



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

Kia ora whānau

There are some important messages in this newsletter; I encourage you to take a few moments to read them carefully.

ATTENDANCE

Student Categories	Student with	Equivalent to
Regular attendance	over 90% attendance	missing fewer than 5 days across a term
Irregular absence	more than 80% and up to 90% attendance	absent for between 5 and 9 days across a term
Moderate absence	more than 70% and up to 80% attendance	absent for between 10 and 14.5 days across a term
Chronic absence	70% attendance or less	absent for 15 days or more across a school term

WVS ATTENDANCE TERM 1 2025

Regular Attendance 72%

Irregular Absence 15%

Moderate Absence 7%

Chronic Absence 5%



The government has set a (regular attendance) target of 80% of students to be present for more than 90% of the term by 2030. Let's get our children to school.

Updates on Reporting to Parents and Whānau

In Week 9, you will receive your child/ren's mid-year reports via email. Please make sure the school office has your most up-to-date contact information.

office@waikitevalley.school.nz

The rules around reporting to parents and whānau haven't changed. Schools still need to report to students and their families **at least twice a year**. These reports will show how your child is doing and how they're progressing across the curriculum, especially in **literacy and maths**.

What's new is that schools now need to show progress based on the **updated English (Years 0-6) and Maths & Statistics (Years 0-8) learning areas**. Please bear in mind that at this point in the year, the curriculum hasn't been fully covered.

For **Years 7 and 8**, we have decided to use the **draft refreshed English curriculum** to report progress. This helps us get ready for future changes and gives us a clear picture of how our learners are developing.

Statement from the Ministry of Education to Support Schools with Reporting to Parents

As part of our focus on lifting student achievement we have introduced new, knowledge-rich and internationally-comparable curriculum this year for Maths in Years 0-8 and English in Years 0-6, and Te Reo Rangatira Years 0-6 and Pāngarau Years 0-8 wāhanga ako.

This means we are currently changing from the old to the new curriculum. We want to acknowledge that schools and kura will only have been using the new curricula from the start of 2025, which includes new teaching and assessment methods and content.

Because of this you could see a change in your child's progress or achievement compared to previous years which may be the result of changes in the curriculum expectations for your child's year level. If you have concerns or questions about your child's achievement, we strongly suggest you talk with your child's teacher or kaiako. They will also have used their own observations, classroom tasks and other tests to report on the progress your child is making.

Teacher Only Day 23 June- Postponed to later in the year due to facilitators availability.

School will be open on this day!!

Kind regards

Sue Ratcliffe

Principal

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions regarding school.

principal@waikitevalley.school.nz

Kia ora whanau,

On **Wednesday June 25th** the school will be celebrating Matariki. We have been working with Whaea Felicity from Ngati Tahu - Ngati Whaoa Runanga Trust to develop a presentation showcasing visual and performance art (drama, dance and kapahaka). This is a variation on our usual Matariki celebration but involves sharing what we have learnt about one of the Matariki stars (Waita) and the history of our local iwi; Ngati Tahu - Ngati Whaoa.



The presentation will take place in the hall and will start at 11.30 a.m. It will last approximately one hour and we invite all whanau/community to attend. We would like to follow the show with a shared kai/hakari and ask that each family brings something to share. If you have a special dish that reflects your culture we would love to see, and taste, it. All are welcome, so please join us.

Sheryl Pearson

Cultural Leader

TERM TWO DATES

JUNE

- 14 PTA QUIZ NIGHT
- 19 BOT meeting 3:15pm
- 19 Student Leaders Day
- 20 MATARIKI- school closed

- 24 BOP Cross country
- 25 Matariki celebration-information coming out next week
- 26 BOP Cross country PP
- 27 Term 2 ends
- July
- 14 Term 3 starts

Quiz Night Coming Up!! SATURDAY 14 JUNE

Join Us for Quiz Night - Let's Build Our New Playground!

Get your thinking caps on and gather your team—our PTA is hosting a fun-filled Quiz Night to help raise funds for our brand-new playground! It's a great chance to enjoy a night out, test your trivia skills, and support a fantastic cause for our kids.

