



# Waikite Valley School

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## Weekly Panui - Monday 11th November 2019

### School Funding & Fees for 2020

You may have heard in the media lately about the new 'Donation Scheme' put in place by the current government. If a school opts into this scheme, they receive \$150 p/student funding from the government, but they are then not to ask for any further parent donations to supplement their operation or resources. The crucial piece of information, is that the Donation Scheme is only offered to Decile 1-7 schools. We, unfortunately, are rated a Decile 10 school.

School deciles indicate the extent the school draws their students from low socio-economic communities. The government uses deciles to target funding, for state and state-integrated schools, to help them overcome any barriers to learning that students from lower socio-economic communities might face. The lower the school's decile, the more funding it receives.

The crux of the matter for us is that we receive very little funding from the government to run the school (power, phone etc.), employ support staff, purchase new resources, upskill our staff in professional development etc. Therefore, we ask our school families for a donation to help us maintain the successful programs we run for your children, keep our school safe and tidy looking, provide outdoor education opportunities and ensure our curriculum is at least as good as any other school in NZ (tailored to the needs of our students).

In 2020 our donations will be a little more than usual to help with the shortfall between government funding and our actual running costs. We ask for donations, but payment cannot be compelled or enforced. Parents can choose to pay a donation in full, in part, or not at all. Anyone can choose to make a donation to a school at any time. GST is not payable. Donation tax credits can be claimed.

With 84 on the roll, our school is flourishing, but our costs and staff workloads are increasing. We really couldn't run without your financial support.

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#### MONDAY 11th NOVEMBER

- ★ WVS Board of Trustees meeting 6.30pm

#### TUESDAY 12th NOV

- ★ WVS Athletics (PP 14th Nov)

#### WEDNESDAY 13th NOV

- ★ **School Photos - hockey teams need sticks & PE uniform**
- ★ Teens to Tweens Parenting Toolbox course 5.30-7.30pm . Funded by WVS BoT - please enrol at the school office

#### FRIDAY 15th NOV

- ★ PTA meeting 3.15pm

#### TUESDAY 19th NOV

- ★ Reporoa Cluster Athletics Day
- ★ Scholastic Book Fair 19th - 22 November in the Library

#### WEDNESDAY 20TH NOV

- ★ Teens to Tweens Parenting Toolbox course 5.30-7.30pm . Funded by WVS BoT - please enrol at the school office

#### THURSDAY 21ST NOV

- ★ Saving Day - Reporoa Cluster Athletics

#### SATURDAY 23RD NOV

- ★ First Aid Course - Waikite Valley Hall Contact the Office to register



## HELP WANTED

#### Transport Request

If anyone is travelling from town to Waikite in the morning and into town after school (2020) could they please contact: Lynn on 021 2925916.

Even if someone could help out a couple of days that would help us having to go to and from Waikite each day. Happy to help out with petrol.



#### **Waikite Valley School's Athletic Sports are tomorrow - Tuesday 12th November.**

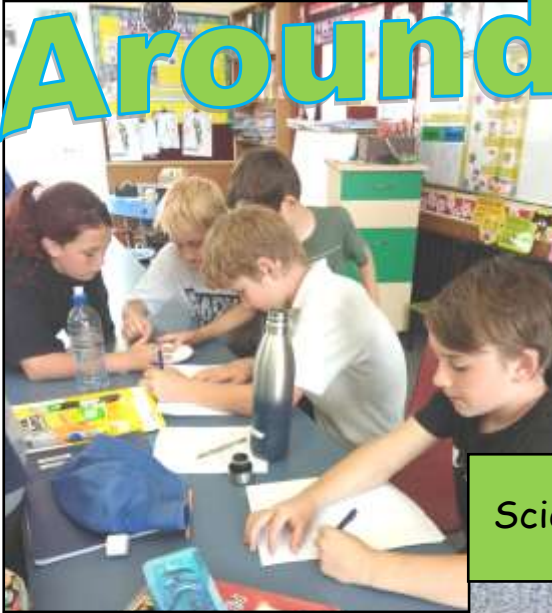
If you are staying to help, please let the teachers know and we can allocate jobs, this would be greatly



## "Developing learners for life"



# Around Our School



Science Activities in Room 4



Pod 2 have been enjoying Home Learning this term and have shared posters, art, facts and recipes that they created at home.



