



Waikaretu School

Continuously Thrive and Learn

Newsletter Week 4 Term 4 1st November 2023 Roll: 34 students

Kia ora koutou,

As we venture through another enriching week at Waikaretu School, we extend our gratitude to our Waikaretu whaanau for the unwavering support extended during our recent trips to Weraroa Marae and Te Karaka Lodge. Your involvement and support have been pivotal in making these experiences unforgettable for our students.

A special mention to Sam Welch and the volunteers who have dedicated their time and efforts to guide our students in creating a captivating mural, commemorating the rich history of our school over the past hundred years in Waikaretu. Your continuing commitment to this project is a testament to the collaborative spirit that defines our community. This is a big project and we are eager to see how it evolves.

Looking ahead, our focus shifts towards the adrenaline-filled athletics activities and the exciting endeavour of crafting a school movie. These experiences promise to further ignite our students' creativity and teamwork.

On a note of immense pride and honour, we extend hearty congratulations to Bernie Denton-van Loon for being appointed as the future principal of Waikaretu School, beginning in 2024. Bernie's dedication and passion for education make us excited for the future of our school under her leadership. Thank you for being an integral part of the Waikaretu School journey. Your continued support and involvement play a significant role in shaping the experiences that make our school community truly remarkable.

Ngaa mihi nui
Justine Brock
Principal

PLEASE BRING A NAMED WATER BOTTLE AND YOUR OWN SPOON TO SCHOOL.



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.

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 Dates Term 4

Wednesday 18th October, Wednesday 1st November, Wednesday 15th November, Wednesday 29th November, Wednesday 13th December

Important Dates

Monday 13 th November	Teacher only Day (no school)
Thursday 23 rd November	BOT Meeting @ Waikaretu School 6.30pm
Friday 24 th November	Year 4-8 Cluster Athletics Day @ Glen Massey School
Friday 1 st December	Year 1-3 Cluster Junior Sports @ Ruawaro School
Thursday 14 th December	Waikaretu School Prize Giving
Friday 15 th December	Last Day Term 4



Libby & Theo were the WAI Way Prize Draw winners



Ngakoura received her WAI Way band

Community Notices

Play Group @ Waikaretu School Library All pre-schoolers welcome!
1st and 3rd Monday of each month 9.30 a.m. Please contact Catherine
Hore: 021 1137770 cathhore@hotmail.com

ATHOL'S LAWN MOWING and HEDGE CUTTING



Ride on or Hand Mowing Chain Sawing Water
Blasting

Please phone Athol Berry 09 2333278



Board report

The Board of Trustees are delighted to announce that Bernie Denton van Loon has accepted our offer to become Principal for Waikaretu School. Bernie has been teaching at Waikaretu school for the last 8 years and we are very excited and privileged to have her as our new principal. Congratulations Bernie on your new role and we look forward to 2024 and beyond.

Sian Knauf
BOT Presiding Member

The BOT along with management have decided we would like to
fundraise to buy our own 12 seater minivan.

We see a van as being a real asset to our school, and will mean that we
won't have to rely heavily on our parents for transportation for trips.
To raise adequate funds will likely take 12-18 months, but we are hoping
to use the school centenary which is in April next year, as a major
fundraising event.

Jeremy has also volunteered to organise a quiz night to be held at the
Glen Murray hall in term 1 next year.

If you are keen to help out with this please get in touch.
Keep an eye on our fundraising tracker sign as we work towards our goal
of \$60,000!!!

Regards,
Waikaretu School BOT

Weraroa Marae visit



We wish to thank the trustees of Weraroa Marae and our kaumatua Russell Rikki for allowing us the opportunity to further develop our connection with Weraroa Marae. Our students and Waikaretu whaanau, who were able to join us, were grateful and pleased to be able to participate in this significant event.

Te Karaka Lodge visit

Thank you to Lodge managers Aaron & Danielle and chef Dominic for your amazing hospitality.



Te Karaka Station & Lodge

Striding into the posh sleek black building the smell of flowers greets me.
My socks move soundless against the wooden lino. Mouth agape, my eyes twirl around the posh room in bewilderment. Chairs so plump and luxurious they seem to beckon me to sit. The organised shelves and tables make me want to live there in an instant.

I hear the bubbly soft chatter. Faint low music is playing in the background.
Outside it is even more amazing with tones of gray furniture under beautiful wood.
A spa of my dreams awaiting me. I can't wait to get in there.

By Zoe

Te Karaka Lodge & Station

Perfectly warm air drifts slowly around my body.
I feel all of the numbing coldness disappearing fast.
It feels welcoming.

I gaze interestingly around the perfect set up.
Everything seems so undisturbed,
as though it is uninhabited.

The well-dressed workers welcome us calmly into the building,
the soft slashing of rain mixed with the happy chatter of parents.
All of my friends are excited for the spa pool.

By Stirling

The Spa

On Wednesday the 25 of October, Waikaretu School visited Te Karaka Station and Lodge. One of my favourite parts of the visit was the Spa. It was cold and windy outside, but when I quickly slipped into the lovely, warm water my spirits rose. Just before I had to jump out we turned on the jets. They were powerful and strong, and when you put your back up to them, you would be getting a luxurious back massage. When I got out, the icy wind lashed at me as I dashed for my towel.
Overall it was a great day.

