



DEVELOPING LEARNERS FOR LIFE

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Waikite Valley School

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



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

- Wednesday 1 December** - Waikite Valley School Athletic Sports
- Fri 3 December** - GPA Napier Camp Fundraiser (Sausage Sizzle lunch)

Upcoming Dates.....

- Mon 6th December** - Reports sent home
- Mon 6th December - Wed 8th December** - GPA Camp & First Lego League, Napier
- Thursday 9th December** - Parent /Teacher Conferences (2.30-7.30pm)
- Tuesday 14th December** - PRIZEGIVING & KAPA HAKA PERFORMANCE (6pm start)
- Wednesday 15th December** - Last day of term 4 (3pm finish)

Kia Ora Koutou Whānau

School Fees Explanation



From the 2020 school year, Decile 1–7 state and state-integrated schools/kura were able to choose to receive a \$150 per student, per year payment if they agree not to ask parents and caregivers for donations, except for overnight camps. This initiative was designed to alleviate that pressure and expectation.

Decile 8–10 schools and those who chose not to opt-in are allowed to ask for donations, but payment cannot be compelled or enforced. At Waikite Valley School we ask for our donation as a fee and the overnight camp fee is compulsory. Deciles are used to provide funding to state and state-integrated schools to enable them to overcome the barriers to learning faced by students from lower socio-economic communities. The lower the school's decile, the more funding they receive. Deciles are based on five socio-economic indicators for a community:

- percentage of households with income in the lowest 20% nationally
- percentage of employed parents in the lowest skill level occupational groups
- household crowding
- percentage of parents with no educational qualifications
- percentage of parents receiving income support benefits.

We are a decile 10 school which means we get much less Ministry of education funding (it is assumed our community can afford to donate funds to the school). If we were Decile 1 with the same roll we would be entitled to \$278000 Operations Grant; as a Decile 10 we receive \$184000. This is not taking into account the \$13500 we would be entitled to through the Donations scheme for Decile 1-7 schools. Therefore, we find ourselves in the position of absolutely needing donations, fees and any other funding available to maintain the high levels of achievement and engagement we currently have.

Parents/Caregivers have to pay for anything that the school has paid for your child to take part in (eg. hockey, RATs duathlon, Mini marathon) or products purchased (eg. calendar art, hoodies, hats). We try very hard to keep costs down and heavily subsidize trips and outings to ensure everyone can take part. The PTA also contributes to these costs to ensure access for all of our children.

This is just a brief explanation of our school fees system. If you have any questions or would like to talk about this please feel free to get in touch with me. :) I absolutely understand the underlying philosophy behind the New Zealand Education system as being a Free Education for All - however, the current decile system we operate in does not make this possible. In 2019 it was announced that deciles would be done away with - yet in 2021 we are still struggling with inequity in funding for our school.

The pool is open! Pool keys are available to be hired for \$50 - can be used the whole season. **If you still have a pool key from last year please return it or make payment to the school.** You must come into the office to collect and sign a pool use agreement. 🏊‍♂️

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Class Values Awards:



Pod 1 - Hunter Martin & Amy Schweizer



Rm 2 - Millicent Topp & Rachel Barry



Rm 3- Alexander Peers-Adams



Rm 4 - Felix Topp & Jonathan Haskins

GPA - Bailey Weepu-Vlaming & Emily Mills-White



GPA held their Graduation Dinner for the Year 8 students and their whānau last Thursday 25 November. They hosted over 30 people in the supper room at the Settler's Hall. They had prepared for over a week to plan the meal and took the day to cook, serve and clean up the dishes. The guests included parents, staff and other adults who had contributed to their success at school over the past 8 years.

School Values Hoodies are available at the school office!

WAIKITE VALLEY SCHOOL HOODY = \$50.00 Wear your school values with pride!

