



Waikite Valley School

At Waikite Valley School we aspire to:

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

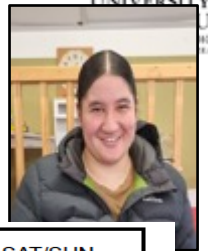
Upcoming dates....

- **Tues 30th-Wed 31st Aug, Thurs 1st Sept** - School Leader's Wellington Trip
- **Fri 2nd Sept** - Waikite Valley School Speech Competition



Kia Ora Koutou Whānau,

WELCOME - ANNA-MARIE TE AHO STUDENT TEACHER FROM UNIVERSITY OF CANTERBURY - WORKING IN ROOM 2 THIS TERM.... HAERE MAI WHAEA ANNA-MARIE :)



TERM 3 OVERVIEW

WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT/SUN
3	8	9	10 New BOT takes Office	11	12	13/14
4	15	16 School Disco 5-7pm	17 6.30pm - Board meeting	18	19	20/21
5	22	23	24	25	26	27/28
September 6	29	30 SCHOOL LEADERS TRIP - WELLINGTON	31 SCHOOL LEADERS TRIP - WELLINGTON	1 SCHOOL LEADERS TRIP - WELLINGTON	2 Waikite Valley School Speech Competition	3/4
7	5 Aims Games	6 Aims Games	7 Aims Games	8 Aims Games	9 Aims Games	10/11
8	12	13 REPOROA CLUSTER Speech Competition	14	15 REPOROA CLUSTER Cultural Festival	16 Mini Marathon	17/18
9	19	20	21	22 Jack te Nahu Speech Comp	23	24/25
10	26	27	28	29 'CLASS VIDEO' Presentation	30	1/2

Term 4, 2022

WVS pet day - Wednesday 19 October

Group Day in 2022 on Friday the 21st of October - KAHAROA SCHOOL

Waikite Valley School PTA

A big thank you and thumbs up to the parents/caregivers/whanau organising the latest fundraisers noted in the newsletter and on the PTA messenger chat.

At the last meeting, it was noted that we now have a new account with ASB that will be used for all future transactions as we will be closing the ANZ account(s). The details are as follows –

Account name: Waikite Valley School PTA

Account number: 12-3155-0164206-00

A reference is required for all transactions and should be the fundraising event the payment is relating to e.g. Pet Day, Silent Auction, Cookbook etc.

An update for our goal tracker – we have raised just over \$4,000 towards our \$10,000 goal.

Cookbook Fundraiser

Send in your family favourite recipes in the next few weeks, we will put together a Waikite Valley School recipe book for 2022. This is a fundraising activity for the PTA.



From slow cooker to oven even unbaked we welcome your favourite dinners, lunch, baking, soups, desserts, lunchbox ideas, treats, Soups and sweets. If you eat it we would love the recipe.

Photos of the dishes are a bonus!

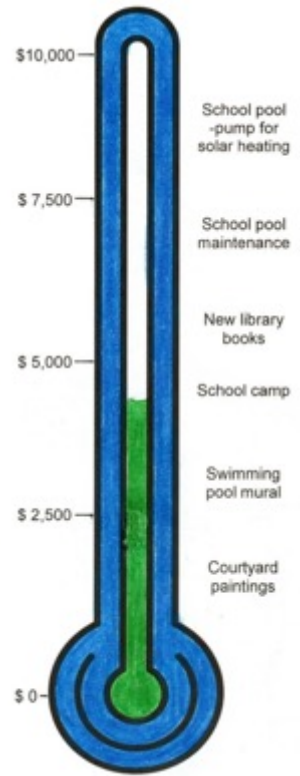
Please email these to wvscookbook@gmail.com or send a copy in to the office.

We look forward to putting this together for 2022

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References as requested for each fundraising event



It's Disco Time!

The PTA are hosting a disco:
Tuesday 16th August, 5.30-7pm.

\$5 entry (includes food/drink).

Neon glow sticks will be for sale.

"Neon" is our theme. A parent is required to attend for each whānau (no charge for adults).



Thankyou for your support
Waikite Valley School PTA

PET DAY 2022 - Wednesday 19th October 2022

ANIMALS MUST BE BORN BETWEEN 20 JULY AND 25 SEPTEMBER

You will have the choice to rear and train a kid, lamb or calf. In the next couple of weeks a form will come home for you to indicate what type of pet you are entering for the day.



