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19TH SEPTEMBER 2025

Waikite Valley School

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

Kia ora whānau,

Our classrooms are looking extra cozy with the fantastic new carpets installed this week, and Pod 1 has happily settled into their new space.

We are also super proud of our amazing contestants who took part in the Jack Te Nahu Memorial Speech Competition last night—congratulations to George Coker for winning the People's Choice, Lochy Moyes for winning the Senior Division, and to both Lilah Atkinson and George for being highly commended. What a fantastic achievement!



Craft and Pet Day is just around the corner! Preparations are buzzing, and we can't wait to see the creativity and hard work that goes into the crafts and pet day. (The judges have kindly come up with judging criteria—see below)

In Week Two, an arborist will be working in and around BestStart. This will involve some large equipment, so we ask everyone to take extra care when moving through the area. 🌳 ✨

TERM 4 START DATE: Monday 6 October 9am

I wish everyone a very happy holiday!!

Kind regards

Sue Ratcliffe (Principal) principal@waikitevalley.school.nz

WAIKITE VALLEY SCHOOL LUNCH PRICE LIST

Oxford Sausage Roll	\$3.00
Big Ben Cheese Sausage Roll	\$3.00
Oxford Mince & Cheese Pie	\$4.00
Oxford Mince Pie	\$3.00
Juicies	\$1.50
Moosies	\$2.00

Price increase from Term 4



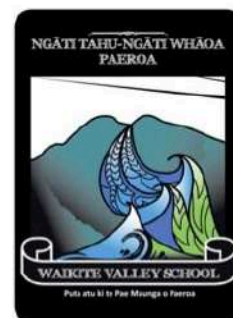
Notice of Strike Action

Please be advised that strike action for teachers, support staff, and principals is planned for Thursday, October 23. Further details about how this will affect the school day will be shared with you as soon as possible. We thank you for your understanding and support.

October

Mon 6	TERM 4 BEGINS
Wed 8	Craft Day
Thur 9	Pet Day
Wed 22	School Board hui 6pm
Thur 23	Principal/Teacher/Support Staff strike
Fri 24	Group Day
Mon 27	LABOUR DAY- school closed
Tue 28	MOE Maths Day 2-Teacher only day-school closed





Waikite Valley School Board Elections

Parent & Staff Elections Results Declaration

Parent representative votes:

Name	Votes
Samantha Dinning	10
Ben Klein	43
Jess Mitchell	45
Karl Sluiters	46
Denise Temata	49
Kate Waterworth	46
Invalid Votes	0

I hereby declare the following duly elected:

Name

Ben Klein

Jess Mitchell

Karl Sluiters

Denise Temata

Kate Waterworth

Signed

Kelly Curtis

Returning Officer

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waikiteschoolpta@gmail.com



Reporoa Valley Cluster Speech Contest 2025



PET DAY 2025 Thursday 9th October 2025

ANIMALS MUST BE BORN BETWEEN 20 JULY AND 25 SEPTEMBER

You will have the choice to rear and train a kid, lamb or calf. The Pet Day indication form has been sent home for you to indicate what type of pet you are entering for the day.

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 (**Wednesday 8th October**) will be our school craft day where all students will make either a flower craft, play-dough model, painting or other construction to demonstrate their skills. More details to follow. These will be judged after school and displayed on pet day (**Thursday 9th 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 24th October**) hosted by Reporoa Primary School.



CRAFT DAY GUIDELINES

Get prepared over the holidays and bring in all your resources on **Wednesday 8th October** to make your crafts at school.

Vaseline Saucer

Upside down saucer covered with Vaseline, fully covered with petals and leaves, etc.

Judging Criteria:

Originality - show imaginative use of petals, leaves etc

Design - neatness, use of colour

Well balanced, finished saucer

Overall impact



Miniature Garden

Create a garden using an interesting container.

The container to be no longer than 40cm x 30cm (e.g. old roasting dish, cut down plastic bottle, wooden box etc)

Judging Criteria:

The gardens will be judged on creative use of crafts (use as little purchased items as possible).

The use of plants, leaves etc

Colour and textures

The garden to be neat, balanced and well finished



Play Dough Animal

Judging Criteria:

The imaginative use of dough

The design

Good use of technique

The animal to be neat, well finished and well balanced



Three Plain Scones Competition for Room 3 and 4

Judging Criteria:

The three scones to be a similar size

Well baked, good colour

Nice texture

Taste



Iced Biscuit Competition for Pod 1 and Room 2

Judging Criteria:

Creativity, design, use of colour and neatly finished



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Term 3 , Week 9 Values Assembly

Respect
Others



Pod 1 - Harlo Burns & Jackson Warren



Rm 2- Charlotte Lischner & Maverick Dinning



Rm 3 - Lucas Hall & Mila Cowien



Rm 4 - Hine Mason - Wiremu & Lochy Moyes



Principal's Award - Elsie Waterworth

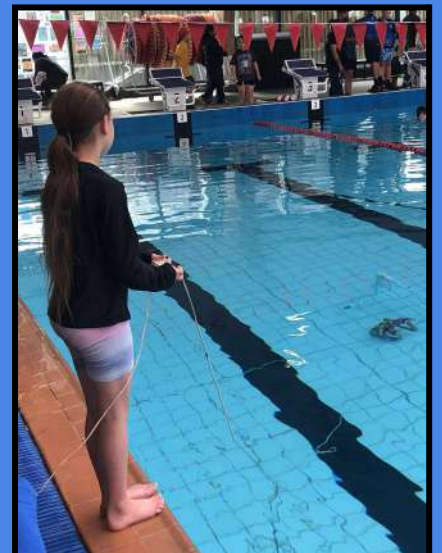


A.I.Ms Games Sportsmanship Award
Rachel Barry

Crazy Hair Day
Waikite Valley School raised \$161.00 for Child Cancer!



Aquabots 2025 - Room 3



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