



Waikite Valley School

Developing Learners for Life

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Weekly Panui - Monday 10th February, 2020

Kia ora whanau

School Fees for 2020

As a Decile 10 school we are ineligible for the Ministry funding scheme of \$150pp.

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 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 are more than usual to help meet the shortfall between government funding and our actual running costs. On top of compulsory fees, 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.

Teresa Topp (Principal)

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Please refer to our School Facebook for daily notices, to send us a message regarding absentees, after school care or bus changes. We check this regularly and post information frequently :)

School Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/WAIKITEVALLEYSCHOOL/>



IMPORTANT DATES

Mon 10th Feb

- ★ PTA Meeting 3.15pm in the staffroom

Wed 12th Feb

- ★ BOT meeting - 6.30pm

Thursday 13th Feb

- ★ Parent/Teacher Conferences 3.30-8pm

Tues 3rd March

- ★ RATS Duathlon

TUESDAY 17 MARCH - FRIDAY 20 MARCH

- ★ **SCHOOL CAMP AT MICAMP**



School Hats

Please remember you need a school hat to wear at Morning Tea and Lunch. If you need a school hat, please order at the office. All sizes \$20.





Parent-Teacher Interviews



Why it's worth going...

Parent-teacher interviews give you a great opportunity to:

- learn more about your child's academic, emotional and social development
- meet and get to know your child's teachers
- help your child's teachers understand more about your child
- make plans with the teacher about how you can both support your child
- build a relationship with your child's school

If you don't have any particular concerns, you might wonder whether it's worth going, but going along is one way to show your child that you're interested in their learning and what's happening for them at school. Of course, if you do have concerns, it's also a chance for you to raise them with your child's teacher.

You might feel a bit nervous about going to parent-teacher interviews. That's normal. It might help to know that teachers can feel the same way, especially if there are difficult or sensitive issues to discuss.

What to talk about at parent-teacher interviews

To get the most out of parent-teacher interviews, it helps to be prepared. These interviews are held **early in the school year** so the teacher can find out more about your child. It's a good idea to think about the information you want to share with the teacher. You might want to talk about your child's strengths or interests, or areas of learning where your child might need more support.

It can help to take a list of questions and information with you to interviews so you remember what you want to talk about. The interview time tends to pass quickly, 10 minutes can fly by!

If you're not sure what to talk about, here are some ideas to get you started:

- My child's interests and strengths
- My child's struggles or challenges
- Homework expectations/philosophy
- Things you can do to help them
- My child's behaviour and how they get along with others
- Support or extension services that the school can access/provide

If you don't get through everything you want to discuss, you might need to arrange another meeting with your child's teacher.

Talking with the teacher: tips

Being **open and friendly** will set you up for positive communication with the teacher. You can show that you respect what the teacher is saying by listening carefully and trying not to become defensive, even if you disagree with feedback about your child.

It's important to get as much out of the meeting as you can, so **it's OK to be direct** when you need to be. For example, you can ask the teacher to explain, clarify or say more if you don't understand what's being said.

If you have to discuss problems with the teacher, it helps to come ready with some possible solutions, or at least some positive and practical suggestions. Be willing to listen to the teacher's ideas too.

If you make any decisions, it's good to agree on who will follow up and when.

After the parent-teacher interview

You and the teacher need to follow up on any decisions or solutions that you agree on at the interview. For example, you could arrange a second meeting or a follow-up phone call in a month's time.

If you agree to try some new strategies, a follow-up discussion gives you both the chance to check how well they're working. If you need to, you can adjust any strategies tried or measure their success.



Trio 'cream of crop'

Three kids from Waikite Valley took out second place at this year's Waikato Bay Of Plenty AgriKids over the weekend. The "Cream of the Crop" trio, made up of Lachlan Woulfe, Max Lang and Siniva Teague from Waikite Valley School, showed their skills on different farming tasks to take out the prize. Teague was also awarded the AgriKids Competitor of the Day.

Daily Post - Mon 10 Feb

AGRIKIDS REGIONAL COMPETITION BAY OF PLENTY/WAIKATO



Early Saturday morning (6.15am) six of our Year 7-8 students left the Valley for St. Pauls Collegiate (Hamilton) to represent our school in the AgriKids young farmer competition. They competed in teams of 3, completing 8 modules in the first round. The top 7 teams then went on to a final race-off (which both of our teams were successful at reaching). When the scores from the modules and the race off were totalled, our Cream of the Crop team came out 2nd overall! This qualifies us for the Grand National finals in Christchurch, 2-4 July. They will be looking for sponsorship to help fund their travel and accommodation. If you are able to help out the team, please let us know!

Celebrating Success!



Pod 1 had a surprise visit from Harold on Wednesday.....

Pod 2 - conducting statistical investigations.

Swim Magic visited our school last week teaching survival swimming skills.



2020 Term Dates

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| Term 1 | 28th January - 9 April |
| Term 2 | 28th April - 3rd July |
| Term 3 | 20th July - 25 September |
| Term 4 | 12th October - 11th December |



AFTER SCHOOL CARE

After school care is available daily from 3-5pm in the school library. This is run free of charge thanks to a grant from One Foundation. If your child/ren are going to be at ASC, please let the office know. Any children on school grounds after 3pm without a caregiver will need to attend ASC so that we know they are safe on school grounds until they are picked up.



PUMP TRACK ROSTER

- POD 1—Monday**
- POD 2—Tuesday**
- ROOM 4 —Wednesday**
- GPA — Thursday**

Waikite Valley School Lunch Price List

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| <i>Hawaiian & Meat lovers Pizza</i> | \$2.50 |
| <i>Sausage Rolls</i> | \$1.00 |
| <i>Good & Tasty Pies</i> mince or mince & cheese. | \$2.50 |
| <i>Juicies & Moosies</i> | \$1.00 |



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