



Waikite Valley School

Developing Learners for Life

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Weekly Panui - Monday 24th February, 2020

Kia ora whanau

Health & Safety at Waikite Valley School

As some of you are aware, there was an incident involving the Police during the Summer Break, whereby the Armed Offenders squad was called out to our community and the Kindy had to go into 'Lockdown'. This event was well handled by all groups involved, allowing the Police to complete their investigation and the Kindy and community to resume their normal activities. Following that occurrence, I have carried out a thorough Risk Analysis and am satisfied that the school is a safe environment for our students. This is a task and responsibility I do not take lightly.

As part of our health and safety plan, we will conduct a school lockdown drill each term this year (as was done in 2019) to ensure that if our school has the occasion to go into lockdown the students will know what to do. The document that we currently follow is included in this newsletter so you are also aware of this procedure. Please feel free to talk it through with your children. There are a number of events that would cause a lockdown to take place, such as chemical spills, gas leaks, intruder alert. A crucial part of our plan is that we have accurate information for contacting parents in case of emergency. Before the end of this term we will check with each of you to ensure your contact information is up-to-date.

I appreciate your support and if you have any concerns regarding the safety of your child/ren at school, please get in touch. School should always be a safe and enjoyable environment.

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

WEDNESDAY 26 FEB
★ Pod 1 Assembly 2.15pm

FRIDAY 6TH MARCH
★ Rural Schools Swimming Sports at **Kaharoa** School.


Tues 10th March
★ RATS Duathlon

Weds 11th March
★ WVS BOT Meeting 6.30pm

TUESDAY 17 MARCH - FRIDAY 20 MARCH
★ **SCHOOL CAMP AT MICAMP WHAKAMARU (POD 2, ROOM 4 & GPA)**

Wednesday 25th March
★ PTA Annual General Meeting - Waikite Valley Hall, time to be confirmed

THURS 2 APRIL-FRIDAY 3 APRIL
★ TEACHER ONLY DAYS




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.



Waikite Valley Scouts **JOIN NOW!**
accepting ages 6 to 14
Contact Andrew 027-3053184
waikitevalley@scouts.org.nz

ADVENTURE PLUS! **SCOUTS**
1900 SCOUTS





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LOCKDOWN PLAN AND PROCEDURES

Preamble: A lock-down would be used anytime students need to be contained and protected inside school buildings. Events of this nature could include; chemical spill, gas leak, fugitive on the School Grounds, dog loose on school grounds or an intruder alert.

The Waikite Valley School Board of Trustees believes that the safety of all students and staff in our school is paramount and takes every precaution to ensure the safety of all. The Board believes that Schools need to be secured in an appropriate manner when dealing with a perceived or actual threat to the school community.

Rationale

The Waikite Valley School Board is committed to providing a safe and caring environment for staff and students. Therefore the school will develop and adhere to a plan that responds to a perceived or actual threat to their school community.

Steps:

- 1) School is made aware of an incident and advised to implement 'lockdown procedures'. The person witnessing the event must try to notify the Principal or School Office to raise the alarm.
- 2) Message to classroom teachers from Office via facebook messenger and text.
- 3) Alarm activated. Indicated by 10 rings of the bell.
- 4) The Principal or the Office Manager will contact the Police (via 111).
- 5) The Principal or the Office Manager will send a message to school families via a group text from the school phone and a post on the school facebook website.

If students are in class:

- 1) Teachers lock all doors and if possible barricade them.
- 2) Turn out lights and cover windows, if possible, by drawing curtains, and shutting blinds. It is also recommended to turn off computer screens.
- 3) Keep students out of sight. Position all students in the part of the room, which is least visible from windows and doors.
- 4) Students need to be silent.
- 5) Have students lay on floors, against walls or under furniture.
- 6) Do not let students outside.
- 7) Staff are to take a roll of those students in their secure areas for later accounting. Message this information to the Office Manager.
- 8) Stay in the LOCKDOWN position until the "all clear" is given by the Principal or the Police.

In the event children are outside - such as during playtime or lunch break

- 1) Students and staff go to the library upon hearing the 10 bell signal.
- 2) In conjunction with the local Police and the Principal, arrangements will be made for parents to collect students from a designated safe area.
- 3) It is important that children are kept quiet and calm.
- 4) Teachers and adults are encouraged to take a register of children in their care and message or email this information to the Office Manager

Preparedness:

The Principal will ensure staff obtains appropriate training to fulfil their roles under this Plan (e.g. first aid training). In particular:

- 1) Staff are to be educated on the requirements of this Plan and where it is located.
- 2) Drills are to be organised for regularly testing this Plan.
- 3) The School will maintain effective and up to date information for contacting parents in emergencies.
- 4) The School will maintain appropriate stocks of food and other emergency equipment. Arrangements will be made for regular checking/ testing of that equipment.

Celebrating Success!

Room 4 doing Maths



Pod 1 and 2's swimming demonstration

Waikite Valley School Lunch Price List

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



Sports Notice Board



Copthorne Rotorua Off- Road half Marathon:

Little Devils Race

March 1st, 9 am.

At the Waipa carpark.

All competitors receive a medal

A 1.5 km fun run/walk for children aged 3 - 6 and a 2.5km fun run/walk for children aged 7 - 10.

Non competitive and fully supervised.

Enter at: eventpromotions.co.nz

Home Learning from Room 4 this Week was completed 100% and with a lot of WOW.

Ka pai!



Waikite Valley School Leaders for 2020

We are: Confident, Optimistic, Unique, Respectful, Adventurous, have Grit, Enthusiastic



School Leaders for 2020:

Left – Head Boy: Max Lang

Head Girl: Siniva Teague

Deputy Head Boy: Tyler Alexander

Deputy Head Girl: Onyx Foster



Below left – Tahu House Leaders:

Lachlan Woulfe & Bayden Moyes

Deputy Tahu House Leaders:

Kelly Teague & Jakob Edwards

Below right – Whaoa House Leaders:

Leion Brown & Bella Warren

Deputy Whaoa House Leaders:

Syris Blake & Daniel Hornby



HEAD BOY – Max Lang:

Year 8 – I am an adventurous team player. I love mountain biking.

I believe that great leaders don't tell you what to do, they show you how it's done. My goal is to develop greater confidence.



HEAD GIRL – Siniva Teague:

Year 8 – I like being around people and helping others. I am kind, caring and polite. I can work well with others, knowing how to listen and give ideas to my team. I am approachable and will represent our school well. Although I may not be shy to meet people, I can be shy to share my ideas. Being head girl, I won't only lead by example, I will help guide the school with new ideas.



DEPUTY HEAD BOY – Tyler Alexander:

Year 8 – I am aiming to be a great example to young leaders. I want to be motivating, nice and still be the humorous Tyler that everyone knows.



DEPUTY HEAD GIRL – Onyx Foster:

Year 8 – I am reliable, honest and responsible. I am kind, helpful and ready for my next step in a leadership role.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR HEAD BOYS AND GIRLS – NEXT WEEK SPOTLIGHT ON WHAOA LEADERS 😊