

DEVELOPING LEARNERS FOR LIFE

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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.....

Monday 14th June - Civil Defence Training night 7pm (W.V. Settler's Hall)

Tuesday 15th June - BOT Meeting 6:30pm

Wed 16th June - National Young Leaders Day (Yr 8's) Claudelands Arena 7.30am-4.30pm (Mr Topp taking them in the School Van)
- Mrs Topp in Auckland for the New Zealand Curriculum Refresh working group

Thursday 17th June - Pod 1 Sharing Assembly 2pm Settlers Hall
- Parent Camp Meeting 3:15pm in Library
(all parents/caregivers invited to attend)

Kia ora school whānau,

WAIKITE VALLEY SCHOOL STUDENT BENCHMARKS

At Waikite Valley School we are very aware of where our students are in their learning and what skills, knowledge or strategies they need to learn next in order to be successful in education and become learners for life. One of the tools we use to monitor student progress is using a set of school-wide benchmarks for Reading, Writing and Mathematics. These are based on national exemplars, progressions and levelled expectations as determined in our New Zealand Curriculum documents. The students each have a folder with a copy of their current benchmarks that their teacher will have identified what they are currently able to do and what they are working towards to progress on to the next benchmark. The students are aware of the next step learning they are working towards in each of these areas and have set goals. Teachers have found the benchmarks to be useful for clarifying expectations and motivating students. Our teachers regularly review the benchmarks with students and use samples of student work to illustrate what each of the learning indicators are. When students know what they need to do, they can be motivated by the challenges, and work towards achieving them. The benchmarks also help teachers monitor yearly progress, with a standardised measure across our school as well as with a national lens. We can also identify weaknesses of a year level, or the whole school. For example, if several students were having trouble understanding "language features" in writing we might target them for small-group instruction. If there are school-wide weaknesses, we can look at professional development.

Our mid year reports will be sent home on Monday 5th July and these will provide feedback on your child/rens current achievement and the growth they have made over time. The report will also let you know what the next steps are in order to continue to make progress against the school benchmarks. If you would like to see the benchmarks for your child/ren (especially following their mid year report), let your classroom teacher/s know. The benchmark folders for each child will be available on our school open day (Wednesday 7th July) when we invite all parents/caregivers and interested parties to come into the classrooms and spend some time with their child/ren to hear about their learning progress and look at their work (either on walls, or in books, or on devices).



Writing Skills

Name: _____

Level Two

Your teacher has evaluated what level of the New Zealand Curriculum your written language reflects. The highlighted points show what you have demonstrated **consistently** in your **independent** writing.

Structure:

- planning evident mainly using words
- clustering in brainstorming
- work given a title
- sequenced ideas
- experiments with a range of sentence starters
- recalls events and makes observations including feelings and thoughts
- clearly demonstrates a beginning, middle and end
- maintains tenses

Vocabulary:

- uses descriptive vocabulary, specifically adverbs and adjectives.

Proofreading:

Punctuation

- consistent use of full stops and capital letters
- developing use of commas for lists, question marks, exclamation marks, speech marks and apostrophes for contractions

Spelling

- attempts to correct approximations using appropriate resources
- writes Spell-Write Essential List 3 and 4 words correctly in written work

