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# Waikite Valley School

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

At Waikite Valley School we aspire to:

- be **Confident**
- be **Optimistic**
- be **Unique**
- be **Respectful**
- be **Adventurous**
- have **Grit**
- be **Enthusiastic**

## The Heads-up for the week ahead.....

**Yoga with Brigid Drysdale in WV Hall** - Tuesdays 3.30-5pm (all abilities welcome) \$15pp

**LAMBS WANTED!** - if you have any orphan lambs available for our school kids to raise for pet day, please contact the office - 021 294 9633. We will pick up and give to someone on our list. If you are looking for a lamb for pet day, please let the office know and we'll add you to the list.



**PIE ORDERS - PTA FUNDRAISER** - Orders must be in and payment made to the PTA bank account by Aug 11. Delivery is on Aug 20 - with pick up afterschool.

**CALF DONATION SCHEME - PTA FUNDRAISER** - see details inside this newsletter.

**PET DAY BOOKLETS** - The children who have handed in their notice letting us know they will be bringing a lamb, kid or calf to pet day will bring home a booklet with information about rearing and training their pet for the big day!

**RLC - RURAL SCHOOL ROAD SAFETY REVIEW** - Rotorua Lakes Council and Opus/WSP collaborated on this project collecting data, undertaking the road safety reviews and compiling a thorough report about the safety of our roads around rural schools. I have included the relevant findings - which shockingly puts our school in the 85%ile speed above the posted 70km/h. The issues to be addressed are included for your consideration too.

## JUNIOR TOUGH GUY & GAL 2020 - TUES 25 AUGUST COST - \$25 ENTRY FEE

### 1-day Junior Tough Guy and Gal Challenge Event Day Timetable

8.30am - 9.30am: Registration at venue - one of our teachers will pick up packs

Competitors must be in years 3 to 8 to compete. Transport details will be sent home Monday next week (17th August).



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## NEW TO OUR SCHOOL

We welcomed Tyrell Hodge (Year 5) into Room 4 last week. Welcome to our school Tyrell!



## UPCOMING DATES:

**Thurs August 13** - Year 7-8 Hearing / Vision testing

**Mon August 17** - Mayoral visit (Hon. Steve Chadwick) 12-1pm  
School Powhiri (all welcome)

**Thurs August 20** - Parent Feedback meeting with Principal  
Appraiser (Spencer Baty) 9.15am Library

**Thurs August 20** - BOT meeting 6.30pm

**Tues August 25** - Junior Tough Girl/Guy challenge

**Wed August 26** - 'Keeping Ourselves Safe' Parent Meeting  
with Constable Viv - School Library 6.30pm



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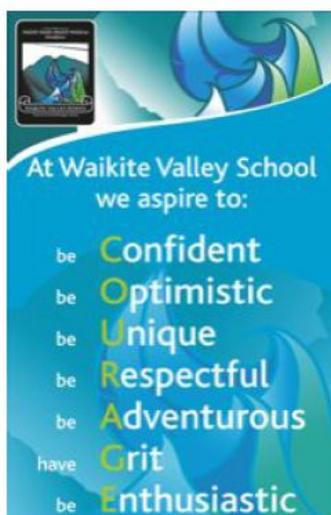
## Waikite Valley school PTA Calf Donation Scheme 2020

Are you willing to support our school by donating a reared calf or a virtual calf this year?

Donate a calf/ Virtual calf to the School PTA.

School Families or friends of the school can either rear a calf to donate to the W.V. School PTA or donate a virtual calf instead.

- Farmers rear a calf through to weaning.
- Calves will need to be dropped off on an arranged day and must be NAIT tagged/registered and have an ASD form (otherwise they can't be picked up)
- A receipt will be issued by the PTA for the donation and for a virtual calf a receipt will be issued for the dollar amount (the PTA is a registered charity)
- Any amount will be accepted as a virtual calf.



Collection site, date and time will be coordinated in the near future (likely November).

For more information, or if you would like to confirm your calf donation please contact the school office 0212949633 or Alice on 0223900727.

