

DEVELOPING LEARNERS FOR LIFE

11TH FEBRUARY 2025

Waikite Valley School

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

Kia ora and welcome to week 3

What's on this week:

February

- 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. -

- Camp Whakamaru - Rooms 3 & 4 - a few outstanding
- Squash Tuition - Yrs 5 - 8
- Marae Visits - whole school

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.

ATTENDING SCHOOL is IMPORTANT!!



Regular attendance at school helps build and maintain a child's learning and positive daily habits and routines, as well as promoting their wellbeing by connecting them to their peers and learning new things.

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

Please don't hesitate to contact me if I can help in any way.

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

Waiariki Mana Ake is an emotional wellbeing service available within the school. The service is a joint initiative between the Ministry of Education and Ministry of Health to support the emotional well-being of tamariki and whānau in schools. Our aim is to enhance students' wellbeing through increasing skills such as building positive friendships, managing worries, coping with loss or change and strengthening their self-worth.

This support may include whole classroom wellbeing programmes, large and small group activities and support for individual students.

Our Mana Ake kaimahi is Kylie Johnston who is in our school on Tuesday mornings this term.

If you are interested in knowing more about what we do or would like to discuss your child directly, please email principal@waikitevalley.school.nz

VALUES AWARDS - TERM 1, WEEK 2



Pod 1 - Harlo Burns & Jackson Warren

Adventures

Grit

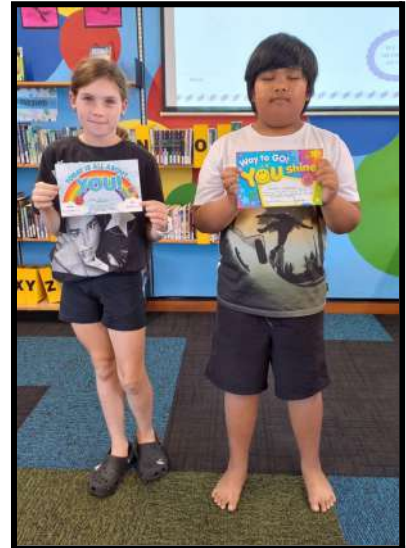


Room 2 - Ollie Oldfield & Sophie Cowien



Rm 3 - Campbell Briggs & Bailey Holmes

Stay Optimistic



Rm 4 - Ellie Burns & Charles Compliza

RESPECT OTHERS

Unique



Principal's Award - Athena Healey

Optimistic

COURAGE

Rotorua Off-Road Trail Run/Walk Event - Sunday the 9th 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





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 or Call:021 0720379



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