



# Waikite Valley School

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

Kia ora and Welcome back to 2026

We hope you all have had a relaxing break and are ready for an exciting year ahead.

It's great to see our returning tamariki and whānau, and we warmly welcome those who are new to our school. We also welcome Caitlyn Potter, who has joined our school as the Room 2 teacher — we're excited to have her as part of our team.

## A Message from Miss Potter



Kia ora! My name is Caitlyn Potter, and I'm a beginning teacher who is starting in Room 2 this year at Waikite Valley School. I grew up in the sunny Hawke's Bay, where I lived on a farm with my family. After finishing high school, I moved to Hamilton to complete my three-year teaching degree.

I'm incredibly excited to be teaching in a rural school, as I attended one myself and have always valued the strong sense of community they offer. I'm really looking forward to meeting everyone and having an awesome year of learning together in Room 2!

There has been lots going on over the summer holidays, including the removal and the start of installation of our long-awaited playground, sewage and stormwater remediation works, paint touch-ups to the railings around the school and at the entrance, and new matting around the swimming pool and in the changing rooms. A big thank you to Watson Elliston for the removal of the playground — we really appreciate your support.





## Ngā mihi nui

Sue Ratcliffe (Principal) [principal@waikitevalley.school.nz](mailto:principal@waikitevalley.school.nz)

### February

Fri 6 Waitangi Day  
Tues 10 P.T.A. Hui 6.30pm (all welcome)  
Mon 16 GRIP Leadership Conference Yr 7 & 8  
Tues 17 Parent/Teacher Conferences  
Wed 18 Parent/Teacher Conferences  
B.O.T. Meeting 6pm  
Mon 23 - Fri 27 Dental Clinic  
Tues 24 Waikite Swimming Sports

### March

Wed 4 Cluster Swimming Sports  
Wed 11 - Fri 13 Camp Whakamaru  
Tues 17 RATs Duathlon  
Thurs 13 WVS Athletic Sports  
Wed 25 BOT meeting 6pm  
April  
Wed 1 C.B.O.P. Swimming Sports  
Thurs 2 Term 1 Ends  
Fri 3 Good Friday  
Mon 20 Term 2 starts

# 2025 Prize Giving



**Adventures**

**Unique**

**Grit**



# Senior Leaders Tabloid day







**LAKES  
FOOTBALL CLUB**

PRESENTS

# COUNTRY KIDS FOOTBALL HUB

Thursday, January 8<sup>th</sup> - Thursday, February 12th.

4.30pm-6.00pm | Ngakuru School field

## **WHO:**

Ages 5-13 - for kids from Ngakuru, Horohoro, Atiamuri, Waikite and beyond. Boys and girls of all abilities welcome.

## **PRICE:**

Only \$20 for all five weeks!

## **WHATS ON?**

Fun skill sessions, games, confidence on the ball and small sided games.

## **CONTACT:**

Register: [www.lakesfc.com/countrykids](http://www.lakesfc.com/countrykids)

Questions: [admin@lakesfc.co.nz](mailto:admin@lakesfc.co.nz)



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