



Waikite Valley School

Developing Learners for Life

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Weekly Panui - Monday 9th March, 2020

Kia ora Whanau

CORONAVIRUS / COVID-19 - Current information for WVS:

We are receiving daily updates from the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Education to advise us of any precautions and new information as it arises that may be relevant to schools. To date, none of the information has directly related to Waikite Valley School students. We have decided to request our Japanese Farm Stay students not attend our school during their visit in March/April, which saddens us due to the learning we gain from inviting these children into our classes, but we are cognizant that we have a responsibility towards minimizing the risk to our community.

The Ministry of Education has referred us to further facts from the World Health Organization.

- Evidence from China shows that only 1% of reported cases do not have symptoms, and most of those cases develop symptoms within 2 days.
- Young people 18 years and under represent less than 2.4 per cent of those who have contracted the virus.
- From the data we have so far, COVID-19 does not transmit as efficiently as influenza.

It continues to remain that the best thing to do is to practice good preventative measures, particularly good hygiene:

- Washing hands with soap and water for 20 seconds before & after eating, as well as after attending the toilet
- Covering coughs and sneezes with clean tissues or with an elbow
- Putting used tissues in the bin
- Encouraging staff and students to stay home if they are unwell

If any new, relevant information comes to hand I will inform you via the school Facebook page, newsletter and website. By and large, it is business as usual for us, with more attention being paid to good hygiene and encouraging personal responsibility. There are recipes online (that are fun learning and inexpensive) for hand sanitizers if you are interested. Please talk with your children about flushing the toilet, washing their hands, sneezing and coughing into their elbows or a clean tissue.

If you would like more information, please visit the [Ministry of Health's](#) websites, or call Health line on 0800 358 5453

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IMPORTANT DATES



Tues 10th March

- ★ RATS Duathlon



Weds 11th March

- ★ Pod 2 Sharing Assembly - 2.15pm
- ★ Camp Meeting 3-4pm
- ★ WVS BOT Meeting 6.30pm

TUESDAY 17 MARCH - FRIDAY 20 MARCH

- ★ SCHOOL CAMP AT MICAMP WHAKAMARU (POD 2, ROOM 4 & GPA)

Wednesday 25th March

- ★ Room 4 Sharing Assembly (2.15pm)
- ★ PTA Annual General Meeting - Waikite Valley Hall, time to be confirmed

THURS 2 APR-FRI 3 APRIL

- ★ TEACHER ONLY DAYS

Wednesday 8th April

- ★ GPA Sharing Assembly (2.15pm)

Thursday 9th April

- ★ Last day Term 1 (school finishes at 3pm)

Friday 10th April

- ★ Good Friday - Public Holiday

Monday 27th April

- ★ Observed ANZAC day Public Holiday

Tuesday 28th April

- ★ First day Term 2

Your invoice will be sent home in a named envelope today. **So far 19 families are in the draw for a \$100 Countdown Voucher.**



For any enquiries regarding your invoice please see Kelly at the office.

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GPA were impressed at the Crankworx locals day - thank you to Henry Worsp for co-ordinating the visit and the parents who were able to help with transport.



Rural Schools Swimming Sports at Kaharoa School - well done to our 23 competitors!



Celebrating Success! - Room 4's home Learning



Congratulations Noah Morrissey, 2nd overall and Drew Brown, 3rd Overall for the Moto-Cross Season.



Please refer to our School Facebook for daily notices, to send us a message regarding absentees, after school care or bus changes.

We check this regularly and post information frequently :)

School Facebook Page:

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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**

Get in touch

Phone: **(07) 562 4623**



This is the last week for our school pool to be open to the public.