Berry cake fun for the Aliens reading group.



## WAIKITE VALLEY SCHOOL SUNSMART POLICY

### PURPOSE:

New Zealand has among the highest melanoma rates in the world. Melanoma is one form of skin cancer. Excessive exposure to ultra-violet radiation (UVR) from the sun causes sunburn, skin damage and increases the risk of skin cancer. Getting sunburnt in childhood and adolescence will increase the risk of melanoma and other skin cancers in later life. This sun protection policy will apply during Terms 1 and 4, (between 10 am and 4 pm).

This policy is adopted from 20<sup>th</sup> July, 2015 so that children attending Waikite Valley School are protected from excessive exposure to UVR from the sun.

### STRATEGIES FOR BEING SUNSMART:

- Require children to wear broad-brimmed (minimum 7.5cm), legionnaire or bucket hats (minimum 6cm brim and a deep crown) when they are outside - for example during interval, lunch, sports, excursions and activities.
- Provide hats for children to borrow if necessary.
- Encourage students to wear clothing that protects their skin from the sun (for example with sleeves and collars, and rash tops when swimming outside).
- Implement a "No Hat, Play in the Shade" policy.
- Work with the school community to promote students' use of SPF 30 broad-spectrum sunscreen.
- Make sunscreen available at school outdoor activities.
- Encourage all staff to role model SunSmart behaviour.
- Regularly publicise and reinforce the SunSmart Policy (E.G. newsletters, website, parent meetings, student activities).
- Talk to parents about the school's SunSmart Policy at enrolment and encourage parents to practise SunSmart behaviour, i.e. in school newsletters and enrolment packs.
- Work towards developing and improving existing shade in areas where students gather. Shade can be both built (shade verandas) and natural (trees).
- Hold outdoor activities in areas with shade when possible.
- Consider the possibility of rescheduling suitable outdoor events/activities to early morning / late afternoon.
- Allow children access to indoor shade such as indoor sports and recreational facilities/gymnasias during lunch breaks.

The Board of Trustees and Principal SunSmart policy at least every three years.

Policy approved by Waikite Valley School Board of Trustees on



*Waikite Valley School Hats are available from the office at the cost of \$20.00.*



Peak Safety are running an all day

First Aid course on

**Saturday 23rd of November** in the Waikite Valley Hall.

All the school staff are attending and we would like to make the opportunity available to the wider community.

The cost is \$150.00 + gst per person. Please contact the school office on 027 2949633 or

office@waikitevalley.school.nz to register.



**PEAK**  
SAFE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Camp in 2020 is confirmed for 17th - 20th March ( MiCamp Whakamaru). If you are thinking of being parent help, this course would be awesome for you!

Need a Pool Key?

Work on opening the pool for summer has begun! The water bore is complete and we will fill the pool this week. Once our chemical levels are good, it will be open for all key holders and school swimming lessons! Keys available at the office- \$50 for the season (until about Easter- weather depending).

Mobile Shearing and Building Services

**SHEAR + PLUS**

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# PHOTO DAY IS COMING!



## Pack 1

One copy of 8 x 10 photo

**\$21.00**

## Pack 2

4 copies of the same photo 6x4 size

**\$22.00**

## Pack 3

3 copies of the same photo 5x7 size

**\$22.00**

## Pack 4

8x10" Portrait Photo  
5x7 Enlargement  
One Postcard print  
2 x Wallet size photos

**\$24.00**

## Pack 5

Grandparents pack.  
1 x 8x10"  
2 x 5x7"

**\$26.00**

## Class Photos \$15 each



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## PHOTO DAY

## Waikite School

# Wednesday 13th November