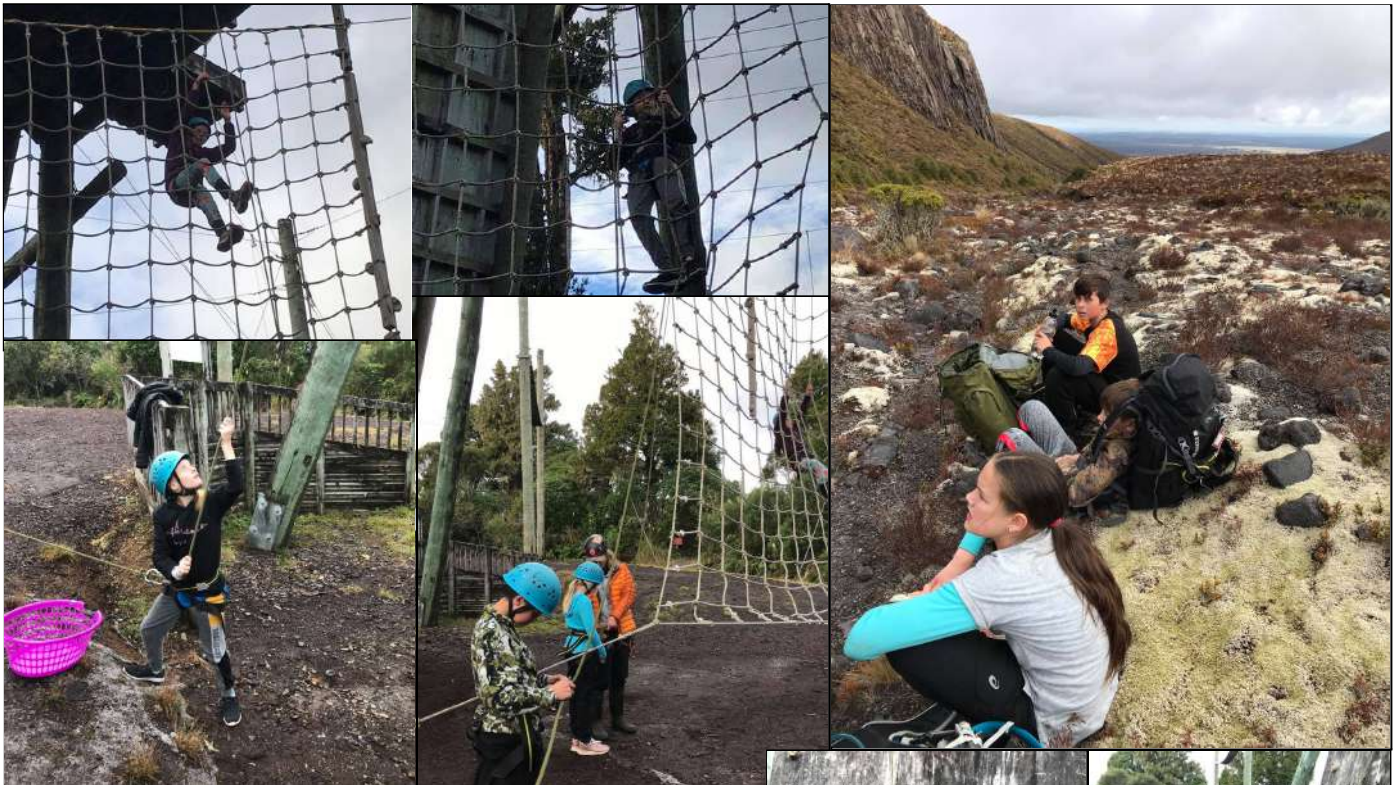
Editing

- independently uses a revising and editing prompt to improve writing

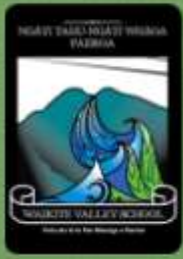
Rippa Rugby Tournament - Wed 9th June



Hillary Outdoor Education Centre - Mon 7th-Fri 11th June



On the afternoon of Monday 7th June, Mr Topp, Daniel Hornby (Deputy Head Boy), Kelly Teague (Head Girl), Harriet Topp (Deputy Head Girl), and Bayden Moyes (Year 8 Whaoa House Leader) left for a week of adventure at Hillary Outdoor Education Centre - near the National Park. They were with a group of 20 student leaders from our cluster of Reporoa Schools - Mihi School, Reporoa Primary School, Reporoa College, Lake Rerewhakaaitu School, and Broadlands School. They had wonderful weather and took part in a range of challenging outdoor activities. They will write a brief report of their camp for next week's newsletter.



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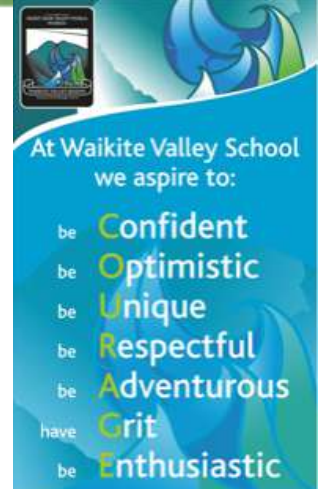


Waikite Valley school PTA Bull Calf Donation Scheme 2021

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.



How does it work:

- Farmers rear a calf through to weaning.
- Calf dehorned and entire.
- 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 future.

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

NETSAFE DAY - July 5



Please **set this date aside** as we have arranged for a Netsafe educator to visit our classes on this day to teach about cyber safety, cyber citizenship (our rights and responsibilities online), gaming and social media, and answer questions our children have. They are also hosting an afternoon workshop for staff; followed by an **evening workshop for parents, whānau and other interested community members**. This is **changed from Tues 6th July to MONDAY 5th JULY** as a number of parents let me know they are attending a different parenting course on the Tuesday in Rotorua.

UPCOMING DATES

- Tuesday 22nd June - Rural Schools Cross Country (Kaharoa)
- Thursday 24th June - Room 2 Sharing Assembly 2pm Settlers Hall
- Saturday 26th June - Ngakuru & Waikite Valley Community Dinner
- Monday 28th June-Thursday 1st July - Lakes Ranch School Camp

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