- Preshrunk Fleece
- Air jet yarn = softer feel and reduced pilling

- Double-lined hood with matching drawstring
- Double needle stitching



Royal Blue (with values).
Child's sizes: Small, Medium, Large
Adult: Small

Irish Green (available in small adult size only)



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Waikite Valley School Class List, 2022 Draft

| Pod 1 – Mrs Dinning | Room 2 – Mrs Hunter | Room 3 - Whaea Shandy | Rm 4 - Mrs Pearson/ Ms Bowman | GPA - Mr Topp | |
|--|---|---|--|---|-----------------|
| <p><u>Year 1</u></p> <p>Zoe Sluifers (5) Harper Klein (5) Loyalty-Grace Gardiner (5.5) Mariska Versteynen (5.7)</p> <p>Beau Weston (5) Hugh Van Twiver (5) Logan Birch (5.3) Oliver Lischner (5.6)</p> <p>8</p> <p><u>Year 2</u></p> <p>Amy Schweizer (6.0)</p> <p>Jack Hunter (5.11) Hunter Martin (6.2)</p> <p>3</p> <p style="text-align: right;">11</p> | <p><u>Year 2</u></p> <p>Breana Dinning (6.2) Isabelle Elliston (6.10) Eli Skelton (6.3) Campbell Briggs (6.3) Jackson Sowman (6.9) George McNaull (6.10) Jacob Temata (6.10)</p> <p>7</p> <p><u>Year 3</u></p> <p>Valentina Van Twuiver (7.0) Madeleine Edwards (7.2) Zoe Morrissey (7.2) Sophie Cockery (7.3) Baylee Salmon (7.3) Arya Peers-Adams (7.5)</p> <p>Blair Holmes (7.3) Xavier Foster (7.3) Louie Atkinson (7.6)</p> <p>9</p> <p style="text-align: right;">16</p> | <p><u>Year 3</u></p> <p>Jenna Bain (7.7) Ashley Hunter (7.8) Promise-Reign Gardiner (7.9) Casey Braithwaite (7.9) Rene Van Zuydam (7.9) Heidi Versteynen (7.10) Millie Topp (7.11) Ellie Burns (7.11) Rachel Barry (7.11)</p> <p>James Chamberlain (7.11)</p> <p>10</p> <p><u>Year 4</u></p> <p>Ruby Oldfield (8.0) Sophia Warren (8.1) Laila Gielen - Kissick (8.1) Emma Fisken (8.6) Olivia Holmes (8.8) David Schweizer (8.2) Ben Briggs (8.2) Lochy Moyes (8.5) Alexander Peers-Adams (8.10)</p> <p>9</p> <p style="text-align: right;">18</p> | <p><u>Year 5</u></p> <p>Indigo La Grouw (8.10) Hayley Bain ((8.11) Tamara Aislabie (9.3) Arvontia McLeod-Larkins (9.3) Beatrice Topp (9.3) Lilah Atkinson (9.4) Madisyn Cathcart (9.7)</p> <p>Ryder Trumper (8.11) Blake Braithwaite (8.11)</p> <p>Jackson Elliston (9.1) Cooper Morrissey (9.2) Dakota France (9.3) Jonathan Haskins (9.4) Alex Chamberlain (9.7) Sheldon Foster (9.7)</p> <p>15</p> <p><u>Year 6</u></p> <p>Alexis Warren (9.8) Chloe Holmes (9.10) Charlotte Hornby (10.2) Skylah Gilmore (10.5)</p> <p>Nathan Inwood (9.11) Riley Hunter (10.0)</p> <p>4</p> <p style="text-align: right;">22</p> | <p><u>Year 7</u></p> <p>Josie Morris (11.5) Noah Morrissey (10.7) Drew Brown (10.8) Michael Schweizer (10.9) Hunter Edwards (10.9) Tyler Barrett (10.9) Felix Topp (11.0) Joshua Inwood (11.3) Mason Edwards (11.4)</p> <p>9</p> <p><u>Year 8</u></p> <p>Abby Morrissey (11.11) Kataraina Alexander (12.0) Jessica Haskins (12.4) Harriet Topp (12.5) Bailey Weepu-Vlaming (12.6) Ivy La Grouw</p> <p>Peter Teague (11.8) Matthew Hornby (11.9) Thomas Emery (11.11) Chris Van Zuydam (11.11) Rylan Edwards (12.1) Kadin Martin (12.1) Adrian Briggs (12.3)</p> <p>13</p> <p style="text-align: right;">22</p> | 89 total |

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