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2 FEBRUARY, 2021



# 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**
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- be **Adventurous**
- have **Grit**
- be **Enthusiastic**



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

- **Tuesday 2nd Feb** - Day one 2021! :) Yippee!
- **After School Care** continues this term (3-5pm) with Alice Kissick supervising - no charge due to a generous grant



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- **School hours** resume at 9am-3pm 9 (Morning Tea 11-11.45am/ Lunch 1.15-2pm)

In 2021 we continue to build on our cornerstones of the C.O.U.R.A.G.E. values and practising Mindfulness daily. In addition, we have **two major learning focuses** for the year:

- Te Reo Maori - improving our school wide fluency and ability to use basic te reo daily
- Exploring links between writing and the arts - using our passion and enthusiasm for dance, drama, music and visual art to feed into our writing in order to improve the quality and depth

Mrs Pearson will continue her **Maths Specialist** Teaching role on Thursdays. This will include working with the other classrooms and teachers to spread the learning and strategies that improved our mathematics school wide in 2020.

Mrs Dinning will be leading the literacy work this year, starting in Term 1 with **Reading Together workshops** held in the evenings to give skills, strategies and confidence to parents when reading with their children at home. This is targeted towards our kindy, Pod 1, Room 2 and Room 3 parents. More information will be provided soon. Mrs Dinning will also run the Accelerated Literacy programme later in the year to assist some students to achieve higher levels in reading or writing.

Mrs Hunter, Mrs Twiddy and Mrs Dinning will also be learning about and implementing some new reading strategies, based on the Science of Reading. There will still be continued use

of successful strategies we have used in the past, but we are exploring some new research based, structured approaches to improving reading acquisition and achievement rates in our school. Mrs Curtis will also continue to run Steps to Literacy sessions with a select group of students (20 minutes structured literacy and short term memory tasks daily).

Matua Grant will continue to work with the classes, teaching us our powhiri skills, waiata, haka, local stories about the history of our area and enhancing our te reo. Matua will be in school on Mondays.

This term we are investigating 'Climate Justice' as a central kaupapa across the school. This will be looked at in our school newsletters too, so that the learning conversations continue into the student's homes and wider community.

The PE uniforms will be issued next week. These are given to each child to use over the year and return at the end of term 4. We have purchased an additional 50 uniforms this year thanks to a grant from Sport Waikato.



Please name your child/ren's clothes and hats - we are continuing to remind them to put their gear in their bag or on their bag hooks so that we have a tidier environment around the school. Can you please reinforce this message at home. :)

Every staff member has expert knowledge and key responsibilities that they will use over the year to ensure our school offers the best possible opportunities for our learners, whilst nurturing their hauora/wellbeing. If you have any questions, concerns or successes you would like to share with us over the year please don't hesitate to message us or come in for a chat. **We have an open door policy.** :)

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## REPORTING ABSENCES OR SENDING A MESSAGE TO THE OFFICE -

Please use our school website, Facebook Message from the school page, send an email ([office@waikitevalley.school.nz](mailto:office@waikitevalley.school.nz)) or phone/text (021 294 9633) to let us know about any absences, send us any messages, update your details (change of address, contact phone etc.). Please don't be offended when we ask the reason for your child/ren's absence - we have to attach a code to the absence for Ministry of Education data gathering purposes. Our website is: [www.waikitevalley.school.nz](http://www.waikitevalley.school.nz)



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## UPCOMING DATES:

**Mon 8th February** - No school as this is the Observed Public Holiday for Waitangi Day

**Wed 17th February** - Board of Trustees meeting (6.30pm - in the school staffroom)

**Mon 22nd-Fri 26th February** - Swim Magic tutoring in our school pool (Year 3-8)

**Tues 23rd-Thurs 25 February** - Parent/Teacher goal setting meetings (Evenings)

**Mon 1st March** - Waikite Valley School Swimming Sports

**Fri 5th March** - Rural Cluster Schools Swimming Sports: Kaharoa School

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WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT/SUN
1 Feb	1 AKL Anniversary Day	2 Term 1 begins	3	4	5	6/7
2	8 Waitangi Day (OBS)	9	10	11	12	13/14
3	15 Staff Mtg (3-5pm) - Literacy focus	16	17 BOT mtg 6.30pm	18	19 Incredible Years Teacher Training Mrs Dinning/Mrs Twiddy	20/21
4	22 12.30-2.30; SwimMagic (Rm2,Rm3, Rm4,GPA) Staff Mtg (3-5pm) - Literacy focus	23 12.30-2.30; SwimMagic (Rm2,Rm3, Rm4,GPA) PARENT/TEACHER GOAL SETTING EVENING	24 12.30-2.30; SwimMagic (Rm2,Rm3, Rm4,GPA) PARENT/TEACHER GOAL SETTING EVENING	25 12.30-2.30; SwimMagic (Rm2,Rm3, Rm4,GPA) PARENT/TEACHER GOAL SETTING EVENING	26 12.30-2.30; SwimMagic (Rm2,Rm3, Rm4,GPA)	27/28
5 March	1 Waikite Valley School Swimming Sports Day	2	3	4	5	6/7
6	8 Staff Mtg	9 Reading Together 6.15- 7.30pm	10	11	12	13/14
7	15 Staff Mtg - Te Reo	16 Reading Together 6.15- 7.30pm	17	18 Structured Literacy workshop (Mrs Hunter, Mrs Dinning, Mrs Twiddy)	19 Structured Literacy workshop (Mrs Hunter, Mrs Dinning, Mrs Twiddy)	20/21
8	22 Staff Mtg	23 Reading Together 6.15- 7.30pm	24	25	26	27/28
9 April	29 Staff Mtg	30 Reading Together 6.15- 7.30pm	31	1	2 GOOD FRIDAY	3/4 Easter Weekend
10	5 Easter Monday	6 Easter Tuesday	7	8	9	10/11
11	12 Staff Mtg	13	14	15	16	17/18

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