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4TH FEBRUARY 2025

# Waikite Valley School

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

Kia ora and welcome back to 2025!!!

We're excited to have everyone back ready for a new year filled with amazing learning experiences, growth, and fun!

This term is packed with great opportunities and we promptly started with daily swimming sessions 🏊. We have lots coming up such as School Camp For years 4-8 at Whakamaru, Day camp for Room 2 and Pod 1, Technology for Year 7 and 8's at Reporoa College, specialised digital technology and music lessons, leadership opportunities and class trips. There's so much to look forward to!!!

Below is the calendar for Term 1 so far. To ensure smooth organisation of these events please return all forms promptly to the office.

Any questions regarding your child/ren please be in touch with the class teacher via the class page.

Kind regards  
Sue Ratcliffe (Principal)

## February

- Tuesday 4 PTA Meeting 6:30 pm in the school staffroom
- Thursday 6 Waitangi Day- School Closed
- Friday 7 PTA Picnic - Welcome 2:30pm (Details below)
- Wednesday 12 B.O.T. meeting 6.30 pm  
Technology starts for Year 7 & 8
- Thursday 13 Squash session in school Room 3 & 4
- Tuesday 18 Parent Meetings
- Wednesday 19 Parent Meetings
- Thursday 20 Squash session at the courts
- Friday 28 Waikite Valley School Swimming Sports

## March

- Tuesday 4 Cluster swimming sports- Reporoa College
- Mon-Thurs 10-13 Camp Whakamaru Year 4- 8 (Room 3 and 4)
- Thursday 13 Room 2 and Pod 1 Camp day (in school)
- Tuesday 18 RATS Duathlon
- Thursday 20 Year 7 and 8 Grip Leadership Conference- Rotorua

## April

- Wednesday 2 CBOP Swim sports
- Thursday 3 Student Leaders Day  
Cricket Festival in school
- Monday 7 Room 4 visiting Orakei Korako

**TERM 1 ENDS Friday 11 April**

**TERM 2 STARTS Monday 28 April**

**REMINDERS!!**

**Notices To Be Returned A.S.A.P. -**

- Parent Teacher Meetings - Whole school
- Camp Whakamaru - Rooms 3 & 4
- Technology Permission slips

**Invoices**

If you have any outstanding amounts owing for activities last year could these please be paid A.S.A.P. Reminders will be sent home. Please contact Kelly Curtis in the office if you have any questions.

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.

**PTA Welcome  
LET'S GET TOGETHER**

Come and join us for an afternoon picnic and games to welcome in our new families, and kick off the new school year in true community style. Food and drinks provided.

**WHEN:** Friday 7th at 2:30pm

**WHERE:** School field

We look forward to seeing you all there.

Thank you

The PTA team

Note: After School Care will run separately from 3pm.



A huge thank you to the Waikite Valley School P.T.A. for the purchase of our new sports T - Shirts.



*We welcome Huka & Nonoka and Taiju Hase to Waikite Valley School, Room 2 and Room 4.*



### ***Rotorua Off-Road Trail Run/Walk Event - Sunday the 9<sup>th</sup> of March.***

The event offers a 'Little Devils' Race for children aged 3 – 10 years of age. It is fully supervised and takes place prior to the adult's event starting.



Parents are welcome to accompany their kids if they wish.

Here is the link to the Event for more info:

<https://eventpromotions.co.nz/rotorua-off-road-trail-run-walk/> It would be great way to end the Summer and get these little kiwis moving.

### ***Futsal Competition***

We will be running a local school futsal competition in term 1, 2025, on Sundays from 10:00am to 7:30pm at the Rotorua Girls' High School Arena in Rotorua, and it would be great if we could have team(s) from your school. The competition is scheduled to run for seven weeks, starting 16 February and finishing 30 March\*.



Futsal is indoor 5-a-side soccer played on a basketball sized court with 3m wide by 2m high goals. Each game has two 18-minute halves. Futsal is rapidly growing in popularity in New Zealand. Due to the small number of players required (five per team plus substitutes) it is easier for schools to find enough players for a team to give it a go.

Below is the Google Form based team entry link. Alternatively, an entry form is attached which can be filled out and emailed back. The competition is limited to a maximum of 80 teams so don't delay. Entry fee is \$175 per team for seven weeks (we provide referees as part of this entry fee). This entry fee is much less than that for equivalent competitions elsewhere (\$460 for seven weeks).

Team entry link: [Rotorua School Futsal Term 1 2025](#)

Please contact me if you have any questions or require more information.

\*: If a seven week competition is too much but you still want to give futsal a go, this term there will also be separate one-day tournaments run by RGHS for primary school girls' (Sunday 6 April) and boys' (Sunday 13 April) teams so watch out for entry information for these when it comes out



# 2025 CBOP PRIMARY & INTERMEDIATE ZONE EVENT

WHEN: Monday 3rd March | WHERE: Lake View Golf Club | TIME: 9:00am Registration | COST: \$20 per team

The CBOP Primary and Intermediate Zone Event is for those who have engaged with golf before and are looking to play in a fun event with friends over nine holes. This is one of four zone events where the top six teams from each zone event will qualify for the Bay of Plenty Primary and Intermediate Event Final.

This is open to all primary and intermediate schools in the Rotorua district between year 3 and year 8 (inclusive).

- Teams of three or four students.
- 9 Holes, Ambrose format.
- Register with your school sports coordinator.

Full event information can be found on the Bay of Plenty Golf Futures website under 'Schools Golf'.



For more information, please contact  
Sam Kendall, [sam.kendall@golfnz.org](mailto:sam.kendall@golfnz.org)





## GIRLS ONLY GOLF COACHING

### Lake View Golf Club (6 Weeks)

Never played golf, That's ok! Great place to start!!



This is a girl's only group to learn the basics of golf, we will cover the fundamentals of the full swing, chipping & putting, social connection, loads of fun & building confidence.



**WHERE:** Lake View Golf Club

**WHEN:** Sunday's, 16th-23rd Feb, 2nd,9th,16th,23rd March

**TIME:** 12pm- 12:45pm

Open to Girls 6-19 years

**COST:** \$20 per session

**COACH:** Josh Edwards



**To register email:**

**Josh Edwards [info@fourstripesgolf.com](mailto:info@fourstripesgolf.com) or Call:021 0720379**

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