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# Waikite Valley School

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## KIA ORA and WELCOME TO WEEK 7

### THIS WEEK:

28 Cluster Athletics-Reporoa College

27 Year 7 and 8 Technology

### December

9 Reports out

House Tabloids

11 Prize Giving followed by afternoon tea. See details below

13 End of Year

Welcome to Jessica Cathro, who will be covering CRT for 2 days every week in 2025

Jessica is an experienced educator and STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics) advocate dedicated to inspiring young people to engage with technology and explore its career pathways. Her passion lies in creating opportunities for students to succeed in areas they may not have tried before, and she is equally committed to enhancing access to music education for its educational and personal growth benefits. Her career spans diverse roles, from directing STEAM initiatives to designing and delivering tech-focused programs in schools and libraries, along with years of experience coaching competitive robotics and code clubs. She has lived in Rotorua for six years, and is originally from Auckland by way of London and Westport. She enjoys activities, such as sailing, sewing, and performing in concert bands.



### END OF YEAR REPORTS

This term, we are starting our move away from paper reports. All student reports will be emailed out in week 9. Please let the office know if you have any changes to your email address. If you have any questions please be in touch with the office.

Kind regards

Sue Ratcliffe (Principal)

### POOL UPDATE

Due to Pool Compliance Regulations, it is with regret we won't be opening our school pool over the holidays. It will be ready for our students at the beginning of Term 1 2025.

Thank you in advance for your understanding.

**The Waikite Valley Board of Trustees**

**NO After School Care** Week 9 - Thursday 12 and Friday 13 December

## PTA PRIZE GIVING AFTERNOON TEA

The PTA is inviting you to come over to the school field for an afternoon tea mingle and games. Hot/cold drinks and nibbles provided.

This is a chance for the PTA to say thank you to the school whānau and the wider community for supporting our school through various events, fundraisers and donations throughout the year.



I would love to take this opportunity to meet with those of you I don't already know and of course catch up with those I do.

I look forward to seeing you all there.

Thank you

Denise ( PTA Chairperson)

**2025 TERM 1 START DATE is TUESDAY 28 JANUARY**

### REMINDER

Please help us to safeguard all our students by letting the office know if your child/ren are being picked up by someone else.

All students leaving before the end of the day **MUST** be signed out at the office.

Thank you for your support with this.

Sue Ratcliffe  
Principal

### ATTENDANCE INFORMATION

Regular attendance is defined as 90% attendance during the term- the equivalent of missing less than five days of school in a standard 10-week term.

The government has set a (regular attendance) target of 80% of students to be present for more than 90% of the term by 2030

If a student misses one day of school every two weeks, they miss more than a whole year of school by 16 years of age. As a parent or caregiver, you, alongside our school, play a key role in building strong habits of regular school attendance.

All students are legally required to attend school every day and it is a shared responsibility to make sure students attend and engage in learning from when they first start school.

Reminder: Please let the school know if your child is going to be absent or intends to be absent for a portion of the school term for whatever reason, like a tangi or medical procedure. Family holidays or taking time off for extracurricular activities (not organised by school) are not acceptable reasons for being absent.

**ATTENDANCE MATTERS AND WE CAN ALL WORK TOGETHER TO INCREASE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE**

Good morning/afternoon parents/caregivers,

Here is the ordering information for this year's school photos.

You will find your child's photos in their class. Photos for families with siblings should all be in the eldest child's class to keep your order together. Please double check your other child/ren's class if you cannot find them before contacting us.

The class & team photos are below the portraits in each class.

Please note that the login information must be entered exactly as shown on the leaflet provided to be able to access the websites.

If you are ordering on your phone, turning your phone to landscape may solve any issues getting past the login page. We would recommend ordering on a computer/laptop if you have access, as the website is more suited to a larger screen.

If you have any queries or are unable to order online, please contact the Masterpiece office on 07 823 4306 or send an email to [masterpiecephotos@gmail.com](mailto:masterpiecephotos@gmail.com)

Orders with free pick up from the school will close on Sunday 1st December.

You are welcome to place orders after this date, but please note that there will be an extra charge for postage to your address. We also cannot guarantee that you would receive your order before Christmas.

Here is the link to access the login page

<https://masterpiece.queensberryworkspace.com>

## Masterpiece Photography Photo order info Waikite Valley School Portrait, Class & Team Photos

To order your child/ren's photos please click on the link below  
and enter the relevant login details:

<https://masterpiece.queensberryworkspace.com>

1. Your Name
2. Your Email
3. School Name:  
**WVS24**
4. School Password:  
As follows in bold

Room 4 (Yr 6/7)	~	<b>WVSRM4</b>
Room 3 (Yr 4/5)	~	<b>WVSRM3</b>
Room 2 (Yr 2/3)	~	<b>WVSRM2</b>
Pod 1 (Yr 0/1)	~	<b>WVSPD1</b>

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### Class & Team Photos \$17 each:

We are unable to provide a preview due to the proofing & editing process.

We offer a 100% guarantee if you are not satisfied with your purchase.

(T's & C's apply)

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# VALUES AWARDS - TERM 4, WEEK 7



Adventures

Grit

Pod 1 - Emily Klein & Christoph Compliza



Rm 2 - Titoko Marshall-White & Bailey Holmes



CONFIDENCE

Stay Optimistic

Rm 3 - Jackson Sowman & Jack Hunter



Rm 4 - Promise - Reign Gardiner & Lochy Moyes

RESPECT OTHERS

Optimistic



Unique

COURAGE

Principal's Award - Isla Weston



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