



Waikite Valley School

Developing Learners for Life

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Weekly Panui – Monday 1st May 2017

School Calendar!

Monday 1st May

- ★ First Day of Term 2

Friday 5th May

- ★ Mini Marathon (Whole School)

Friday 5th May

- ★ Year 7-8 Hockey commences

Saturday 6th May

- ★ All primary hockey commences

Term 2 is upon us and we're chomping at the bit to get back into our learning. We are lucky to be given the opportunity to work on accelerated learning in literacy this term, with support from the Ministry of Education. The teachers will work collaboratively and focus on improving spelling, reading and writing. This is our 3rd and final year of the program and we are stoked with the impact on our students learning.

During the holidays I spent a week at the Gold Coast with my family, having an awesome time at the theme parks and beach. But as we would in NZ, we attended the ANZAC dawn service. It was very special to spend the morning sharing a solemn ceremony with thousands of Australians, which held obvious significance, as well as the Kiwis there. I was also lucky to meet the mayor. I hope our students had an opportunity to attend an ANZAC service and spend some time reflecting on the sacrifice our soldiers make, both historically and in the present.



We also visited Seaworld, where I learned that Australia has species of dolphin that are endangered and threatened (such as the Snubfin) which mirrors our issues with Maui's Dolphin and Hector's Dolphin. I am hopeful that as part of our Living World studies this term we take some time to learn about these species and what we can do to protect them and their environment. This will fit in nicely with our refocus on our school values. Hopefully you have noticed around the school our values on the classroom windows (CARING, CONFIDENT, RESPECTFUL, ENTHUSIASTIC, CURIOUS, PROUD) – we will work on what these mean and look like when modelled in our behaviours.



We also spent some time learning about aboriginal culture (beliefs, art, language). It was so distinct from the 'mainstream' culture around the Gold Coast – which was a shock after spending so much time at Rotorua and in New Zealand in general, where our Maori heritage is infused around us on a daily basis. Tikanga, te reo and kapa haka are celebrated in our school and we can be proud that our students take part in this learning on a daily basis.



We also just had FUN! We went to Dreamworld, Movieworld, Seaworld and Wet'n'Wild as a family and thoroughly enjoyed the challenges, humour and frivolous fun in each of these theme parks. An



unsettling shift is happening in our culture today: there's less and less intimate connection in modern families, as the bonds weaken through distraction and busyness. It's easy to imagine a future in which disconnected families are the norm, as habitual routines blind us to the connections, choices, and wonders that make family life so rich. Therefore it is important to take some time to dedicate to our families, spending time with our children to celebrate our uniqueness and what we value as a family unit. When this happens it rejuvenates us and our relationships, creating a heightened sense of wellbeing for every member of our whanau. I know it was timely for me and I am looking forward to the term ahead feeling a sense of confident wellbeing and positive mindfulness.

This week we hit the ground running, on Wednesday our Graduate Pathways Academy (Year 7-8) will be visiting Cantabria and starting a relationship learning from the elderly. On Friday the entire school will be traveling to Rotorua to take part in the mini-marathon! Tumeke! Thanks to our community for getting in behind the kids taking part, and Mrs Pearson for organising it for our school. We have a fun packed term of learning ahead.



Teresa Topp
Principal

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SPORTS NOTICES

ROTORUA MARATHON | THE LION FOUNDATION
ROTORUA | NEW ZEALAND | **06.05 2017**

Rotorua Mini Marathon

Registrations have closed. We have 100% of our students entered! Go Waikite Valley!

HOCKEY TEAMS

We will have 4 hockey teams this year across all ages in the school. The season starts this week. Please bring sticks and mouthguards to school so you can take part in your practises!

Get the school newsletter e-mailed to you.

Email Kelly: office@waikitevalley.school.nz

OR

Get onto our school website and enter your address onto the mailing list:

www.waikitevalley.school.nz

Blu-suds 4KG laundry powder
\$20

PTA Fundraiser
Available from the school office.

Free Range Eggs!

\$6 a dozen with \$1 from every dozen sold going to Waikite Valley School

Contact April or Heather: 021 190 8568
(can deliver to WVS)



Thank You

★ To the families and PTA members who helped our with our Rotary dinner fundraiser on the last week of Term 1.

Final Information for the Rotorua Mini Marathon

Friday 5th May 2017

Energy Events Centre, Queens Drive, Rotorua

Event will go ahead, if the weather is extreme we have access to Sportsdrome for shelter located beside Energy Event Centre.

Event Schedule: (Note times are approximate and may change once event schedule has started)

9.15am Marshal Briefing

10.00am Year 7 & 8 run starts 10.04am Year 6 run starts

10.08am Year 5 run starts

10.12am Year 4 run starts

10.16am Year 3 run starts

10.20am Year 2 & 1 run starts 11.00am Prize giving (Spot prizes only)

Spectator Parking:

Telly Tubby Hill field (via Memorial Drive) will be open for spectator parking until the first race kicks off and then it will be closed. There will be no parking available for spectators inside of the Energy Event Centre car park, one side is restricted to school bus drop-off and pick-ups and the other for schools to gather for the event.

Course etiquette:

The course is open to the general public throughout event – **be courteous and aware at all times.** If you come up behind someone and wish to pass on a narrow road please call out that you wish to pass. No iPods to be worn during the event.

Toilets:

Available inside the Sportsdrome building located beside Energy Event Centre. We do not have access to use the toilets in the Energy Event Centre so please direct all participants to the correct toilets.

First Aid and safety:

St Johns will be available throughout the day for any medical issues but we ask that all schools bring their own first aid kit. **Please inform event organisers if any of your children have a pre-existing medical condition.** Ensure all competitors are well hydrated and have plenty of sunblock. Most of the course is completed on public roads/gravel tracks - **all competitors must wear shoes on the course.** We also recommend bringing suitable warm clothing to put on after the event.

Prize giving:

Spot prizes will be handed out at the completion of the event. **Sport Bay of Plenty Contact:** Melissa Gordon - 027 612 7456

Bluff Club

RURAL RELAY

Saturday 13th May 2017

**TEAM
OF 4**

- ▶ one shearer
- ▶ one beer drinker
- ▶ one shot drinker
- ▶ one food eater

Registration at 11am

Competition commences 12 noon

\$80 per team (\$40 if team has club member)

12 Waikaukau Rd, Ngakuru

Register before the event by contacting
Lance 07 333 1625 | 021 065 9329



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Community Kindy Waikite Valley



FREE Play and Stay every Friday, 9am-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

OPEN: 7.30am-5.30pm Mon-Fri



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