



WAIKARETU SCHOOL

Striving for Excellence

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Newsletter – Term 1 Week 3 Roll: 29 students

Wednesday 17th February 2021

Kia ora koutou,

Welcome back Waikaretu whanau. We are in week 3 Term 1 and pleased to be at school with our students. Waikato is in Alert Level 2 currently. At school, this means we are reintroducing our Level 2 protocols and will adjust these as levels change.

At level 2 we are asking our students to wash their hands regularly throughout the day and have increased the cleaning at school. We ask that students do not share food and bring drink bottles to school each day.

If you drop off or pick up your child/ren, please do not come inside the school gate. Physical distancing of 2 metres is recommended for parents and caregivers from people they don't know well. Parents and caregivers who need to come on-site will be required to be noted in the visitor register for contact tracing purposes.

To support the school at this time, please keep your child/ren home if they are unwell.

We continue to plan for our school events this term and have Te Akau, Glen Massey swimming and junior games coming up on the calendar. Notices will come home with the details.

Take care and stay safe

Justine Brock

Principal

**Ulrika Parrott works in the school office Monday through Thursday 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
On a Friday could you please call the school and leave a message on the answer phone or
email principal@waikaretu.school.nz**

**Next Board of Trustees Meeting, Thursday 18th February 7 p.m.
at Waikaretu School, Everyone Welcome!**

Every Friday we will heat up any food the children bring (Pie, sausage rolls, toasted sandwich etc) for lunch in the pie warmer.

Please let them know to give their wrapped (not clingfilm), named food to a teacher in the morning



PLEASE BRING A NAMED WATER BOTTLE TO SCHOOL
Please bring your own spoon to school!

NEWSLETTER LIST UPDATES



Do you want to be added to, deleted from or have your details updated for our delivered (via rural delivery) or emailed fortnightly newsletter? Perhaps you know someone new to the area who might like to receive a copy?

Please e-mail : admin@waikaretu.school.nz

Newsletter Publication Dates

Term 1, 2021: 17th February, 3rd March, 17th March, 31st March and 14th April

If you have any contributions for the newsletter, please have them to the school office by the **MONDAY** prior to publication date.

Important Dates

Thursday 18th February

Board Meeting @ 7 p.m. Waikaretu School

Friday 26th February

Whole school swimming sports @ Te Akau School

Tuesday 2nd March

Year 7/8 students, Technology @ Huntly Primary School

Friday 5th March

Senior swimming sports @ Glen Massey School (Yrs 4-8)

Friday 12th March

Junior Games @ Ruawaro Combined School (Yrs 1-3)

Friday 19th March

Meet the Teacher Evening

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Stirling Leigh turned 7 on the 6th February and Harrison Leigh turned 9 on the 15th February
Flynn Jackson turns 7 on the 20th February & Jayden Mitchell turns 8 on the 22nd of February



Waikaretu School Upcoming Events

Friday 2nd April - Good Friday

Monday 5th April - Easter Monday

Tuesday 6th April – Easter Holiday

Friday 16th April – Last day Term one

Monday 3rd May – First day Term 2

Friday 21st May – Senior Winter Sports @ Te Akau Complex (Yrs 4-8)

Monday 7th June – Queen’s Birthday Holiday

Friday 9th July – Last day Term 2

Monday 26th July – First day Term 3

Friday 6th August – Senior Gym Day @ Huntly (Yrs 4-8)

Friday 13th August – Whole school Cross Country @ Waikaretu School

Thursday 9th September – Speeches @ Waingaro School

Friday 1st October – Last day Term 3

Monday 18th October – First day Term 4

Friday 19th November – Senior Athletics @ Glen Massey (Yrs 4-8)

Community Notices



Waikaretu School Library
All pre-schoolers welcome!
1st and 3rd MONDAY of each month 9.30 a.m.

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Waikaretu Valley Catchment group.

If you live in the Waikaretu valley catchment and would like to be added to our emailing list to be kept up to date with events and the latest information,

email Tom - whitfordfarm@gmail.com

PRESCHOOLERS

We are updating our pre-enrolment information.