We will have a preschool ring again this year. All they have to do is take the pet for a walk around the ring, stop in the middle for prizes from our super friendly judge, and pose for you to take a photo. The children are able to use their own pet calf, lamb, kid or borrow their brother or sister's pet.

If you would like a booklet on rearing a calf, kid or lamb this is also available from the office. Ask your child/ren to come and get one - included in this book are the details for training for each event at Pet Day and some handy hints on competing.

The day before pet day (Tuesday 18th October) will be our school crafty day where all students will make either a flower craft, play-dough model, painting or other construction to demonstrate their skills. These will be judged after school and displayed on pet day (Wednesday 19th October).

The calves/lambs/kids that are awarded a place (1st & 2nd) in their ring have the opportunity to represent our school at the Group Day (Friday 21th October) at Kaharoa School.

If you would like an orphan lamb (free) let the office know. Pick up will be from Rerewhakaaitu. You will need to have milk powder and bottles ready. 😊

Day	Volume per feed	Feeds per day
1-3	200-250ml	3
4-7	300ml	3
8-11	350ml for 2 feeds, 200ml middle feed	3
12-14	400ml	2
15-24	500ml	2
25-28	500ml	1

Lambs can move from two to one feed a day if they weigh over 6.5kg and have put on at least 2kg since the start.



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 - 07 562 4623 or email waikitevalley.kindy.manager@best-start.org & ask for Sharne or Mark

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Parents-Teachers Association Chairperson - Crystal Carroll ph. 021 175 0487
Board of Trustees Chairperson - Mike France ph. 021 684 393

VALUES AWARDS - TERM 3, WEEK 3



Pod 1 - Henry Atkinson & Amy Schweizer



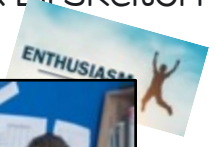
Rm 2 - George McNaul & Eli Skelton



Rm 3- Rubin Gilfield & Louie Atkinson



Rm 4- Jonathan Haskins & Dakota France

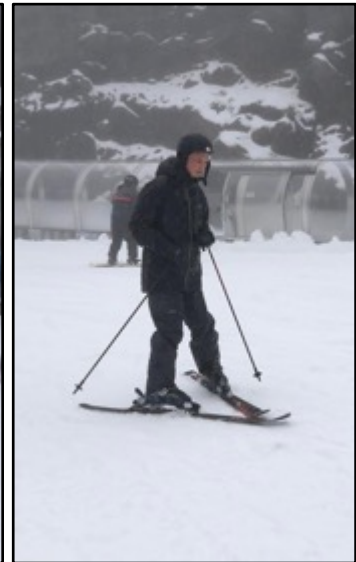
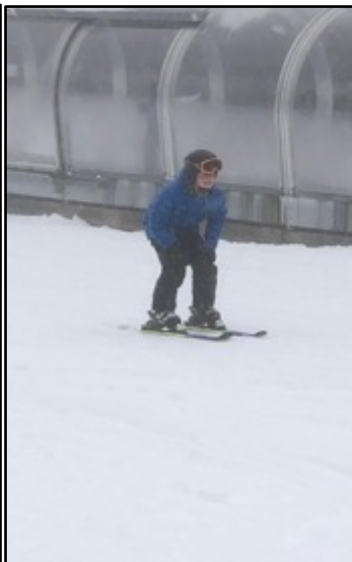
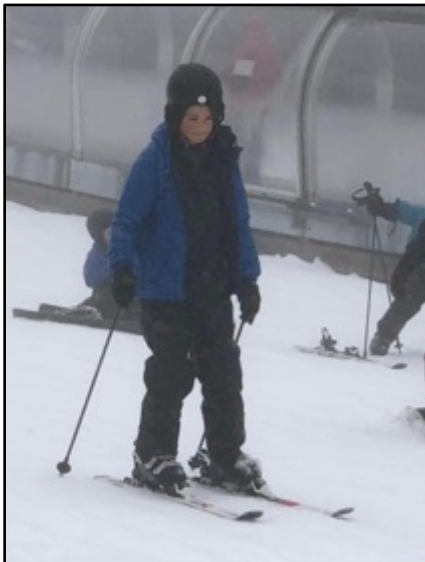
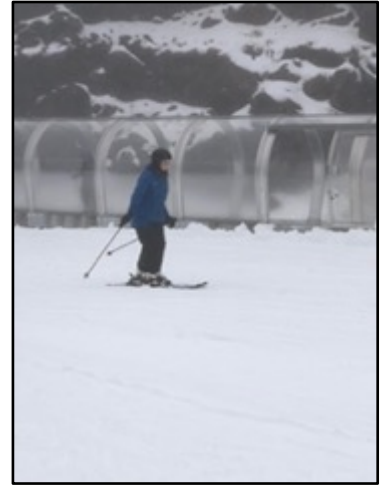


