



Waikite Valley School

Developing Learners for Life

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Weekly Panui - 19th September 2016

ROTOMATHS—Outstanding outcome for our Year 5 & Year 6 teams

Last Tuesday evening our school entered 2 teams in the Rotomaths Competition in the Events Centre. There were up to 20 teams in each division and the competition was fierce. The Events Centre was full with eager mathematicians and their parents up in the spectators area. Mrs Pearson had been coaching our teams every morning tea available, which was certainly evident in the results! Our Year 5 team placed 2nd (Gabriella, Eilish, Jackson & Tegan), and the Year 6 team won first place (Reg, Katie, Liam & Kasey). The shield is on display in the office (where we a swiftly running out of display space for our achievements this year!). We were also fortunate to be drawn for a spot prize—which was a number of excellent board games that we will certainly get a lot of use out of. Well done students and thank you Mrs Pearson for your efforts fostering their skills. We are looking forward to putting together our teams for the cluster competition at Broadlands in Term 4.



The Reading Slide...



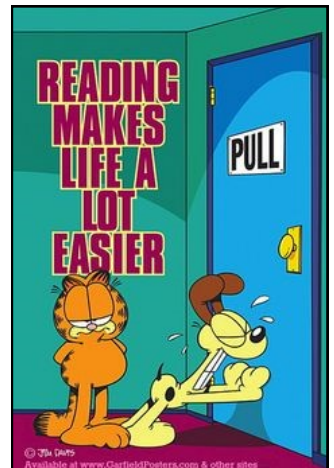
Did you know that if a child stops reading over the holidays it is common for their reading to slide? Children can lose some of their reading gains over their holidays. So, that means for the next term, that child may spend a couple of weeks catching up on where they were at the end of the previous term.

There is one sure way to stop the Reading Slide....

KEEP READING!

Here are some simple ways to help your children to keep reading:

- ★ Make sure that their reading is fun and enjoyable.
- ★ Little and often makes a big difference.
- ★ Visit the Public Library together—membership is free.
- ★ Read aloud to your children—children of all ages love to be read to.
- ★ Be a reading role model—sit down, relax and read a book /magazine/newspaper....
- ★ Get your children to take advantage of every opportunity to read - the TV guide, cereal box, recipes, websites, street signs...
- ★ Try to ensure that there is plenty of reading material at home.
- ★ Talk to your children about what *you* are reading, why you like it, what you've learnt from it, and ask them the same questions about their reading.
- ★ Help your children to choose and read books that they will love.
- ★ Connect reading to other activities. If you are doing something special over the holidays, read about it before hand from brochures, books or websites.
- ★ Introduce your child/ren to a series, and one book suddenly becomes four!
- ★ Find websites about authors or books that your children enjoy e.g. www.geronimostilton.com, www.jaquelinewilson.co.uk, www.zacpower.com, <http://www.pigeonpresents.com/>, www.whimpykid.com, www.andygriffiths.com.au, <http://www.roalddahl.com>, www.seussville.com, <http://tomgatesworld.blogspot.co.nz>, <http://www.enidblytonsociety.co.uk>.



Have a safe and enjoyable holiday, and **HAPPY READING!**

Jack Te Nahu & Cluster Speech Competition results

Congratulations to all of our speakers who presented at either Jack Te Nahu or the Reporoa Schools' Cluster Speech Competitions. The speakers from all of the schools were by and large outstanding—very impressive considering the latest media reports about oral language standards dropping in NZ schools. This trend is certainly not present at our school, and we will continue to foster the students ability to speak in public.

Our results were really good, with Reg Vanner being awarded the trophy for 'People's Choice' at Jack Te Nahu, and Franklin Shepherd was awarded runner up at the Cluster Speech Competitions. We are looking forward to seeing how great our speakers will be in 2017! The students continue to improve each year.



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IMPORTANT DATES

Tuesday 20th September

- ★ Central BOP Winter Sports Field Day

Wednesday 21st September

- ★ Lamb & Calf Vaccinations 12pm—Please let Heather Vanner or the office know if you require this service.