Please return all keys next week so we can do a stock take before we re-open the pool in Term 4. :)

JUNIOR RUGBY MUSTER 2020 SEASON

Thursday 12th March between 3.30 and 5pm at the Reporoa Rugby Club rooms will be the pre season muster, sub payments, boot swap and kit sizing. Girls and boys are welcome to join, subs are \$40 which include a years training, socks, mouth guard, socks and a ball. Boot swap means you might be able to pick up a pair of boots while you are there too. Please bring along any boots with life still in them looking for a new home. Be great to see familiar and new faces. Any questions please feel free to call Norm Armer on 0274 488 887



Sports Notice Board



Hockey notices home today, please return to the Office ASAP.

2020

Term Dates



Term 1	28th Jan - 9 April
Term 2	28th Apr - 3rd July
Term 3	20th July - 25 Sept
Term 4	12th Oct - 11th Dec

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Waikite Valley School Leaders for 2020

We are: Confident, Optimistic, Unique, Respectful, Adventurous, have Grit, Enthusiastic

History of Ngati Tahu-Ngati Whaoa people

Our people have occupied these lands since the arrival of our Tupuna Ariki Tahu Matau. Tahu arrived here before the arrival of the seven waka from Hawaii. Our Tupuna Whaoa arrived here some generations younger. We have asserted and maintained mana whenua and mana whakahaere through continued ahi karoa (occupation) and possession of our lands and taonga. Prior to the arrival of European settlers to Aotearoa, Ngati Tahu-Ngati Whaoa was an autonomous, independent and self governing confederation of 8 hapu. In more recent times the descendants of our many tupuna have operated as a single tribal grouping known today as Ngati Tahu-Ngati Whaoa.



Tahu School Leaders for 2020

Tahu House Leaders: Bayden Moyes & Lachlan Wouffe
Deputy Tahu House Leaders: Kelly Teague & Jakob Edwards



HOUSE LEADER-Bayden Moyes:

Year 7 – I am an optimistic, helpful boy who shows the courage values both on and off school grounds. I am very mature, but I feel I need to be challenged to step out of my comfort zone and try new things. Also, I am a good listener and I will take on other people's thoughts, opinions and feelings.

DEPUTY HOUSE LEADER-Jakob Edwards:

Year 8 – This year I am aiming to become a better school leader and to boost more people's confidence.



HOUSE LEADER: Lachlan Wouffe:

Year 7 – I am aiming to be able to really try to make a change in some of the little kids as well as being nice, considerate and helpful. I think I have a big trait of being really loyal and won't let people put me or my friends or others down.



DEPUTY HOUSE LEADER – Kelly Teague:

Year 7 – I am aiming to be more confident and make the most out of GPA. I am not too confident but I hope going forward I become more and more confident so I can try new things.

Camp Gear List 2020

ALL CLOTHES MUST BE NAMED PLEASE

- o 2x Bath towels
- o Togs
- o Sleeping bag
- o Pillow with pillowcase
- o 3 pair long pants
- o 2 pair shorts
- o 5 shirts
- o 3 warm jerseys
- o Raincoat (waterproof)
- o Warm jacket or woollen shirt
- o Lunch box, Drink Bottle (labeled with your name) and school bag (You must bring a packed lunch the day we leave)
- o Pair of shoes or boots (not gumboots) for walking in the bush.
- o Pair of sandals/jandals/slip on shoes for wearing around camp
- o 5 pair of underwear



- o Toothbrush, hairbrush, soap, shampoo, and other toiletries in toilet bag or plastic bag
- o Pair of pyjamas
- o Torch
- o Reading Book
- o Games to play at camp (cards, small travel game etc)
- o Sun cream/insect repellent
- o Sunhat/cap and woollen hat/beanie
- o Plastic bag for wet/dirty clothes
- o 5 pair of socks

OPTIONAL...

- o Camp diary optional
 - o Camera (responsibility of child)
 - o Cell Phone to contact home (will be held by a camp teacher- please put in NAMED ZIPLOCK)
- DO NOT BRING ANY TECHNOLOGY SUCH AS A NOTEBOOK/IPAD/PSP etc.