# Rotorua Lakes Council -

## Rural School Road Safety Review - Findings

School	Road Name	Posted speed (km/h)	85%ile (km/h)	AADT (vpd)	%HGV	peak am	peak pm
Broadlands School	Broadlands Rd	70	82.5	2,606	9%	8-9	4-5
HoroHoro school	Apriana Rd	100	70-79	166	14%	8-9	3-4
Kaharoa School	Kaharoa Rd	70	50-59	518	4%	8-9	2-3
Kaingaroa Forest School	Dun Rd	50	20-29	53	3%	8-9	2-3
Lake Rerewhakaaitu School	Ashpit Rd	70	70.2	578	10%	8-9	3-5
Lake Rotoma School	Manawahe Rd	80	50-59	207	2%	8-9	2-3
Mamaku School	South Rd	50	40-49	458	5%	8-9	3-5
Mihi School	Spring Rd	100	70-79	611	22%	8-9	3-4
Ngakuru School	Whirinaki Valley Rd	70	60-69	431	2%	8-9	4-5
Reporoa College	Massey Rd	50	40-49	1,726	1%	8-9	2-3
Reporoa School	Massey Rd	50	40-49	1,726	1%	8-9	2-3
Reporoa School	Settlers Rd	50	61.9	2,203	6%	8-9	4-6
Rotokawa School	Rotokawa Rd	50	30-39	349	3%	8-9	2-3
Te Kura Kaupapa Māori o Rotoliti	SH30	100	still to be collected				
Te Kura Kaupapa Māori o Ruamata	SH30	100	97.9	13,460	4%	8-9	5-6
Upper Atiamuri School	SH30	100	107	2,767	8%	8-9	4-5
Waikite Valley School	Waikite Valley Rd	70	91.1	450	4%	8-9	3-4
Whangamario School	SH33	70	82.1	6,930	5%	7-8	5-6

Table 1: summary of traffic data collected

85%ile = 85<sup>th</sup> percentile speed recorded over a 24hr period  
 AADT = Average Annual Daily Traffic  
 %HGV = percentage of heavy goods vehicles (includes buses)

Five Schools recorded 85%ile speeds above the posted speed limit, we have reviewed the data and below are the 85%ile speed recorded during school drop off (8-9am) and school pick up (2-4pm):

School	Road Name	Posted speed (km/h)	85%ile (km/h)		
			24hr period	8-9am	2-4pm
Broadlands School	Broadlands Rd	70	82.5	79	79
Reporoa School	Settlers Rd	50	61.9	61	60
Upper Atiamuri School	SH30	100	107	107	108
Waikite Valley School	Waikite Valley Rd	70	91.1	92	94
Whangamario School	SH33	70	82.1	80	81

Table 2: 85%ile speeds during school pickup/drop off

### ISSUES TO BE ADDRESSED

- Parking areas are not marked, low utilisation of parking areas. Mark parking bays within sealed parking areas and mark bus stop area
- Speed of passing vehicles, 85<sup>th</sup> %ile speed higher than posted speed limit. Consider the three E's:
  - o Education: RLC should consider a district wide campaign on vehicle speeds past school
  - o Environment: Threshold treatment (kerb buildouts and improved signage) at speed limit threshold
  - o Enforcement: police enforcement
- No pedestrian facilities within parking area for safe passage into school grounds. Provide pedestrian walkway within carpark to school grounds
- No/little school signage - low roadside presence of school. School should consider improving School signage outside school
- Drivers not noticing school advanced warning signs or overwhelmed by the number of signs on each approach. RLC should consider a District wide treatment to provide consistent approach to placement of advanced warning signage, and consider complimenting signs with pavement markings
- Speed of vehicles passing school buses at bus stops. RLC should consider a district wide education campaign speed of vehicles passing buses at bus stops
- Parking provision during school events (e.g. overflow parking areas). School could seek permission from neighbouring properties to park on vacant land / paddock during school events. If alternative parking cannot be found, safe parking practices should be explained to the School Community

**Waikite Valley School Contacts:**

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Office (Kelly Curtis) - 021 294 9633

Board of Trustees Chairperson - Shelley Schnuriger 333 2248

Parents-Teachers Association Chairperson - Alana Mead 027 530 2868

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