



Waikite Valley School

Developing Learners for Life

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Weekly Panui - Monday 23th March, 2020

Kia ora Whanau

Thank you all kindly for your understanding during these uncertain times. It was awesome to hold our annual camp last week and the feedback I have received from students, staff and whanau who attended was that it was an excellent adventure for all involved! Ka mau te wehi!

This week is another adventure - of an entirely different sort. The prime minister just made an urgent and major announcement regarding our response status. New Zealand has escalated to stage 3 immediately; moving into stage 4 in 48 hours. For full ramifications, please visit covid19.govt.nz. Waikite Valley School will be closed following after school care today for at least two weeks. Tomorrow, children of essential workers are permitted at school and will be supervised by myself (Teresa Topp). I will be sending you information (on Facebook page and website) tomorrow regarding the students learning for the next couple of weeks. My strongest message to you all is to be very weary and critical of information you see or receive via social media. Please rely on & trust the information that is published through reliable sources - particularly the clear guidance we are being given by the government at this time. Unity, calmness and being responsible for our own actions are key. If you are feeling very anxious or stressed about any scenario, please talk to family or friends. For support with grief, anxiety, distress or mental wellbeing, you can also call or text the 'Need to talk?' service on 1737. This service is free, available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and gives you the chance to talk it through with a trained counsellor.

Let's model our school values of optimism and grit -
He waka eke noa!

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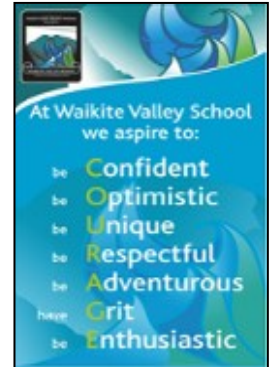


WVS PTA Fundraiser

The PTA are selling environmentally friendly honey wraps, stainless steel straws, produce bags & bulk bin bags. Please get behind this excellent fundraiser. A flyer including more information and an order form is attached to this newsletter.



FOR A SWEETER FUTURE
www.honeywrap.co.nz



IMPORTANT DATES

Wednesday 25th March

- ★ PTA Annual General Meeting - Waikite Valley Hall ,
Wine & Cheese Social
7.00pm POSTPONED

TUESDAY 31 MARCH

- ★ Waikite Valley School Board of Trustees meeting at
6.30pm TBC

WEDNESDAY 1 APRIL

- ★ **\$100 Countdown Voucher** draw for those families who have paid their 2020 school fees (including camp).

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**

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