



Waikite Valley School

Developing Learners for Life

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Weekly Panui – Monday 11th May 2017



School Calendar!

Thursday 11th May

- ★ 9am—PTA meeting

Wednesday 17 May

- ★ Amazing Race—Papamoa (Yr 5-6 team; Yr 7-8 team)
- ★ BOT meeting 6.30pm

Tuesday 23rd May

- ★ Waikite Valley School Cross Country event

Mon 29th May-Thurs 1st June

- ★ Year 7-8 Leadership Camp in Christchurch (National Young Leaders Day)

Tuesday 30th May

- ★ Reporoa Schools Cluster Cross Country event at Lake Rerewhakaaitu Reserve

Wednesday 31st May

- ★ Rippa Rugby Tournament

Sat 3rd-Mon 5th June

- ★ Queen's Birthday Weekend

CELEBRATION OF OUR SCHOOL VALUES

Over the holidays we put up the school values in our school windows for the students to look at as a constant reminder of what we value.

Our school charter is founded on the belief that we are:

- ★ Proud
- ★ Enthusiastic
- ★ Respectful
- ★ Caring
- ★ Confident
- ★ Curious



We have also included "Dream" as part of the visual display as a reminder of what we are focusing on this year.

I have been talking with some of the settler families about installing a memorial in respect of the work they did to set the Valley up for farming, and we were revisiting Wally Hope's book about the 1951 Foundation Settlers when it came to my attention that the title of the book is "The Valley where Dreams come True". How apt that we are again refocusing on this in 2017!

Please talk about the 6 core values of the school and what they mean. We will also work on these in school during class time and when on duty.

Teresa Topp
Principal



INFINITY FOUNDATION GRANT \$4000 TO CONSTRUCT PUMP TRACK

An exciting development that will start in the planning phases is the construction of a bike pump track on our school grounds. The Infinity Foundation will be providing \$4000 towards the cost of putting the track in. This is something that the senior students, Board of Trustees and Staff have envisioned in our school for a few years now, harking back to a Board Meeting in 2014 where Charlie Apperley and Cameron Beck presented their argument as to why our school would greatly benefit from having one. We are so excited to see this will become a reality! We will require support of local contractors, so if you would like to be a part of the project, please let the office know.

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SPORTS NOTICES



RED CROSS JOURNEY

RED CROSS JOURNEY SCHOOL FUNDRAISER

The staff have taken on the challenge of fundraising for Red Cross through walking!

We are taking a 'walk in their shoes' - following the incredible journey of a former refugee family now living in New Zealand.

We are walking 10000 steps each per day between 8 May and 8 June 2017, and are fundraising to support the work Red Cross does in our own community and around the world.

<https://redcrossrefugeejourney2017.everydayhero.com/nz/waikite-wanderers>

Use this address or go to the red cross refugee journey page and search for our "Waikite Wanderers" team page if you want to get behind our fundraising efforts.

HOCKEY TEAMS

Grading continues this Fri/Sat. Will send the draw home or look on the Rotorua Hockey website. Please bring sticks and mouthguards to school so you can take part in your practises!

KIWIFIRST ROBOTICS

GRANT—

FIRST LEGO LEAGUE TEAMS 2017

We have been fortunate to win a grant from Kiwifirst-Boeing for a Lego Mindstorms Robotics kit and extras (valued at over \$2000) to allow 2 teams to take part in the Robotics and Programming activities this year. The students involved will be in Room 3 and 4. This is extremely exciting as the skills and values they learn are so crucial to a number of jobs that are evolving in our future workplaces.

The *FIRST* LEGO League Core Values are the cornerstones of the program. They are among the fundamental elements that distinguish *FIRST* LEGO League from other programs of its kind. By embracing the Core Values, participants learn that friendly competition and mutual gain are not separate goals, and that helping one another is the foundation of teamwork.

FIRST LEGO LEAGUE CORE VALUES:

- We are a team.
- We do the work to find solutions with guidance from our coaches and mentors.
- We know our coaches and mentors don't have all the answers; we learn together.
- We honor the spirit of friendly competition.
- What we discover is more important than what we win.
- We share our experiences with others.
- We display Gracious Professionalism® and Coopertition® in everything we do.
- We have FUN!

We did extremely well last year and our students are pumped to get started on the program this year. If you are interested in helping coach one of these groups, please let the office know.



LEGO mindstorms education

Thank You

★ To our families for transporting and supporting our entire school taking part in the Mini-marathon last Friday!

Rotorua Mini Marathon 2017



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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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