

Waikite Valley School

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PRINCIPALS CORNER

Exciting NEWS!!! We have appointed a new teacher to start in Room 3 Term 4. We warmly welcome Sophie O'Reilly-Schwass to Waikite Valley School.



Kia ora whānau,

My name is Sophie O'Reilly-Schwass, and your tamariki may know me as "Mrs O'Reilly". I am thrilled to be the teacher in Room 3 for Term 4!

You may or may not have seen me around the community, as I grew up in this beautiful little corner of the world and attended Waikite Valley School myself. I have also worked at the Waikite Valley Hotpools for the past four years. There is something really special about the Waikite Valley community, and I feel very lucky to now be teaching in a place that has always held a special place in my heart.

I have six years of experience as a classroom teacher, which I absolutely loved, and I am so excited to continue my teaching journey at Waikite Valley School. My goal is to create a happy, safe and welcoming space where every child feels valued, supported and confident to learn, have a go and be themselves.

My family is made up of my husband, Jordan, and our busy toddler, Elliot. Outside of teaching, I enjoy playing netball, mountain biking, exploring new places and spending time with the people I love. I am really looking forward to meeting some new faces, reconnecting with some familiar ones, and getting to know all of the wonderful tamariki and whānau in Room 3. I look forward to working alongside you to make Term 4 a happy, positive and successful one for your children.

Ngā mihi,
 Mrs O'Reilly
 Sophie O'Reilly-Schwass



STUDENT OF THE WEEK -
 PRINCIPALS AWARD
Nathan Barry

STUDENT QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

If you had to eat one meal for a whole week, what would you choose??

I would eat Pizza because its yummy
 Ollie Oldfield

We'd love to celebrate our students' achievements beyond the classroom! If your child plays any sport or does activities outside of school, please send through photos to office@waikitevalley.school.nz so we can feature them in our weekly newsletter.

Outside the school gates



Waikite Valley School Lunch Price List



Please note: Prices have recently increased

Sausage Rolls	\$3.00
Mince & Cheese Pie - Johns Pies	\$4.00
Mince Pie - Oxford Pies	\$4.50
Juicies	\$1.50
Moosies	\$2.00

upcoming EVENTS

JULY 20th START OF TERM 3

August

25th - Junior Tough Guy & Girl

27th (Thurs) Senior Kapa Haka Council Performance

Sep

7-11th (Mon-Fri) A.I.M.s Games yrs 7&8

22nd (Tues) Rip, Grip & Whip Yrs 4 - 8



HOCKEY 2026 SEASON RECAP

The past weekend marked the conclusion of primary and intermediate inter school hockey for 2026.

Thanks to the support of our whanau we fielded a mini, maxi and intermediate team (and had a couple of littlies play funsticks). The teams competed with heart and awesome attitudes. Many thanks to Shannon Cowein and Kate Waterworth who coached and managed our minis (years 2 – 4), Joe McNaul and Kelly Weston who coached and managed the maxis (years 4 – 6) and Bayden Moyes (ex pupil) and Mary Briggs who coached and managed the intermediates (years 7 – 8). The maxis ended up winning the C grade and taking out the Glenholm trophy and the intermediates came 2nd in their C grade in the first round of games and were promoted to B grade at the end of last term, placing 6th at the end of the season.

We are grateful to all who supported the teams this year and provided such great experiences for our children. Good luck to those children who are now taking part in the Development programme to represent Rotorua in tournaments during September and October.

Sheryl Pearson (Hockey co-ordinator)



WEEK 5: VALUES ASSEMBLY

POD 1

Theo Neale & George Waterworth



ROOM 2

Elsie Waterworth & Isla Weston



ROOM 3

Kayla Temata & Nonoka Hase



ROOM 4

Sharina Walker, Jacob Temata & Jack Hunter



STUDENTS PICKED BY HEAD GIRL
AND HEAD BOY SHOWING THE
WAIKITE WAY



PLAYERS OF THE DAY





PET DAY 2026

Wednesday 21st October 2026

ANIMALS MUST BE BORN BETWEEN

20 JULY -25 SEPTEMBER

You will have the choice to rear and train a kid, lamb or calf.

The day before pet day (Tuesday 20th October) will be our school craft day where all students 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 (Wednesday 21st 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 23rd October) hosted by Waikite Valley School.

UPDATE: Pet indication forms have been sent home, please fill in and return to the office A.S.A.P.

Free Lambs

GREAT FOR PET DAYS!

OR TO HELP KEEP GRASS UNDER CONTROL!

Phone/Message Ryan on: 0278 187 917 to arrange

LOOKING FOR A PET DAY LAMB?

please contact Nicky Elliston

0275337711

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Rotorua Golf Club

Monday 24th August

\$20

Teams of 4, Fluro dress up, great spot prizes
Join us for a fun morning, open to Year 3-8 students, to
learn a new skill and give golf a go! Rotate Golf
Register 9am - Finish 11:30am
Each team must be accompanied by an adult
Register by Tuesday 18th August
Enter as many teams as you like!!

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GEYSERLAND




Arikapaka
The home of
ROTORUA GOLF

Register at penny.smith@golfnz.org 0274 599 633

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Rotorua/Springfield/Lake View

Term 3 - Golf Coaching

REGISTER WITH
JOSH

0210720379

REGISTER WITH
BAILEY

07 3484051

Tuesday's 3:45-4:45 Springfield Golf Club with Josh
\$80 per term

Thursday's 3:45-4:45pm Lake View Golf Club with Josh
\$80 per term

Fridays Rotorua Golf Club with Bailey
3:30-5pm \$10 per session

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BAY OF PLENTY GOLF
IN PARTNERSHIP WITH
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KOROWHA KOTAKAHI


Arikapapa
The home of
ROTORUA GOLF

Text or Call to book a coaching spot for your child 5 - 18 year olds



IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

TUESDAY 23RD JUNE

Year 8 Leadership Day
9:00am - 2:45pm

TUESDAY 4TH AUGUST

Open Evening & Faculty Tours
5.30-7.30pm

WEDNESDAY 19TH AUGUST

Open Day
9:15am - 2:15pm

FRIDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER

All Scholarship and Sport Academy
Applications Close - 3:00pm

WEDNESDAY 14TH OCTOBER

2027 Year 9 Rumaki Class Academic Testing
1.30 - 3.00pm

19TH & 20TH OCTOBER

2027 Year 9 Rumaki Class Interviews

27TH - 30TH OCTOBER

Year 9 & New 10 2027 Scholarship
Applicant Interviews

FRIDAY 30TH OCTOBER

2027 Enrolment Cards DUE

WEDNESDAY 4TH NOVEMBER

2027 Scholarship Letters sent out

FRIDAY 6TH NOVEMBER

Orientation Day - 8:45am - 2:45pm
(enrolled students only)

*All 2027 Class Placements will come
out late January 2027*



ROTORUA

BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL

RAUKURA

2026 ENROLMENT EVENTS

WE LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING OUR FUTURE RAUKURA



OPEN EVENING

Wednesday 12th August
(Term 3)



OPEN DAY – RIS ONLY

Thursday 27th August
(Term 3)



OPEN DAY – CONTRIBUTING SCHOOLS

Friday 28th August
(Term 3)



ORIENTATION DAY

Thursday 5th November
(Term 4)

— AD ASTRA PER ASPERA —

WHAIA TE ITI KAHURANGI
TO THE STARS THROUGH HARDWORK



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