

DEVELOPING LEARNERS FOR LIFE

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Waikite Valley School

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We are: **CONFIDENT, UNIQUE, RESPECTFUL** and have **GRIT**

Week 3 Round Up!!



KEY DATES NEXT WEEK

- Dental Clinic at school all week
- Tuesday 24 WVS swimming sports for Rms 2, 3 & 4. Start time 1pm

Playground Opening – Thank You! (see photos below)

A huge thank you to everyone who joined us for the opening of our new playground. It was wonderful to see so many whānau there to celebrate this long-awaited milestone with us.



Most importantly, we have very happy children who are absolutely loving the new space! It has already become a hub of energy, laughter, and fun during break times.

A special thank you to Woolworths Fairy Springs for generously donating the morning tea for our opening — it was very much appreciated.

We would like to extend a huge thank you to the grant charities, local businesses and families who generously supported our playground project. Your contributions have made a real difference to our school and our tamariki.



A big shout out to our amazing PTA and the team of helpers. Over the past two years, they have worked tirelessly behind the scenes to help get this project off the ground. Their dedication, time, and effort have been outstanding, and we are incredibly grateful for their commitment to our school community.

We would also like to make a special mention to Maree from Playground Creations and her team. They worked alongside us right through the entire process, from the design stage to the final product. Although it was a huge undertaking, they made it achievable, and we are incredibly grateful for your guidance and expertise.



Reminders:

Attendance- Please ensure you ring or text Kelly in the office if your child/ren are absent.

Ngā mihi nui

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

A Message from the Board of Trustees

The role of the Board is governance — setting the direction and long-term goals of the school, while the principal manages the day-to-day running. Our responsibilities include setting strategic goals, monitoring student achievement, reviewing policies, acting as the legal employer of staff, and overseeing the school's finances and property.

When not at Board meetings, we are parents and community members interacting with staff, students, and whānau just like any other caregiver. Outside of formal Board meetings, we do NOT represent or speak on behalf of the Board.

If you have any concerns, please follow our school procedures and first address these with the principal. The majority of concerns should be resolved at management level. However, if you feel your concern has not been adequately dealt with, you may put your concern in writing to the Board. A response will be provided once the matter has been discussed.

We are committed to working in partnership with our principal, staff, and whānau to ensure the best possible outcomes for our tamariki.

Ngā mihi,
Waikite Valley School Board of Trustees

February

Mon 23 - Fri 27 Dental Clinic
Tues 24 Waikite Swimming Sports

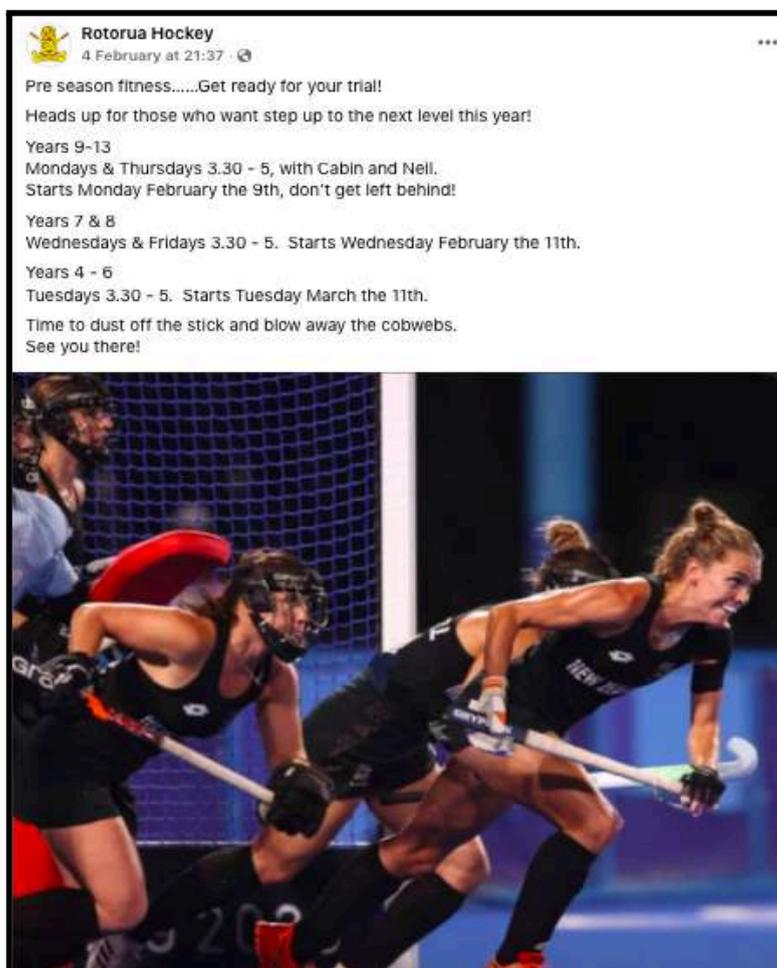
March

Wed 4 Cluster Swimming Sports
Wed 11 - Fri 13 Camp Whakamaru
Mon 16 Grip Leadership Conference
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



Term 1, Week 3 Values Assembly



Pod 1 - Lexi Fear & Haruka Hase

Grit

Unique



Rm 2 - Isla Weston & Boyd Holmes



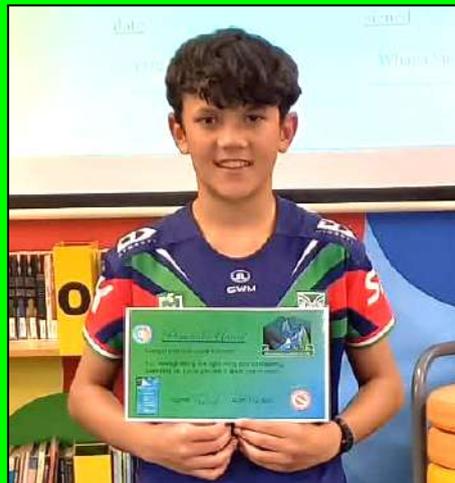
Rm 3 - Jesith Hettiarachchige & Nathan Barry

Adventures

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Rm 4 - Charles Compliza, George McNaull & Casey Braithwaite



Principal's Award - Louie Atkinson

COURAGE

Yr 7 & 8 Practise Trip to the GRIP Leadership Conference (Real date March 16th)



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Open from Year 5 - Year 13

Enter through your school by Friday 6th March
TEAM RELAYS ARE BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!

Thursday 12 March

Te Miro MTB Park

Please email
temiromtbevents@gmail.com
for any queries

Food and drink available - please bring cash



For more information, please read the Event Manual on the Te Miro MTB Club website

[Keen to get into Scouting??](#)

**Waioapu Scout Group is currently running Keas, Cubs and Scouts!
Catering to boys and girls aged 5-14 years who live in the Reporoa,
Rerewhakaaitu, Waikite, Ngakuru, Waimangu and Broadlands districts.**

**While weekly nights are based out of our awesome Waikite Valley den,
we often use surrounding lakes, farms, rivers and forests for extra
outdoor adventures. Check out our Facebook page or get in touch if
you would like to know more.**

**Keas - (aged 5-8) Monday afternoons
Cubs - (aged 8-11) Tuesday evenings
Scouts - (aged 11-14) Monday evenings**

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