

Kia ora e te whanau.

Last Friday, we had the pleasure of hosting a group from the Dunedin Symphony Orchestra - (sniffs) 'DSO' in the trade...

Supported by the Invercargill Licensing Trust; last week a sextet from the DSO toured fifteen southern schools: we were gig thirteen. Our kids loved the experience; they learned a little about each instrument; and genuinely enjoyed them being played very well by very capable musicians.



The player's POV: a completely engaged and attentive audience...



... whose final 'thank-you' was by way of haka. (Photos: DSO Facebook page)
Thanks DSO & ILT: we're up for your next visit in three years' time too.

Congratulations Tarryn...



Waverley kid Tarryn McLatchie at the Southland Girls prize-giving: Top Award for the Rangatahi Leadership Group; and Rugby Player of

Just so you know...

Kia ora e te whānau,
Firstly, THANK YOU! Through your connections, contributions and absolute generosity we are about to put on a hangi for 600 people - we appreciate you all! Now the mahi begins, and we need to get this hangi prepared and in the ground.

Timetable:

- **Monday 9 Dec:** LAST DAY for vege and miscellaneous donations to be in
- **Tuesday 10 Dec:** meat donations need to be dropped off at school (there is no freezer space for it any earlier).
- **Wednesday 11 Dec:** food prep day
- **Thursday 12 Dec:** (9.00am - 3.00pm: school as normal - don't believe anything you're told otherwise)
- 4.50pm:**
 - Kids assemble on the field
 - Family members assemble on the tennis court
- 5.00pm:** Welcome followed by waiata.
- 5.30 pm:** HANGI pulled up / cut up / put on serving trays
- 5.30-6.30pm:** Family fun activities on the school field
- 6.30-7.00pm:** Hangi serving starts

It is going to be an awesome whānau night - we look forward to seeing you and your family there.

Ngā mihi mahana
- Hangi Organising Roopu

And congratulations Mahae...



Waverley kid Mahae Johnson; one of four Kaiarataki (head students) for 2025 - announced by James Hargest Junior Campus this week.

Mahae and Tarryn are more good examples of what "kia kaha, kia maia, kia manawanui" looks like in action. We're proud of these wahine toa - and if their mum's are anything to judge by - so are their whanau 🍌
"Ora i te Ako - living the learning."

Chainsaw operator(s)...

Our hangi team is looking for someone with the gear, skill and time (next Thursday morning) to help cut up some of the larger bits of timber for the hangi. If that's you, please leave your contact details at the office and one of our hangi-masters will be in touch. Thanks!

Nga Taonga...

The term three and four Nga Taonga kids were hosted by Te Tomairangi marae this morning. In many ways, our home away from home; the Te Tomairangi whanau was as gracious as ever in welcoming the latest Waverley Park roopu to visit. After a short powhiri, the kids completed the process with wai and kai - before settling into their morning's work.



Nicki Malone and Taryn Swney make sure that everyone gets a snack (not a feast) and a drink; as the powhiri concludes.

The calendar...

December 06	Hui Whakapumau - Te Tomairangi - 5.00pm
10	Life Ed Caravan (all week)
12	Community Hangi
13	Reports Sent home
17	Assembly - Kia Manawanui - 10.10am
	Year 6 Graduation - Room 1 - 7.00pm
18	Year 6 Graduation - Room 8 - 7.00pm
19	Year 6 Graduation - Room 11 - 7.00pm
20	Last day of school - finishes 12.30

February 03 First day of school for 2025...

Thanks to the generosity of the...

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...whose positive response to an application from our Jacqui Paulin: our rec shed is to benefit from \$2K worth of new gear - just as soon as Jacqui goes shopping - thanks, ILT Foundation.

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Effective!

Formerly an army officer; he was about to start his new job as a high school teacher. Just before the school year started, he injured his back, and was subsequently required to wear a thin plaster cast around the upper part of his body. Fortunately, the cast fit under his shirt and wasn't overly noticeable.

On the first day of the new school year, he found himself assigned to be the homeroom teacher for some of the toughest students in the school. Walking confidently into the rowdy classroom, he went straight to the windows, threw them wide open, and then crossed back to his desk.

As he sat down, the incoming breeze made his tie flap. Aware that he now had most kids' attention: he grabbed the stapler and stapled the tie to his chest. Silence - complete and total silence. And the rest of the year? Went smoothly... very, very smoothly...

Ka manākitaka, whanau,
Kerry Hawkins and team.

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