G.P.A. - Michael Schweizer & Kataraina Alexander (Absent)



Players of the day - Noah Morrissey & Cruz Trumper

GPA Snow Camp 2022!



On Tuesday 2nd August the students in our Graduate Pathways Academy (GPA) headed off to Ruapehu for 2 days skiing at Whakapapa. The kids had a blast and experienced our local alpine environment. By the end of day two everyone had a level of success with their skiing. We'd like to extend a huge thank you to the parents who were able to accompany the group on the trip: Dylan Haskins, Barry Morris and Mary Briggs. Without our parent help we would be unable to run such exciting and valuable excursions. Thanks is owed to the Okataina Trust and New Zealand Community Trust for funding the trip - ensuring that there were no additional costs for our school families to have their children attend.



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Carolyn Morris

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INTRODUCING OUR WAIKITE VALLEY SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS



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WAIKITE VALLEY SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS - 10 August 2022

Teresa Topp - Principal

Sheena Hunter - Staff Representative

Tracy Bain - Parent Representative

Mary Briggs - Parent Representative

Sophia Burton - Parent Representative

Mike France - Parent Representative

Kelly Weston - Parent Representative

Kelly Curtis - Minute Secretary

Tracy Bain

Tena koutou, whānau, caregivers and school community.

My name is Tracy Bain and I am new to the board this year. To some of you, I may be an unfamiliar face, our wee family moved to Waikite Valley at the end of 2019, we have 2 girls Hayley (year 5) and Jenna (year 3) who we moved from town school out to Waikite Valley School.

I am currently studying towards a Bachelor of Speech and Language Therapy, but prior to that, I spent 5 years working in the office at Selwyn Primary School. This has given me a good insight into the inner workings of a school, and an appreciation of the responsibilities and challenges that BOT faces.

In my former life, I achieved a Bachelor of Sciences majoring in Industrial relations and human resources management. I am a bit of a jack of all trades...(Master of one within the next 3.5 years) My previous work experience ranges from small business management to working for an IT recruitment consultancy in London, and one role that is most relevant to the BOT position was that I was the deputy secretary of the Rail Passengers committee in Eastern England. This is the government watchdog over the railways, and we carried out the work prescribed by the committee, with meetings similar to the BOT.

The difference I have seen in our girls since moving them to Waikite Valley school is amazing. They have grown in confidence, embraced all aspects of learning and are usually excited about going to school. As a parent, it's been a great relief to see them happy at school and to watch them grow and step up to challenges that they wouldn't have previously considered.

I am looking forward to contributing to the school community and to having an impact on the success of all tamariki. I will bring the ability to listen with an open mind, and be compassionate, but able to make hard decisions when required. I look forward to working with the wider team!! Feel free to stop me and say hi if you see me around the Kura.

Nāku noa, nā

Tracy



Mary Briggs

Hi, my name is Mary Briggs and I have been a member of the Board of Trustees since 2019. My area of responsibility being finance.

My husband Jeremy and I have 3 sons, Adrian (12), Ben (8) and Campbell (6) who all attend Waikite Valley School. We have a small blueberry orchard that we run from home in Waikite Valley, and also an Insurance Reinstatement Building business in Rotorua.

I grew up in Waikite Valley and attended Waikite Valley School as a child, followed by Reporoa College. I strongly believe in the benefits a small rural school and community like Waikite Valley has to offer. This had a large influence on our decision to move back to the Valley prior to our oldest starting school 8 years ago.