Hurry—get your tickets, grab your group, and book your table now! **\$20 per person, 6 people per table.** Spaces are limited, and it's sure to be a night full of laughs, friendly competition, and community spirit.

Van available for drop off at the end of the night. Please book ASAP via this email:

waikiteschoolpta@gmail.com

Every bit of support brings us one step closer to an exciting new play space for our tamariki!

Kind regards Carey Cockery and Victoria Wallace (PTA Co-chair)

Thank you from the PTA to all those who helped with the crutching fundraiser at Mike Rolls last weekend.



Special mention to our helpers—the Ellistons, Kahu, Darcy and whānau, Darryl Trumper, Robbie Fields, John Versteynan and Dustin Bryan

Two Choirs - One Unforgettable Evening Stanford University Chamber Chorale & Rotorua District Choir



Prof. Stephen M. Sano
Director



'Exquisite Choral singing of the highest order with polished refinement'
Craig Jessop - Former Director of the Mormon Tabernacle Choir



Jess Bradley & Evelyn Falconer
Directors



St Luke's Church - 1223 Amohia Street, Rotorua
Friday, June 27th 7:00 pm
Entry by Donation - Supporting
The Michael Pilaar Memorial Music Scholarship





Civil Defence Practice Evening

Join Us for an Important Community Event

Attention Community Members,

We are excited to announce a Civil Defence Practice Evening dedicated to ensuring the safety and preparedness of our community. This event will provide valuable training and practical experience in emergency response and a chance to welcome in the new residents in our area.

Event Details

- **Date:** 23rd June
- **Time:** 6pm
- **Location:** Waikite Valley Hall
- Light BBQ, cake and hot drinks provided, games for the kids and workshops for adults.





Why Attend?

- Learn what you should do at home if a disaster strikes.
- Learn essential skills for handling emergencies incl First Aid tips and tricks.
- Check you have the right kit ready to go.
- Meet and collaborate with other residents.

Your involvement is crucial in strengthening our community's resilience. Together, we can ensure a safer environment for everyone. If you know someone new to the area please invite them along – this is a great opportunity for them to meet the locals.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Madison Blues Marching:

 **Wednesday 25 June 2025**
 **10:00am – 12:00pm**
 **Kaitao Intermediate School**
 **Free to attend – all equipment provided**

This fun event is a great opportunity for tamariki aged 5–12 to explore the sport of marching – a unique combination of movement, music, teamwork, and discipline in a supportive environment

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Ad Astra Per Aspera

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Open Evening - 29th July

Open Day for all contributing schools - Thursday 15th of August.

Orientation Day - Wednesday 5th of November.



RAUKURA

Term 2, Week 6 Values Assembly



Pod 1 - Tessa Morrissey, Harlo Burns & Kadin Healey (Absent)



Rm 2 - Rangi Wiremu, Eli Gielen & Huka Hase



Rm 3 - Zoe Sluifers, Harper Klein, Kayla Temata, Amy Schweizer & Warwick Johnson



Rm 4 - Indigo La Grouw, Laila Gielen, Lochy Moyes, Ryder Trumper & Ky - Mani Temaari

Principal's Award



Eli Gielen & Ellie Burns



R.V.C. Cross Country Contestants

REPORTORA SQUASH CLUB



SUNDAY 22ND JUNE 2025

10AM—2PM

Family Friendly Club* 2 Squash Courts* Kitchen & Bar Facilities

Affordable Memberships* Competitive & Social Squash

FREE SAUSAGE SIZZLE 12PM - 1PM

Come on down, bring the kids and check out our club!

Rackets available if you'd like to have a hit!

Waikite Valley
School PTA
Presents:

Maui Hatter

Quiz Night

Spot
prizes
for
best
hats

Tickets
\$20 Per
Person
presales only!

and Playground
Fundraiser Auction

14th June, 7pm
Waikite Valley Hall

Cash bar.
Nibbles provided.

Teams of 6 – Get a group together,
or be assigned a table on the night.

Auction donations wanted!

Please email: waikiteschoolpta@gmail.com

Ticket sales – Use name as payment reference:
Waikite Valley School PTA – 12 3155 0164206 00

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