

Waikite Valley School

Developing Learners for Life

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Weekly Panui — Monday 13th February 2017

School Calendar!

Wednesday 22nd February
* 7pm—Camp information evening
* GPA class at Papamoa Beach Education

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

TE RUMA PUAWAI

The start of this week was an auspicious occasion, where Matua Grant officially blessed and opened our new block which we have named "Te Ruma Puawai". Much thought was put into the naming, along with consultation from local iwi (Ngati Whaoa-Ngati Tahu). This literally means "the room of blossoming" - more figuratively we envision this space as an area our students enter as 5 year old new entrants, work through for 2-3 years and 'blossom' into happy, kind and intelligent young learners. Our teachers and students are taking this concept on board and incorporating this idea into our lessons.



AFTER SCHOOL CARE SUPERVISOR

We are delighted to have found an awesome local community member who is



keen to take on the role of After School Care Supervisor. **Mrs Linda Lester** has started helping us out with this important position in the school.

She will be teaching the kids board games, card games, reading with them and supervising them if they are playing outside on fine days.

STOP BULLYING

BULLYING IN AND AROUND SCHOOLS

The issue of bullying has been in the spotlight in relation to schools for over a decade now, and the start of a new year is a time when some of these unsociable habits may begin. There is a lot of talk about this in

STAND UP. SPEAK OUT. social media regarding Rotorua schools. Our school prides itself on being a safe, child-centred environment with zero tolerance for bullying—so if you or your child has any concerns, please come to a staff member so we can nip it in the bud before it becomes an issue. We would FAR rather be the intervention at the top of the cliff rather than the ambulance at the bottom :)

RATS DUATHLON

Please return your form if you are taking part (Year 3-8 only). Entry forms are at the office.

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PRINCIPAL

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BLESSING & OPENING OF 'TE RUMA PUAWAI'



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 RATs 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 :)

Acts of Kindness from last week

- Gabriella—for helping Tegan pull a prickle out of her foot
- Michael Shepherd—for helping Michael Schweizer when he fell off his scooter
- Kasey—for getting Stevie's bag off the school bus when she forgot it
- Sophie—for helping Daniel bring the bookshelf down from Room 1
- Tegan—for including me in her game
- Luke—for sharing his scooter with me
- Libbie—for being kind and caring

spread kindness



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Contact Karen on 027 271 6525 or 07 349 2770 or e-mail bopmarcha@windowslive.com



What are the Waikite Valley Dreamers dreaming of?

I am going to go to the highest level at reading—HUNTER

My dream is to be better at winning the races in athletics—IVY

My dream is that I can be a good swimmer. I will listen to Alastair.—LUCY

Thank You

- To Serena Yockney for spending time helping sort our unruly junior readers books

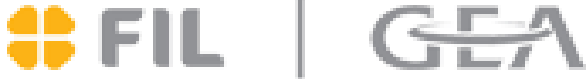
- To Red Stag for donating and delivering 2 truck loads of woodchips for our gardens



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