By Harrison

TE KARAKA

STATION & LODGE

The almighty Te Karaka lodge. Today our whole school called Waikaretu went to the Te Karaka lodge for a little visit. As we arrived we thought we were the only ones there but the rest were a bit late. As the other drivers and kids drove up the road it looked like an army was coming up the road. They got out of the cars and the army of children came towards the door as we watched. They entered the room. It was chaos. Jibber jabber jibber jabber talk talk. After we finished talking we went for a look around the beautiful cabin. It was AMAZING!!!

We scanned around the place. We also watched a bit of Bluey. Then we got to have turns in the big spa pool. Once we finished having turns in the spa we got our lunch but before we ate our lunch we explained our Inoi (karakia for kai). Yus then it was time to eat our beautiful kai and watch some more of the good old Bluey. NOOOOOO!!!! It was time to leave. We all said our goodbyes and we left back to boring school.

By Kade

My Visit to Te Karaka Station and Lodge

When I first stepped foot in the absolutely stunning building, seeing all the art, the friendly faces, the smell of muffins was brilliant. The couches were very soft and felt delicate. I went to explore seeing all these tables with the most comfortable chairs. The sound of soft slow music entered my ears. My eyes got caught on the beautiful marble tables that were the kitchen benches. I saw that all the tables had lamps but not old lamps, they were new plastic ones. It was one of the most luxurious experiences in my life.

By Johnny

Te Karaka Trip 2023

As we drove up in the van, I had a good peek around Te Karaka Lodge. They did a stunning paint job. I quickly hopped out of the van and wrapped my hand around the door handle to heave it open. The beauty of it all smacked my face (why couldn't my house be like this?). I dashed around trying to capture every scene in my mind. Such a nice wooden floor. I had to admire the Maori art hanging on the walls and then I saw the very impressive painting on the wall. It was indescribable. This was one of the best posh places I have ever been to. Suddenly, a thud. Something or someone slumped on me. I looked down to see Blake, Kade and Bailey's little sister, cuddling my knees. I sat down on one of the most comfortable seats in my whole entire life and the smell from the chef's kitchen was delectable. I felt the nice fabric of the carpet on my feet. I kept hearing the jenga blocks tumble over. The taste of the sandwich was the best. My favourite part of the visit was the beginning.

By Eric

Te Karaka Lodge

When I walked in at Te Karaka lodge they made me feel at home and I was so excited to hop in the long spa pool, but I had to wait until after we had a good look around. The amazing chef cooked some food for the school (soo yum). Then we watched some Bluey and Mr Beast. After that we all got split into groups to go to the amazing spa pool. The jets were on with clear blue water and I slipped in. I was so so happy it was my turn. I think Zoe, Stirling, Riria, Eli and I had the longest turn by far. When I hopped in, I asked the lady that works there if we could have the awesome jets on and she said yes. I felt the clear blue water in my hands. I was so glad I brought my togs to swim.

By Bailey



Garden To Table





Asian Sesame Dressing

3 Tblsp. Sunflower or Canola oil
1 Tblsp. Rice vinegar
1 Tblsp. Honey or maple syrup
1 Tblsp. Soy sauce
Optional: peanut butter to taste.

We used this on a salad of:
Finely Chopped cauliflower
Spring onion
Mint
Kale
Coriander
Tomato
Capsicum

Plus Roasted - Sesame Seeds
- Pumpkin Seeds
- Sunflower Seeds



Waikaretu Centennial Mural

We are delighted with the progress on our mural. Our students are learning a great deal about our community's history and the skills needed to create a large mural. Once again we would like to express our gratitude to Sam Welch who is leading this project, and the volunteers who have supported our school to make this mural possible.




Thank You to our Waikaretu School Newsletter Sponsors



OPEN FOR DINNER BOOKINGS FOR LOCALS!
Gift Vouchers available!

 Stay@tekarakalodge.co.nz

 092429229

 Open Wednesday to Sunday

•CARPENTRY •FENCES & DECKS • FARM SERVICES
Call Daniel 0274 879 364

A BIG Thank You to Ngahuia Thompson, our rural mail contractor who support us with the delivery of our school newsletter and so much more.
lisangahuia@yahoo.co.nz
Phone number 027 3973255

WAIKARETU, NZ

Mobile: 021 776 486
Emilywelch648@gmail.com



NOR-WEST FENCING

Keith Marshall
027 317 4657 or 07 825 4458
nor-west@outlook.com

Nicky Ewen
0273188527 or 09 2333042
www.das.org.nz
E: nicole@das.org.nz
Bookkeeping support, GST, payroll,
Fuel Excise, Duty Refunds

Morrinsville, 25 Moorhouse st
0800 284 3838 | anexa.co.nz

07 825 4805
Livestock, Fertiliser & Metal
office@teakautransport.nz

SALES · SERVICE · PARTS · ACCESSORIES
Kawasaki SUZUKI YAMAHA KTM
09 237 3095 | 5 STADIUM DR, PUKEKOHE
WWW.MRMOTORCYCLES.CO.NZ



OnRoad Transport Ltd
Livestock Transport Specialists
Don Wilson
don@onroadtransport.nz
09 2384016
0274975825
2169 Buckland Road, RD2, Pukekohe 2677

Counties Bulk Haulage Ltd

Bulk Cartage

Metal. Sand. Fertiliser. Lime

Bobcat Hire

Boyd: 0274978685

Email: countiesbulk@xtra.co.nz



Carpenter available for work

Licensed carpenter with 20 years+ experience available for all kinds of building work from new builds to renovations and additions including restricted building work.
Contact me by email at alistair.potter@gmail.com or phone 07-974-1728 or 021-966299

Thank you

Glen Murray
Community Association Inc.
for your continuing support of
Waikaretu School

