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# Waikite Valley School

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

Kia ora koutou

## UPDATES!!

### Cluster Swimming

Unfortunately, at this stage we don't have a new date for the Reporoa Cluster Swimming competition.

### After School Care Week 7

There will be no ASC next week due to staffing shortages. Apologies in advance for any inconvenience.

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

- Rats Duathlon Permission slips - Yr 3 - 8
- Grip Leadership Conference - Yr 7 & 8
- Orakei Korako Trip - Room 4
- Hockey Indication Form - whole school

### March

Friday 7 Room 2 Marae trip  
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  
Friday 21 BOT 8:15am  
Room 3 Marae Trip

### April

Wednesday 2 CBOP Swim sports  
Thursday 3 Student Leaders Day  
Cricket Festival in school  
Friday 4 Room 4 Marae Trip  
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.



# WELCOME HAERE MAI

This week we welcome  
Lahzaro Whare - Collier (Rm 4),  
Lekaysha Whare - Collier (Rm 3) &  
Ky - Mani Temaari (Rm 4) to  
Waikite Valley School

## **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





# WEEK 5, Leaders Assembly



Waikite Valley School Senior Leaders



Head Boy - Dakota France & Head Girl - Lilah Atkinson



Tahu House Leaders - Hine Wiremu-Mason & Casey Braithwaite



Whaoa House Leaders - Ben Briggs & Rachel Barry



Sports Leaders - Heidi Versteynen, Ellie Burns & Ahu Wiremu - Mason



Kahui Ako Leaders - Laila Gielen, Jackson Elliston & Ryder Trumper









# 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**





## 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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