

Childrens Battles

Operation Claude VI: Over The Top

Organised loosely on military lines, Alf's Imperial Army has Regiments in several New Zealand towns and cities and fights its battles using strictly non-harmful weapons. The army's aim is to educate New Zealanders about history and have fun along the way.

The procedure is already well-tried and all we have left to organise is the great mountain of flourbombs required to keep the troops supplied over the three days of the Waikato Show. Paper swords are being steadily churned out, tabards are being manufactured as you read this; everything is well in train as they say.

This year, to add a little more flavour to the area there will be Victorian Games interspersed between the battles, including classics like sack, hoop and three-legged racing, Potato & Spoon racing and perhaps, if time allows, a little target practice, or perhaps some pin the "Moustache on the Kaiser". Nothing quite like a spot of charging about like mad things to get one's adrenaline up for the next **BATTLE!**

To keep everything flowing smoothly, the boffins have produced the following schedule of events:

Friday 10 April		Saturday 11 April		Sunday 12 April	
Gates Open	1000	Gates Open	1000	Gates Open	1000
Battle Training	1100	Battle Training	1100	Battle Training	1100
First Battle	1115	First Battle	1115	First Battle	1115
Victorian Games	1145-1230	Victorian Games	1145-1230	Victorian Games	1145-1230
Battle Training	1300	Battle Training	1300	Battle Training	1300
Second Battle	1315	Second Battle	1315	Second Battle	1315
Victorian Games	1345-1430	Victorian Games	1345-1430	Victorian Games	1345-1430

Battle Training	1500	Battle Training	1500	Battle Training	1500
Third Battle	1515	Third Battle	1515	Third Battle	1515
Victorian Games	1545-1630	Victorian Games	1545-1630	Victorian Games	1545-1630

Just one thing to note in the interests of safety and a fun time had by all concerned: as for previous years, a strict “No Training, No Battle” policy will be adhered to for the duration of Operation Claude VI.

Look out the Fifth Waikato Dragoons on [Facebook](#) and start following the Operation Claude event.