Thursday 22nd and Friday 23rd September

- ★ Year 7–8 Ski Camp with Mr Topp

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- ★ Margaret Hayes & Shelley Muller - Lamb and Calf demonstration Workshop

Friday 23rd September

- ★ Last day of Term 3

Monday 10th October

- ★ Term 4 starts

Friday 14 October

- ★ Pet day set up 1pm

Saturday 15th October

- ★ WVS Pet Day - Judging starts 10.30 am



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

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Thank You

- ★ The coaches of our BOP Sports teams, and those who are able to help with transport :)

- ★ Lois Jesen for donating and delivering some woodchips for our food forest area. If you have offered, please drop them in during the holidays (beside pool changing rooms).
- ★ All of our school parents who coached and encouraged their children through our 'speech' season.

SPORTS NOTICES



UPCOMING EVENTS!

Tomorrow—we have 3 teams competing at the BOP sports tournament. A midget hockey team, an A-grade hockey team and an A-grade soccer team. Good luck and enjoy the sportsmanship on the day.

Mulch needed

Room 4 have started planting our food forest. We still need woodchips used for calf rearing last year or older, or compost. We would also like some natural fibre carpet if you have any. We are laying them down to stop the weeds growing around the fruit trees. We would appreciate your donations. If you would like to drop any donations at the school in the holidays you are welcome to, please put neatly behind the pool change sheds, on the current pile. Thank you!



Yummy Sticker Collection Sheets due at school by Wednesday please!

Send in even if not full—we will tally our school total to earn our rewards. Every bit counts.



PET DAY DATES

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

PUBLIC LIBRARY BUS

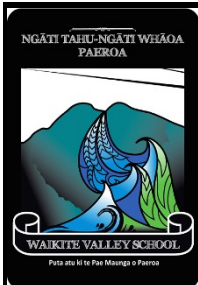
☺ The Bus's next visit **Tues 21st September**

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Email Kelly: office@waikitevalley.school.nz

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PET DAY CREATIONS 2016

Outlined are the success criteria for fairness to all students and to allow judges clearer guidelines for marking.

It is **compulsory for them to enter at least one** of the categories. They construct the creations on Friday 14th October during class time, please send their bits and pieces along with them.

All **students may enter any or all** of the following categories:

- ★Vaseline Saucers
- ★Crafty Miniature Farm
- ★Flower globe

The age groups are:

- ★Junior school (yrs 0 – 2)
- ★Middle school (yrs 3 – 4)
- ★Senior school (yrs 5 – 8)



Flower Globe:

A flower displayed in a jar filled with water. You can add any appropriate decorations, glitter, food colouring etc. The flower should be attached to the jar lid with plasticine. These will be judged on balance, use of colour, beauty and overall appeal.

Vaseline Saucers:

A decorative piece created on an upside down saucer, covered with Vaseline, on which petals, leaves etc. are stuck to.

They will be judged on use of colour, symmetry, saucer coverage and overall impact.

Students need to bring their own saucers and flowers, we will provide the vaseline.



Crafty Miniature Farm:

Children can create a miniature farm using an interesting container (eg. Roasting tray, milk bottle etc.). They will be judged on creative use of crafts (ie. As little purchased items as possible), attention to detail, overall balance and use of space.



Please note:

- The **creations will be made at school on Friday 14 October** and judged that afternoon so results are available on Pet Day.
- Any extras and crafts you are using to add to the creation can be made or gathered during the school holidays.

The children are required to independently construct their creations on the Friday at school.

- Students will need to supply their own flowers, jars, glitter and anything necessary for their creations.
- The above descriptions are the criteria that will be given to judges.
- **All creations must be labelled underneath with the child's name and year level.**

We will have judges from the local Country Woman's Institute, so get planning and show them what a creative and talented school we have. HAVE FUN!!

The Library Tour

On Friday 9th September, 11 students from Waikite Valley School went on a tour of libraries in our school district. First, we went to Otonga Primary School, then we went to St Mary's, then the Rotorua Public Library and last Kawaha Point School. We got lots of ideas for our library at school so we can upgrade it for 2017. We got some great ideas and hope to get the library up and running by next year.

Keep your eyes out for some exciting changes!



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