



Waikite Valley School

Developing Learners for Life

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Weekly Panui – Tuesday 7th February 2017

School Calendar!

Monday 13th February—Blessing & official opening of Rm1-2: 11.45am

Tuesday 28th Feb-Friday 3rd March—**YEAR 3-8 CAMP at WHAKAMARU**

Monday 6th March—School Swimming Sports

Tuesday 7th March—RAT's Duathlon

Friday 10th March—Teacher's only day (no students :)

Monday 13th March—6-8pm Future Focussed Planning—all parents, caregivers invited to attend this hui to have input for our future learning foci.

Wednesday 15th March—Parent/Teacher Conferences 1.30-5pm

JAPANESE HOMESTAY STUDENTS



In the first week of this year we sent home an invitation for our local families to host 3-4 Japanese Students for a week from 26th March—2nd April.

The students will be 9-11 years old and will have daily programs they take part in from Mon-Fri, spending the Saturday with their hosting family. This is an excellent opportunity to share our hospitality and also open our doors to experience a little of their culture (which would be awesome for our students). It is disappointing that we so far only have 6 places offered to these visitors. The allowance of \$400 per student seems more than ample to cover any additional food to accommodate them and Yumiko from Global Connect has 16 students who are intending to visit. Therefore, if we are able to find 3-4 more homestays it will be feasible. Otherwise I will have to let Yumiko find another rural community to offer the experience to. I have attached the notice again in the hope that a few of you reconsider and put forward a space in your home to offer for them to use. Homestays do not have to have students at Waikite Valley School, so if you know of people in our area that would be good host homes, please pass the notice on and get them to scan and email

to the office or drop it in. We all know the world is becoming 'smaller' and the better we can understand other cultures and raise our children's awareness of globalisation, the greater opportunities they will have (and hopefully lower ignorance:).

RATS DUATHLON

Please return your form if you wish to take part (Year 3-8 only). There are extra notices at the office if you need one. We are aiming to take 40 students this year! This would be an awesome achievement. Our involvement with outdoor education and participation in challenging events is something we take pride in.

Teresa Topp
PRINCIPAL

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GO BY BIKE DAY—2017





UPCOMING EVENTS!

Tuesday 21st February—

RATS bike skills session (9.30-11am) If you are doing the RATs Duathlon, bring your bike please. Cabin (Mark Leishman) from the RAT's Club will be running this workshop.

Monday 6th March— Waikite Valley School Swimming Sports

Tuesday 7th March— RATS inter-school duathlon (7 years & up) This run/bike/run event is open to years 3 - 8. We would like to encourage a large team from the school to enter and will try to organise rides over the course before the event takes place. For event details check out the Rats website, www.rats.org.nz.

Tuesday 14th March— Reporoa Schools Cluster Swimming Sports

SCHOOLS MOTOCROSS CHALLENGE:

The link to enter is on the website <http://www.rmcc.org.nz/schools-mx-challenge> but I can download paper entry forms. The races are on Saturday March 18th and the cut off for entry is Match 10th it is called the 2017 Interschools MX Challenge

Cricket: : Every Thursday we have a cricket skills session during school time, hosted by the Rotorua Cricket Association.

Swimming: Please put your togs in your bag daily as we are trying to get in the pool as much as possible :)



What teachers wish parents knew.....

“We want all of our students to succeed—even the student perceived as the troublemaker. Rather than requesting your child to be separated from the ‘troublemaker’, trust that we are working with them, and their parents, to encourage that child to make wiser choices and treat others respectfully. But we need you and your child to work with us to give them a second, third and fourth chance to better themselves and develop more positive friendships. Remember your child is also learning life skills such as resilience, tolerance and self-control by learning how to respond appropriately to inappropriate behaviour.”

(Parenting Magazine Jan/Feb 2017, available at the office)



TARGA MARSHALLS FUNDRAISER

On Saturday 18th February we will be marshalling for the Targa Rally on

our local roads. We will need about 20 people to volunteer about 2 hours on the day to help out. The school receives around \$700 for providing the helpers, so please put this date aside on your calendar and when we send home the form put your name on. We don't have to do the taping this year, making our job even easier! These fundraisers are a huge help to our budget without stressing the finances of local families. A true WIN-WIN.

Thank You

- To our awesome families who encouraged their kids to bring along their bike for Friday's "Go By Bike" Day.
- To the senior GPA class for their organisation and management of the Go By Bike day activities—awesome leadership shown.

PUBLIC LIBRARY BUS

☺ The Bus's next visit **Tues 14th February**

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