They are as astounded as I am that some of our families are sending kids into bigger schools before they have to. I know that circumstances sometimes mean that there may not be a better alternative, but I am also aware that there may be misinformation and inaccuracies that are guiding some decisions.

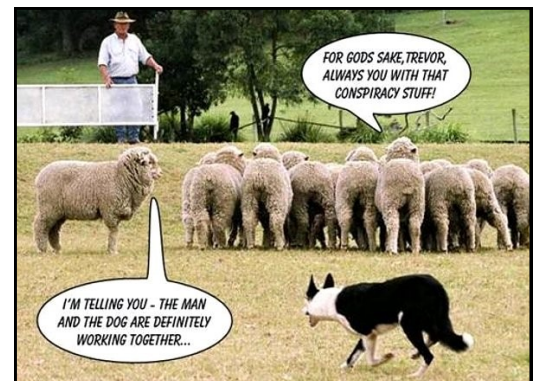
Anywho..... I'll get off my soap-box for now. It's just such a big deal to the funding and staffing of the school that I can't help but chip away.....It's in our School Charter, it's part of the Board's big push to grow our roll, and the staff are putting their all into it too. This will be the difference for our school in the long run.

Teresa Topp

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TOMORROW NIGHT—SCIENCE BONANZA!

Science workshop for parents tomorrow night
5-6pm—Very hands on! Will involve matchbox
cars and m&m's!

Please come—Room 3 :) Facilitator is Paul Ash-
man from University of Waikato



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IMPORTANT DATES

Tuesday 9th August

- ★ *Science Workshop for all parents—5-6pm (in Room 3) hosted by Paul Ashman (University of Waikato)*

Monday 15th August

- ★ Student teachers starting in Rm 1 & 4 (University of Waikato)

Wednesday 17th August

- ★ BOT meeting 6.30pm

Thursday 18th August

- ★ Room 1 Sharing Assembly

SPORTS NOTICES



UPCOMING EVENTS!

JuniorTough Guy Challenge: (last day for names on numbers August 10th, and for entry 17th Aug) August 19th (next Friday!). Entry fee \$20. Forms available from Mrs Pearson (Year 3-8)

HOCKEY TRAINING TOMORROW (TUES) & THURS. All players need sticks and mouth-guards! Our coaches find it difficult to work with each team when players are not equipped to train.



Congratulations to our students Josh Norman, Reg Vanner & Cody Price for making it into their Rugby Finals for the JAB under11's. They will face Marist St Michael in the final next Saturday. This is the second year in a row this team has made the finals (with the ultimate victory last year).

Josh Norman has also made the Ellis Shield representative squad for the Central Bay of Plenty.

Kia kaha boys, good luck for this weekend!

**Thank
You**

* To those doing the **SLINK RUN**—but please remember to put name & date on form :)

Get the school newsletter e-mailed to you.

Email Kelly: office@waikitevalley.school.nz

OR

Get onto our school website and enter your address onto the mailing list:

www.waikitevalley.school.nz

PUBLIC LIBRARY BUS

☺ The Public Library Bus's next visit
Tuesday 16th August

Blu-suds 4KG laundry powder
\$20

PTA Fundraiser

Available from the school office.



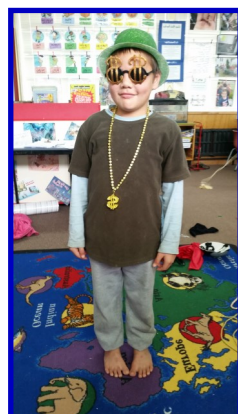
School Fundraiser

We have 6 x 20kg tubs of Klear Klenz to sell in order to raise funds. We would love to sell them at \$100 each. Phone the office to let us know how many you need! Ph. 333 1888



SCHOOL LEADERS NEWS

The school leaders have been working away on their projects which include: organizing the sports gear box for play times, purchasing some equipment for the sand pit, getting resources for the classrooms that the students have requested and looking at positive ways to fundraise for the school. Last week they were able to proudly present Room 3 with an excellent assortment of dress-ups for their classroom, which were purchased with the money raised from the Pajama Day last term. Room 3 were overjoyed with the resource!



Room 3 in dress-up mode!

Community Kindy Waikite Valley

We invite you to join us for **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

Get in touch

Phone: (07) 562 4623

Email: ck.waikite.manager@best-start.org

We are happy to welcome a new student who started in Room 1
—Haere mai Sherikhan Pene!



Adrian has completed his Reading program with Mrs Dinning and was given his prize at assembly last week. Tu meke Adrian!



PET DAY DATES

All lambs and calves for pet day & group day must be born after 20 July & before 25 Sept.

This is what happens when you leave your kids with the dog...



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