



DEVELOPING LEARNERS FOR LIFE

28TH MARCH 2025

Waikite Valley School

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

Kia ora koutou

It has been another busy week. Room 4 had an exciting visit to Orakei Korako, where students explored the stunning geothermal landscape and deepened their understanding of natural wonders. Back at school, Hockey sessions with Coach Neil have been a hit—students have been developing their skills and confidence on the turf. Additionally, some of our senior students took part in civil defence training, where they learned how to operate the emergency radio system, playing a vital role in keeping our community connected and prepared. Ka pai, everyone!



After School Care

As we approach the end of the term, it is with regret that I have to inform you of the After School Care service finishing. I want to sincerely thank the dedicated staff who have gone above and beyond their teaching responsibilities to provide this valuable support to our community. This decision has not been made lightly, and it is certainly not my intention to cause inconvenience. However, at this point in time, it's important that I prioritise the wellbeing of our staff. Thank you for your understanding.

Kind regards

Sue Ratcliffe Principal

REMINDERS!!

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

- Hockey Indication Form
- Mini Marathon notice

April

Thursday 3 Student Leaders Day
 Cricket Festival in school

Friday 4 Room 4 Marae visit

TERM 1 ENDS Friday 11 April

TERM 2 STARTS Monday 28 April

Invoices

If you have any outstanding amounts owing for activities could these please be paid ASAP. Reminders will be sent home. Please contact Kelly Curtis in the office if you have any questions or want to know about paying your invoice off in smaller amounts.

Regular attendance is defined as > 90%
Irregular attendance is defined as > 80%, <= 90%
Moderate attendance is defined as > 70%, <= 80%
Chronic absence is defined as <= 70%



Year to Date 2025

Regular 75.53%

Term 3 2024 regular 52%

Term 4 2024 regular 70%

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

WAIKITE VALLEY SCHOOL LUNCH PRICE LIST

Price increase beginning Term 2

Mince & Cheese Pies	\$4.00
Mince Pies	\$3.50
Sausage Rolls	\$3.00
Juicies	\$1.00
Moosies	\$1.50



If you are interested in being part of our fantastic PTA team, please contact lisad@waikitevalley.school.nz if you have any questions.

- Fundraiser: Easter Raffle flyer below



GRIP

LEADERSHIP



Reporoa Valley
Cluster
Swimming
Sports
2025

Orakei Korako



Easter Raffle



We need donations please....
 Anything easter related, chocolates,
 accessories, mugs, socks etc.
 Please leave your donations at the office
 before Monday 31st so we
 can put these together

Tickets \$2

Raffle drawn Wednesday 9th April



WEEK 9, Values Assembly

Adventures



Pod 1 - Harper Martin & Skyla Johansen

Optimistic

RESPECT OTHERS



Rm 2 - Ayla Roche, Boyd Holmes, Emily Klein & Maverick Dinning



Rm 3 - George McNaull & Isabelle Elliston

Grit



Rm 4 - George Coker, Sophie Cockery, Blair Holmes & Cooper Morrissey



Cluster Swimming Sports Placegetters

Unique



Principal's Awards -

Boyd Holmes & Ahu Wiremu - Mason

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