

Kia ora tatou, whanau or te kura

The week after Polyfest is usually one where the stress levels are lower and we get to return to business as usual. This has not been one of those weeks at all! We have been sending home unwell kids and staff on a daily basis. We rapidly got to the point where we had simply run out of available relievers to cover for missing teachers. The current “bug du jour” features headaches; sometimes coughing; and for many - an upset tum: a tum so upset that everything in it wants out; one way or another...

Please - if any of your kids are exhibiting some of these symptoms; keep them at home until you’re positive that they are well enough to return to school. You’ll be helping the whole community - thanks.

Thank you for your support...

This week, our staff attended Paid Union Meetings to decide on plans to respond to the appalling “offer” made by the government in the so-called negotiations for the teachers collective employment agreement.

What we are asking:

As educators, whānau and community, we are calling on the Government to back our future. This means:

Tamariki need a teacher aide in every classroom

Fund a teacher aide in every class in Budget 2026.

Value educators fairly and ensure their work is secure

Attract – and retain – the best people to educate our tamariki, by delivering fair pay and secure work to all educators – and restoring pay equity.

Uphold te Tiriti o Waitangi in education

Protect te reo Māori as a taonga for our tamariki by reinstating funding for te reo Māori learning for education professionals.

Defend quality early childhood education

Make early childhood education accessible, affordable, culturally appropriate and high quality for all tamariki, by retaining 100% qualified teachers and pay parity, and by improving teacher: child ratios.

Sign here →



SIGN THE PETITION

Meantime, have a listen to this guy: Prof Welby Ings - teacher; author of “Boy” (the book Taika Waititi made into the movie); Professor of Education; a decent bloke and who knows a lot more about what good learning looks like, than most of the people calling the shots in NZ at the moment.

So far, there’s little to no evidence that the government is listening to us; maybe they’ll listen to our whanau and community; a community made of voters...

Board Triennial Elections - voting closes soon -
Voting Papers were sent out to all eligible voters last week.

Please ensure you have your papers back at the school by 4pm on Wednesday 10 September

PLEASE PLAY YOUR PART - MAKE SURE YOU VOTE - BECAUSE, SO FAR, ONLY 40 OF YOU HAVE...


The calendar...
September
05 Tuinga Tahi - noho marae - Te Tomairangi Marae
Nga Taonga - trip to Murihiku marae
10 BOT election voting closes
16 School Photos
17 School Photos back up day
19 Assembly - Kia manawanui - 10.10am
Term ends 3pm
October
06 Term 4 begins
23 - 24 Year 6 camp
20 Board of Trustees - 7.30pm
27 Labour Day
31 Assembly - Kia Kaha - 10.10am
November
21 Assembly - Kia Maia - 10.10am
25 Science Roadshow
December
05 Assembly - Kia Manawanui - 10.10am
Board of Trustees - 7.30pm
15 Year 6 Graduation (combined)
16 Last day

Parking fines?!
In response to specific requests to do so: the Invercargill City Council parking wardens are monitoring Eden Crescent traffic during the after-school pick up period. Parking infringement notices will be issued when drivers fail to adhere to the rules.


The ICC office contacted us this week to alert us to poor parking habits and a couple of instances of abusive responses from drivers who were simply advised to park according to the actual rules; in particular those relating to

- parking on yellow lines
- two-minute parks - you may park for two minutes ONLY
- parking over neighbours’ driveways
- double-parking

The ICC office also advised that infringement notices will be issued (fines start at \$70 for the lowest level offence). Out of respect for our neighbours, yourselves, and our school; please play your part to improve this situation - thanks.

Missing pounamu...

Lost during the dress rehearsal week for Polyfest; we would love for it to be returned. It is very special to the owner: “You can tell (it is) her necklace because the string was made different, it is thick and plaited.” Return to the school office if found: thanks.

Year 6 camp dates...
For the forward planners (and the forward payers!); this year’s camp is 23 and 24 October. The cost remains \$170 per student and you are most welcome to drip-feed your payment - thanks:
A/c number: 12 3154 0103559 00
A/c name: Waverley Park School BOT
Payee: Your child’s name
Ref: Y6 camp

What if "umbrellas" were supposed to be called "brellas", but the person who named them hesitated?


“Kids today don’t even flinch at being grounded; their biggest fear is being sent outside where the Wi-fi is weak and the sun is too bright!”
- Kenny Mock (US comedian).

Kā manākitaka, whanau.
Kerry Hawkins and staff

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