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Waikite Valley School

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

- **Tuesday 28 June** - Altherm JCR Visit
- **Tuesday 28 June** - BOP Cross Country @ Kaharoa School (9 students)
- **Wed 29 June** - SCHOOL OPEN DAY - visit your child in their class and they will show you their work
- **Wed 29-Thurs 30 June** - GIRL CODE (9-10am) rugby skills for Rm 4 & GPA girls
- **Friday 1st July** - WAIKITE VALLEY **Hot pools - school & community swim**

Upcoming Dates....

- **MID-YEAR REPORTS** - coming home next Wednesday (6th July)
- **END OF TERM 2** - next Friday (8th July)

Kia Ora Koutou Whānau,

STUDENT LED OPEN CLASSES & MID-YEAR REPORTS

We are holding our Student-Led Learning Tours this **Wednesday 29 June**. You are welcome to come into school and look through your child's classroom while the school is running as usual. Your child will be prepared to show you around and talk about their learning goals and successes this year. You are welcome anytime from 8am-4pm (break times are 11-11.45am & 1.15-2pm).

The student mid-year reports will be sent home next Wednesday 6 July - 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 29th June) 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).

If you have any questions following the open day or your reading your child's report, please contact your child's classroom teacher to plan a meeting.

THE TOPP WHĀNAU ARE ON THE MOVE!

Sadly the time has come for the Topp Whānau to take on a new challenge. We are very grateful to the Waikite Valley Community for welcoming us with open arms and we have worked hard to continue the success of our local school. We will be relocating to Wellington to take on new positions (Teresa will be working at the Teaching Council and Andy will be a Senior Teacher at Silverstream School). Andy's last day teaching GPA will be Friday 19th August, Teresa will finish around the end of term 3. We appreciate all the support and friendship afforded by many of you over the past 8 years that we have worked at Waikite Valley School. The Board of Trustees will want your advice and guidance on the qualities and skills you aspire to see in the new principal - please take part in any consultation available to help this process run smoothly.

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VALUES AWARDS - TERM 2, WEEK 9



Pod 1 - Ollie Lischner
& Bohdi Semmens



Rm 2 - Baylee Salmon (absent)
& George McNaul



Rm 3 - James Chamberlain
& Olivia Holmes



Rm 4 - Hayley Bain
& Lilah Atkinson



G.P.A. - Noah Morrissey
& Cruz Trumper (Absent)



School & House leaders received
their G.R.I.P. Leadership Certificates



15 Waikite Valley School students ran at the Rural Cluster Cross Country held at Kaharoa School last Tuesday with some fantastic results. Those who qualified (9 students) will represent our school at the Bay of Plenty Inter-School Cross Country tomorrow (Tuesday 28 June) at Kaharoa.



BestStart Waikite Valley Kindy is looking for a cleaner/caregiver to join our team. This role is a permanent position working five hours per week as our Centre Cleaner. There will be opportunities for additional hours working in the centre as a Caregiver with our beautiful tamariki. If this position sounds like you, please contact the centre on 07 562 4623 or email waikitevalley.kindy.manager@best-start.org and ask for Sharne or Mark

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Board of Trustees Chairperson - Mike France ph. 021 684 393

MATARIKI

A time to Reflect, Celebrate & Look Forward



Last Wednesday (22 June) we celebrated Matariki at our school by putting down a shared hāngi - with pork, chicken, mutton, lamb, potatoes, parsnip, carrots, cabbage, kumara, pumpkin, stuffing; we smoked eel & snapper; 5 delicious steamed puddings were made; a huge shared bowl of Raw Fish was made; and the whole school feasted together! The kai was shared after a morning of activities based around Matariki - sharing memories, planning the year ahead and then having a feast together. Thank you to all our Hāngi experts and helpers, all the food that was donated and those who were able to join us on the day. An awesome start to our new National Celebration!

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