Waikite Valley School

Developing Learners for Life

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Climate Research and Experimentation at Waikite Valley School

Students from Room 4 Waikite Valley Primary School have recently completed the Primary CREST NIWA's What is Climate? investigation as part of their Term 2/3 Inquiry. The Primary CREST programme was combined with climate and weather-related stories and articles as part of the reading programme and was followed up with a look at climate change.

The students made devices for measuring and recording weather which were then located in various parts of the school grounds for data collection.
Teacher Sheryl Pearson reports that her students really enjoyed the hands-on activities and were able to answer their inquiry questions with a combination of reading (research) and experimentation.

Congratulations to the Room 4 students for achieving their Primary CREST awards.

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NETSAFE WORKSHOP
5.30-7PM TOMORROW NIGHT
(PIZZA & CHILDCARE PROVIDED)

It's not unusual for parents to have mixed feelings about social networking. While kids enjoy the opportunities for interaction social networking presents, many parents have legitimate concerns. The online world is one that needs to be navigated carefully, and parents play an important role in teaching their children to safely and gracefully navigate this.

netsafe
netsafe.org.nz

Common Social Networking Concerns

Bullying
The Cyberbullying Research Center reports that about 20 percent of kids report experiencing some type of cyberbullying. With statistics like that, it's clear that cyberbullying is an issue among youth and teens, and social networking sites provide the perfect place for such incidents to take place.

Anyone Can Sign Up
While many social networking websites have some supervisory controls in place, for the most part it is up to the user to protect himself or herself from offensive posts and/or dangerous contacts. Because of the sheer number of people using social networking websites (Facebook has more than a billion users worldwide), it is impossible to screen and monitor each participant.

Lack of Supervision
Due to the sheer volume of people engaged in social networking, these websites are often a free-for-all. While most sites do allow users to report offensive posts, it may take quite some time before administrators are able to respond to such reports. In the meantime, your child may be exposed to something you don't want him or her to see.

Loss of Privacy
Participating in social networking can make children easier to find via a simple Web search, and this concerns many parents. Children may unintentionally share too much information about themselves or their family members. Location services may be of particular concern, because they allow your child to "check in" at a specific location to tell people where they are and how to find them.

Potential for Reputation Damage
Children and teens often lack the personal filters necessary to know what is and isn't appropriate on social networking. If your child or teen posts the wrong photograph or makes an inappropriate comment, it can follow him or her for years to come.

Safety
Many parents fear predators and stalkers online. This is why it is so important to follow basic Internet safety precautions, not only for Internet usage, but for social networking as well. While not every person is someone with bad intentions, there are many people on social networking websites who aren't who they say they are.

Waste of Time
Even adults are susceptible to spending far too much time on their social networking sites. Many parents are concerned their children will spend time on social networking they could be using to do homework, exercise, or interact with people in the real world.

We are extremely fortunate to have an educator from NetSafe come to our school to run this workshop to help us navigate cyber-safety with our children's safety at heart. This involves all of us and it would be great to see a member of every school whānau present.

ENTHUSIASM IGNITES GREATNESS

Big Thanks

Mr Topp - Employee of the (past two) week - for stepping in as the Acting Principal while Mrs Topp was working on a Ministry of Education Task Group. Thank you Mr Topp!

Around our School

After School Care pupils shearing their various activities with Mrs. Hunter in Pod 2.

Our victorious Rotomaths Teams.

This week GPA taught Kohta, our Japenese visitor to play uni-hockey - Waikite Valley style!

Pod 1 - Planning, making then eating. Money well spent.

TERM 3 - Lunch Time Clubs

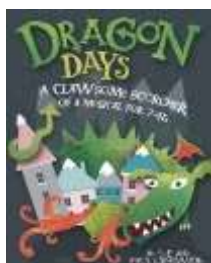|		
MONDAY		Morning Tea **- Save the Sea: Videos, games, colouring** Onyx, Alana & Syris Lunch - **Hockey**
TUESDAY		Morning Tea **- Dance/Jump Jam** Siniva , Syris & Gabriella
WEDNESDAY		Morning Tea **- Games Club** Siniva & Katie Lunch Time - **Athletics Club** Tyler, Alana & Luke
THURSDAY		Morning Tea **- Drawing/ Sketching/Comic Books** Jakob, Carlos & Lydia Lunch time - **Hockey**
FRIDAY		Morning Tea **- Animals & Insects** Carlos & Max

PET DAY ORPHAN LAMBS

If you are wanting a lamb for our school pet day - please let the office know and we'll put you on the list. These are at no cost, but make sure you are ready with milk powder and a warm place to house them.

They will only be available up to the 20th September.

KNOWLEDGE IS POWER, BUT ENTHUSIASM PULLS THE SWITCH

PUMP-TRACK ROSTER

MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI
POD 1	POD 2	RM 4	GPA	Wheels Day

SCHOOL MUSICAL

Waikite Valley School will be performing the Musical Comedy "Dragon Days" on Thursday 26th September (matinee & evening performance).

CAN YOU HELP!
PROPS TEAM NEED:

☺ Leather Jacket