If you have a pre-schooler at home that may attend Waikaretu School,

could you please email the office admin@waikaretu.school.nz

Waikaretu Beach Annual Community Cleanup

Sunday 7th March 2021

Meet 11.30am at Waikaretu Beach

Sausage Sizzle to follow

Please bring old feed bags for collecting rubbish and sign-in by the airstrip

Thank you to the Whitford family for once again giving us beach access

2356 Port Waikato-Waikaretu Road



Sponsored by Waikaretu Sea Scouts and supported by Waikato District Council



SCOUTS

Waikaretu Keas, Cubs and Sea Scouts

Keas age 5-8 and Cubs age 8-11 meet outdoors every Monday after school this term, for Adventure, Personal Development and Community Activities.

Scouts (11-14) get together about four times a term for a full day of action, usually on a Saturday.

Theme this term: **Oceans**

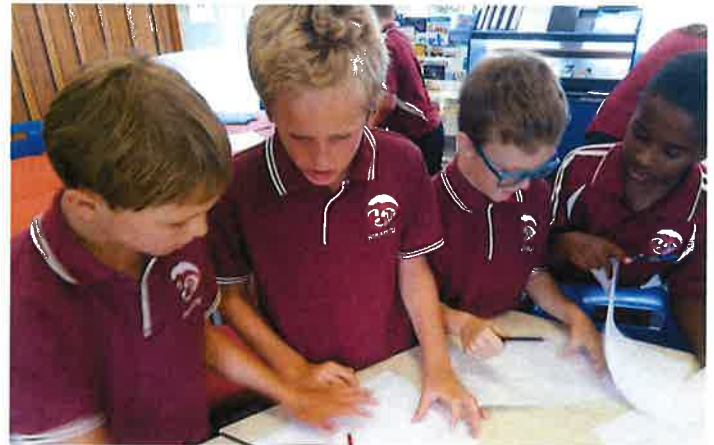
Enquiries, phone Denise 09 232 8003



School Assembly Friday 12th of February



On our first day back, the seniors got to know each other (again) by doing lots of fun activities



AgriKids NZ

FMG Jr and AgriKids is a nationwide membership based organisation. Annually there are hundreds of children from all over New Zealand who compete in their local Regional Final competition (agricultural based challenges).

ABOUT THIS CONTEST

AgriKids

- Compete in teams of three
- Free entry
- Plenty of prizes up for grabs
- 8-13 Year olds (primary school)

The aim is to promote the fun side of agriculture while children develop valuable skills and make lifelong friendships. Members don't need to come off a farm, they just need to have a love of the land and be keen to learn and get their hands a bit dirty!

Please promote this event to your teachers and students and please contact us if you simply want more information (or visit our website: <https://www.youngfarmers.co.nz/home-3/>).

We have limited spots available – there is a first in first served policy.

If you want to register now please follow the links below – please see the attached poster for dates and locations.

The day usually starts around 7.30am until 2.30pm.



Register for AgriKids here - <https://www.trybooking.com/nz/events/landing?eid=3560&>

**You can only enter one team at a time, please call us if you have any questions.*

The poster is colorful and features the AgriKids NZ logo at the top. Below the logo, the words 'REGIONAL FINALS' are written in large, bold, white letters on a red and green background. The year '2021' is prominently displayed in a red box. A table lists the regions and their respective dates for the finals. At the bottom, there is a 'REGISTER NOW!' button and logos for various sponsors including FMG, AgriLink, and others.

REGIONS & DATES	
Taranaki/Manawatū	Saturday 23 rd January, 2021
East Coast	Saturday 13 th February, 2021
Northern	Saturday 20 th February, 2021
Waikato/Bay of Plenty	Saturday 27 th February, 2021
Otago/Southland	Saturday 6 th March, 2021
Aorangi	Saturday 20 th March, 2021
Tasman	Saturday 27 th March, 2021

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