

Waikite Valley School

Developing Learners for Life

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Weekly Panui – Monday 20th March 2017

School Calendar!

Monday 20th March—PTA meeting followed by AGM—7pm

Thursday 23rd March—ROOM 4 SHARING ASSEMBLY 9am

Thursday 30—Friday 31 March—Japanese Students in school.
Thursday 9am whole school Powhiri (parents welcome to come along to support)

Friday 31st March - People Savers Course 9am-3pm for Yr 5-8 students (run by Red Cross)



Board of Trustees & Staff on Conference in Christchurch

As you are most probably aware, last week school had a teacher only day to allow our staff and BOT to travel to Christchurch for a Positive Education Conference (the first ever in NZ). There is a growing evidence and research base around the science of Positive Education and the huge impact it has on school wellbeing. We were fortunate to hear from some of our elite athletes (see pic above with Richie McCaw and Gemma McCaw) to learn about the positive psychology they have applied to their learning. There are many lessons to be learned from hearing other's stories. Thank you to the staff and BOT who made this an excellent team building event that I know our school will benefit from hugely.



Tegan Negus & Toby Stubbs—School Swimming Champions

Graduate Pathways Academy Sharing Assembly

The Year 7—8 class held their assembly last Thursday morning. They shared their learning from camp, surf lifesaving, swimming sports and home learning. There were also presentations for the students who participated in the RAT's Duathlon and the Swimming Cup winners for 2017. Our next sharing assembly will be held by Room 4 on Thursday 23rd March from 9-9.30am.

SCHOOL CLEANER

We are again looking for a reliable and responsible person who can clean the school. The position is for 2 hours a day, with 8 hours of thorough cleaning during each of the holidays. Remuneration is around \$16 p/hour. If you would like more information, please contact the school office. :)

Teresa Topp (PRINCIPAL)

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FIL-GEA sponsorship products

We were lucky to receive sponsorship from FIL-GEA last year, but we still have \$2000 of products to sell. If you would like to purchase any, please contact Kevin Adams or the School Office to find out more information. I'm sure some of you must be purchasing farm/shed items for the year ahead :) Why not buy FIL and have the money support your school?

SPORTS NOTICES

Mini Marathon, race day May 5th. Entries close on April 7th. Yrs 1 - 8, cost \$5 per child. Entry forms available from Mrs Pearson.

Rippa Rugby: yrs 1 - 6. Inter school fun-days, March 29th and April 5th. Entries close March 23rd. We are looking for volunteers to take the children for one or two practices before the first fun day, and to help manage them on the day. For our year 3 to 6 students this would be good practice before the annual Rippa Rugby tournament in Term 2. Please contact Mrs Pearson as soon as possible if you can help out.

REPOROA RUGBY CLUB



Junior muster registration day will be on Thursday 6th April at the Reporoa Rugby Club 3.30pm-6pm. Further information can be found on Facebook, Reporoa Rugby Football Club (Reporoa RFC). Any queries please contact Wayne Cathcart—0211534681; shanandwayne@compassnet.co.nz

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Room 4 Home Learning sharing—

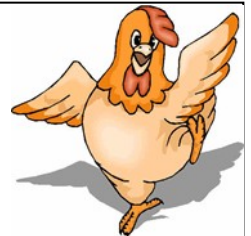
reports on Camp Whakamaru from a news broadcaster and a rapper. Very creative Tegan and Luke!

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(can deliver to WVS)



Thank You

To our BOT members, staff and parents who were able to attend the Future Focused learning meeting at school last Monday night. Your input ensures the school is on a path that our community feels is right.



Congratulations and well done to the Motocross Kids who took part in the competition on the weekend!