Following school, I completed a NZ Diploma in Business and after spending 6 years in the Tourism and Hospitality Industry I began work as an auditor in a local accounting firm in Rotorua where I remained until we took over our building business (over 12 years in total). I no longer work in audit but I am responsible for the accounts and administration for both of our businesses, the day to day running of our orchard, and I also volunteer as treasurer for the Waikite Valley Squash Club.

I am an active member of the school community and my interests include horse riding, running, mountain biking, boating and just generally being outdoors with my friends and family.

Through my work as an auditor I have been exposed to the workings of a number of different boards (trusts, incorporations and charities). I find numbers just click with me, so I quite enjoy this type of work and feel my knowledge in finance has been helpful during my first term on the board. I am committed to the future of our school and I would like to contribute to its continuing success in the most effective way I can.



Mike France

Kia ora parents, whanau, caregivers and wider school community,

My name is Mike France and I have been re-appointed to the board of trustees. My son Dakota is in Year 5 this year at Waikite Valley School.

Dakota is a third generation Waikite Valley school pupil following in his poppa and mum's footsteps.

I have been fortunate enough to live in the valley for the past 15 years with my partner Katrina (who was born and raised in Waikite Valley), my eldest son Jessie who lives and works in Hamilton and now Dakota.

I am an ILS paramedic with St John Ambulance working out of both the Rotorua and Taupo Stations with a number of secondments throughout the organisation during my 27 years in the service including 10 years as one of the medics on the former Rotorua Bay Trust rescue helicopter.

I have over 20 years of governance experience as both a professional and volunteer director and trustee of several boards including Waikite Valley School BOT – the last 3 years, Kawaha Point Primary School BOT - 6 years, Rotorua Life Education Trust – 5 years with 3 as chairperson and CNI Kindergartens and Early Learning Centre's – 20 years with 17 as Board Chair.

As the Chair of the CNI Board, the organisation grew from 48 to 56 centres across the central North Island, employing over 500 staff and growing from a \$5 million-dollar annual operating budget to over \$29 million-dollar annual budget. I have a wealth of governance, training and experience gained over the years including the recruitment and employment of 3 CEO's during my tenure.

It has been rewarding watching Dakota grow and develop through his years at Waikite Valley School. This small, unique environment offers something different from the city schools, I myself started my school years at Broadlands Primary School just over the hills many years ago.

I thank you in advance for your trust and look forward to continuing my knowledge and skills to the school and community.

Nga mihi,

Mike France



Kelly Weston

Kia ora! My name is Kelly Weston. My husband and I have two children, one of which started in Pod 1 this year. We feel very lucky that our children can attend such a wonderful, rural school.

We live on a lifestyle block in Waikite Valley and have been here for about 3 years now after relocating from Auckland. My professional background is as a lawyer (for both a large firm in Auckland and then in-house counsel for a bank) and as a corporate responsibility and sustainability expert. I have been incredibly privileged to spend the last 5 years at home with my young children. I am passionate about their education and think that effective governance plays an important part in the success of schools so I am keen to be more involved and help support the school to reach its strategic goals. I have good communication skills, am very determined and really care about the future of the school.



SOPHIA BURTON

Kia ora koutou,

My name is Sophia, and Andrew and I are the parents of Ivy in GPA and Indigo in Room 4.

I am an editor and writer, and I work from home as part of the content development team at [CORE Education](#). We specialise in creating learning resources for the Ministry of Education, and a variety of other government departments and private companies.

As part of my work I have developed a good understanding of *The New Zealand Curriculum*, and the National Education and Learning Priorities for 2022. My skills and knowledge in these areas will be useful for the work of the Board of Trustees as we monitor student progress, co-construct local curriculum, make strategic decisions, and create the school charter.

For a number of years I worked with Andrew as the co-director of our successful Nelson building business. I know how to communicate and collaborate effectively, and I am good at working as part of a team to achieve audacious goals and tackle difficult challenges.

In my spare time I love to paint, draw and sew. I value creativity of all kinds. Over the past few years it has been my pleasure to support our teachers and classes with different creative projects including mask making, and creating lockdown art projects for GPA. As soon as the weather warms up, I am looking forward to helping our tamariki create a beautiful new mural for the pool area.

It will be an honour to support our school as a board member, and I deeply appreciate the opportunity to contribute to the wellbeing and ongoing learning success of all our children.

