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24TH FEBRUARY 2025

# Waikite Valley School

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

Kia ora koutou

Here we are at the end of another busy week. Swimming sports was fantastic and thank you to all those who came to support. We also announced our school leaders and we look forward to sharing who they are next week.

Have a great weekend everyone!!

## REMINDERS!!

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

- Rats Duathlon Permission slips
- Grip Leadership Conference - Yr 7 & 8

### 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**

## 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.

## Safeguarding

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.

## ***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 a great way to end the Summer and get these little kiwis moving.

### **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



# **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.

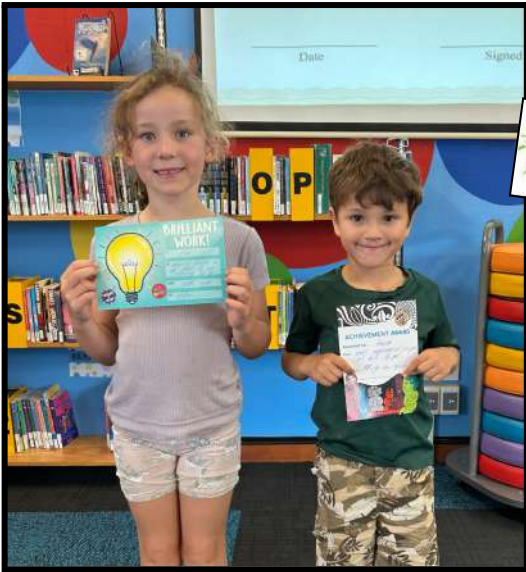
\*: If a seven week competition is too much but you still want to give futsal a go, this term there will also be separate one-day tournaments run by RGHS for primary school girls' (Sunday 6 April) and boys' (Sunday 13 April) teams so watch out for entry information for these when it comes out

## Pod I's visit to the Mataarae Marae





# VALUES AWARDS - TERM 1, WEEK 4



Adventures

Grit

Pod 1 - Elsie Waterworth & Grayson Sowman



Room 2 - Twm Davies & Nonoka Hase



Stay Optimistic

Rm 3 - Mariska Versteynen & Hunter Martin



Rm 4 - Valentina Van Twuiver & Rachel Barry

RESPECT OTHERS

Unique



Optimistic

COURAGE

Principal's Award - Sophie Cowien



# ROOM 4

Term 1







# 2025 WINTER REGISTRATION OPEN NOW!



## Lakes Football Club

We're a whanau-friendly club offering football and futsal for all ages, from kids to adults, in our community.

Our focus is on having fun, fostering a love for football, and growing together.

**Winter Season:** Open to players 5th grade and up (turning 5 this year).

**Training Locations:** We have teams from all over Rotorua, we can put your Tamariki in a team near you.

**Girls' Pathway:** Dedicated programs to grow female participation.

Find us on Facebook and Instagram:  
Lakes Football Club

Email us for more info:  
office@lakesfc.co.nz

**Junior Open Day  
March 22  
Follow us for more details**



[www.lakesfc.com](http://www.lakesfc.com)





## 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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