

Waikite Valley School

Developing Learners for Life

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Weekly Panui - Monday 10th June 2019



Kia ora whanau,

C.O.U.R.A.G.E.

Early on in Term 1 of this year, after the school leaders were elected and we started meeting as a school council, one of the first tasks I asked them to take on was to develop more coherent school values. We agreed that we liked the longstanding ones: Caring, Confident, Enthusiastic, Respect, Proud, Responsible, Curious; but we found it difficult to remember them. Therefore, I suggested we have a word to 'hang' our values off that would trigger our memory. We were essentially looking for a clever acronym. After several meetings, they decided on "**COURAGE**" as the core value to base the others around. They then brainstormed in pairs, or on their own and developed a range of options for each of the letters of courage. We wanted to keep some of the old values, so they decided to keep Confident, Respectful and Enthusiastic. With the leadership council being stuck on whether "Adventurous" or "Ambitious" was better, or "Grateful" or "Grit" would be more appropriate; I surveyed the teachers for a final cut. So, that is the story of how we've ended up with our core School Values:

- C**onfident
- O**ptimistic
- U**nique
- R**espectful
- A**dventurous
- G**rit
- E**nthusiastic

These will be taught in lessons over the year. We want our Waikite Valley learners to be strong in all of these values and we aspire to have them as they will be the foundation of our school culture.

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We are holding our Student-Led Learning Tours on Wednesday 26th June. You are welcome to come into school and look through your child's classroom while the school is running as usual. Your child will be prepared to show you around and talk about their learning goals and successes this year. You are welcome anytime from 8am-4pm.

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IMPORTANT DATES

MONDAY 10th JUNE

- ★ 3.15pm PTA meeting

FRIDAY 14TH JUNE

- ★ School Disco, Waikite Valley Hall, 5.30 - 7.30pm

THURSDAY 20th JUNE

- ★ Room 4 Sharing Assembly

FRIDAY 21ST JUNE

- ★ Reporoa Cluster Cultural Festival

WEDNESDAY 26TH JUNE

- ★ Open Day/ Student led Learning Tours

THURSDAY 4TH JULY

- ★ GPA Sharing Assembly

FRIDAY 5th JULY

- ★ Last School Day Term 2

SATURDAY 6th JULY

- ★ COMMUNITY EVENT - Western Hoedown!

Mega Dunk For Harold

BIGGER and BETTER

Sunday 23 June

10-12pm

Rotorua Aquatic Centre

Support Life Education Trust Rotorua Area

BE IN TO WIN A RANGE OF FANTASTIC SPOT PRIZES

WIN A DAY AT THE AQUATIC CENTRE FOR YOUR WHOLE SCHOOL!

RISE THE ICY SLIPPERY SLIDE, SHOW YOUR BRAVERY UNDER THE BUCKETS

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CHECK OUT OUR FACEBOOK PAGE TO ENTER





Waikite Valley School PTA
invite you to a.....

Deep Sea Disco



Kids \$2
Adults
free

Nachos, hot
dogs, chips,
drinks
available for
purchase



Waikite Valley Hall
Friday 14th June 2019
5.30pm - 7.30pm

Glow items
available for
purchase

Dress in Neon or
white to **GLOW** on
the dancefloor under
our UV cannon

Stainless Steel Clothes Peg Fundraiser

Bento Ninja offers hassle free fundraising opportunity with environmentally friendly stainless steel clothes pegs, stainless steel sporks and waste & plastic free lunchboxes, for environmentally conscious schools and organizations.



STANDARD SIZE PEGS \$20

6cm x 1.5 cm, 1.8mm wire diameter
Stainless steel 304
20 pegs in a reusable cotton cloth bag

** If you live within 500m of the sea, we recommend MARINE GRADE pegs.

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5.9cm x 1.5cm, 2mm wire diameter
Stainless steel 316
20 pegs in a reusable cotton cloth bag
MARINE GRADE pegs are made to last forever.

This is the grade recommended to use if you live within 500m from the sea. They will NOT get rusty under the harsh condition.



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Sports Notice Board

Have your say

Kōrero mai

UNIFORM SURVEY FINDINGS

Thank you to all the families who returned the paper surveys to the office or posted an indicative vote on the Facebook Page. The uniform debate has valid pro's and con's - with strong opinions often being voiced. It is really important that we each have the opportunity to voice our opinions or views, but that we also understand that we have different reasons and experiences that lead to our decisions. As a community it is clear that there is polarized thinking around whether or not Waikite Valley School needs a uniform. Through receiving the surveys and looking at the outcome of the votes, it is clear that we have not reached the point where a uniform is a need for our students and their families.

Some points made on the paper surveys were:

"We just moved here, if the school had a uniform that would have been another expense that we would have found hard to come up with"

"I like the hoodies and puffers as an option, but not compulsory. Perhaps we could offer a T-Shirt for summer along the same lines. School pride is awesome, but I don't think it needs to be compulsory every day."

"As there are great hoodies and jackets already, I think a polo/fleece would look very smart for our school grounds."

"I don't mind either way. No clothing battles at home yet. I think a uniform would look nice and smart"

PAPER VOTES: 11 - NO, 4 - YES, 2 - NEUTRAL

FACEBOOK VOTES: 20- NO, 14 - YES

(NB: in order to reflect the views of our current student's whanau, some of the face-book votes are not included in this tally - while appreciated as a wider community viewpoint).

As per the consultation cycle, this will be reviewed again in 2021.

HOCKEY

If your child is unable to make their game - please contact your team manager so we can organise back-up

Please ensure children have their hockey sticks and mouth guards for training (MONDAY & THURSDAY) and their games.

The Valley Strikers - Yr 7-8 training on Monday afternoons 4pm - 5.30pm at Waikite Valley School AstroTurf.

All other teams train during lunch.

AFTER SCHOOL CARE

After school care is available daily from 3-5pm in the school library. This is run free of charge thanks to a grant from First Sovereign Trust. If your child/ren are going to be at ASC, please let the office know. Any children on school grounds after 3pm without their parent/caregiver will need to attend ASC so that we know they are safe on school grounds until they are picked up. Thanks for supporting us!



Thank you to all the parents who were able to help at the Rippa Rugby, especially Nik Fiskien for managing the Year 3-4 team and Wayne Cathcart for his valuable coaching.

Rippa Rugby World Cup 2019





Pod 2 Sharing
Assembly