FUTURE FOCUSED LEARNING AT WAIKITE VALLEY SCHOOL

Waikite Valley School has 64 devices (not counting teachers laptops) - 15 ipad minis; 10 ipads; 12 HP touchscreen laptops; 4 apple macbook airs; 20 HP touchscreen PCs; 3 iMacs. We also have 15 digital cameras, including 5 that are shock and water proof (tough cams). We have one high spec. Panasonic digital camera and one go pro style camera. The school has 4 access points for wifi (1 in each classroom) that has capability of carrying up to 40 devices each. 1 access point in staffroom that runs smoothly with up to 10 devices. We are connected through N4L and have ultra-fast broadband schoolwide.

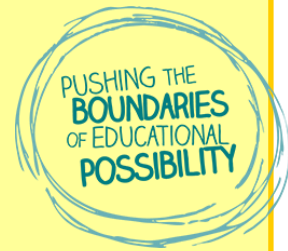
6 global competencies = Critical thinking; Collaboration; Communication; Character; Creativity; Citizenship

FEEDBACK FROM THOSE PRESENT:

- ★ We trust the teachers - want to know what works for them
- ★ Worry about using reading/writing in junior levels - more than focusing on devices (basics first)
- ★ Want the use of devices, but not at expense of basics
- ★ Difference between Yr 5 and Yr 3. Don't want to lose the basics. Definitely see the good points in tech use, particularly for older kids
- ★ Devices can be too much. They can turn the children into 'zombies' when they are on them too long.
- ★ Internet world has become a part of society, so we can see where we are heading. However, our children still need to learn how to write with pen and paper. Older/senior students would hugely benefit from more access to IT devices. Bringing it into the home can be both advantageous and disadvantageous. Oral language and communication is crucial so we still want our kids to keep talking to each other. Using devices and accessing the internet definitely has its advantages in the classroom.
- ★ Our kids have good access to devices and wifi, and a lot do have the same at home. We're not sure if they need more than that at home. Perhaps at Year 7-8 they should to prepare them for high school. Still need to be able to handwrite and spell to a level that others can understand what you are trying to communicate.
- ★ Think there is an advantage to the kids having access to a resource based network available at home, when the students are older.
- ★ 6 competencies hugely important - not just related to devices. Reading and writing still very important at junior level in school.
- ★ Finding the fit for the school (parents, staff, students, community)
- ★ Learner agency - we are doing this very well at our school
- ★ Wouldn't like to see much if any change in new entrants classroom. We see digital technology as a tool to add to what we do at the moment
- ★ Dojo— come back please and track through school with all students and parents on board

What might be some of the hurdles for this at WVS?

- ★ School community understanding what we are working towards
- ★ Buy in from everyone
- ★ Access to wifi in community/ connectivity in area
- ★ Transient students (some students move on quickly). Don't want to put them off or make it too hard for them if they had to get a device
- ★ How much focus would be on the devices? Littlies coming through need to write and do the basics
- ★ Farmside provides reasonably fast wireless connection - but comes at a high price
- ★ Do we actually know what they are doing on the internet? When they are using a device in the classroom, how do you know that they are doing the right thing?
- ★ Cost and availability of internet
- ★ Cost of devices if everyone had to bring their own
- ★ Lifetime of device?
- ★ Do you go with one particular ecosystem (eg. Apple, HP etc.) or allow a range of devices?
- ★ Cost and access
- ★ Equity



Certificates for students who competed in RAT's Duathlon



Certificates for Year 7-8 students of the week



MotoCross Dab—tumeke!

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Reporoa Razorback Rugby League Muster

KiaOra everybody this past year has gone so fast

and it's that time of year already, we are having our Reporoa Razorback Rugby League Muster for our kids (Mini-Mods). Come on down to the Reporoa College field on Tuesday 28th March at 5pm onwards, the kids can pass the ball around and have a bit of fun maybe even a fun game with some of our big boys. Registrations will be available for all our new babies that are keen to join. Anyone unable to make it on that evening but are wanting to play please keep an eye out for our next muster or ring or message Bex Brown on 0278999067.



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