

Kia ora tatou

There's just a bit going on this week too; so straight to business.

Sickness is doing the rounds....

With the winter months upon us the illness is hitting hard. This week we have sent a lot of children home as a number of illnesses are doing the rounds through the classrooms. Coughing, sneezing, flu symptoms, headaches, temperatures, and the dreaded tummy bug. We have had a number of staff going down with it also. Please keep unwell children at home, until they are well again. Please remember a child should stay home from school at least 48 hours after the last episode of vomiting or diarrhea to prevent spreading illness.



School uniforms...

School uniforms can be purchased online at [Uniform NZ](#) or in store 142 Otepunu Avenue, Invercargill. Hours are Mon-Friday 9am-5pm, closed weekends. You can purchase non-logo uniform (shorts, skort, or track pants) from Postie Plus or The Warehouse. Remember we understand about the uniforms being in the wash, however please try and keep the replacement item similar to the school uniform.

Heat ups....



Please remember that food is heated in a **pie warmer** for the children - for a small charge of 10cents. Please make sure that food is wrapped in tin foil (NOT PLASTIC); or put into an aluminium foil container (as pictured - these can be purchased at Art Fun Wear & Cosy Nook for around \$3.50 for ten).

PLEASE NOTE: We will not be heating food in the microwave.

Waverley Park School Board Elections

STAFF ELECTION RESULTS DECLARATION

(no voting election required)

At the close of nominations, as there was only one valid nomination

received, I hereby declare the following duly elected:

Raiha Johnson

PARENT REPRESENTATIVE NOMINATIONS

At the close of nominations 4 nominations were received for the 3 positions available so voting papers will be sent to all eligible voters next week.

Nominations were received from:

Andrea de Vries

Rebecca Wright

Tania Carran

Stacey Nelson

Voting papers must be returned by:

4pm on Wednesday 10 September

Signed

Denise Findlater

Returning Officer

Urgent - helpers wanted for Polyfest!

The helper's notice should have arrived home in your child's bag this week. We appreciate any help that you can give to help get the children dressed and undressed on both dress rehearsal and performance days. Without you it wouldn't be possible. Please complete the notice and return to the school office asap.

Polyfest 2025...

If you're unable to get to the Polyfest Week performance of your choice; the dress rehearsals at school are a good plan B. The dates and times for these are:
Aug 12 Teina (Juniors) - 2.00pm
Aug 13 Tuwaenga (Middles) - 2.00pm
Aug 14 Aiga Anau (Pasifika) - 2.00pm
Aug 15 Tuakana (Seniors) - 2.00pm
You are most welcome to attend.

Paying us via internet banking?

A/c number: 12 3154 0103559 00
A/c name: Waverley Park School BOT
Payee: Your child's name
Ref: Event name - eg: netball, camp, marae trip

The calendar...

August

- 12 Teina (Juniors) Polyfest Dress Rehearsal - 2.00pm
- 13 Tuwaenga (Middles) Dress Rehearsal - 2.00pm
- 14 Aiga Anau (Pasifika) Dress Rehearsal - 2.00pm
- 15 Tuakana (Seniors) Dress Rehearsal - 2.00pm
- 18 Polyfest week starts
- 19 Aiga Anau - 11.00am
- 20 Teina - 11.00am
- 21 Tūwaenga - 11.00am
- 22 Tuakana - 11.00am
- 29 Assembly - Kia maia - 10.10am

September

- 01 BOT meets - staffroom - 7.30pm
- 03 **BOT election voting opens**
- 10 **BOT election voting closes**
- 16 School Photos
- 17 School Photos back up day
- 19 Assembly - Kia manawanui - 10.10am
- Term ends 3pm

Let me be perfectly clear...

SAME DAY BUT TWO VERY DIFFERENT MESSAGES FROM THE MINISTER

AI GOOD



Education Minister Erica Stanford visits Rangitoto College, Auckland, 5 August 2025. Photo: RNZ / Calvin Samuel

Stanford said New Zealand will continue to use AI as a marking tool, as it already been used for literacy and numeracy corequisite exams.

"We're extraordinarily advanced in terms of the rest of the world," she said.

"Many other countries can't even dream of where we're at the moment - digital exams, AI marking."

AI marking was as good, if not better than human marking, she said.

AI BAD

AI in education should improve teaching and learning, supporting knowledgeable and skilled teachers.

Human teachers must:

- remain central in students' education
- take responsibility for students' learning.

Reviewing work with AI tools

Teachers and the school are responsible to make final decisions on learners' work.

Teachers should avoid using AI tools to mark work. AI systems have not seen enough work by young people in the context of New Zealand's national curriculum to have a good understanding of what is expected and may be unfair or discriminatory.

TV 1 NEWS 5TH AUG 2025

MOE GUIDANCE 5TH AUG 2025

'Twould appear that politically-focused needs continue to outweigh educationally-focused needs. How else do you explain this nonsense?

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Community Message

We are aware Chicken Pox (a non-notifiable disease) is in the Southland community.

Southland Hospital Emergency Department (ED) has confirmed a Chicken Pox (varicella) case who presented on 22 and 23 July.

If you have any concerns or symptoms, please contact either your general practitioner, midwife, or Healthline free on 0800 611 116 for advice.



What Now...

Watch "What Now" this **Sunday 10 August** Waverley Park will be appearing in "Gunge on the road" TVNZ 2 from 8.30am.

Remember: pack a water bottle

Please Remember Your Water Bottle



Google says... Yes, water is indeed good for the brain. Maintaining proper hydration is crucial for optimal brain function, as water plays a vital role in various brain processes. It supports cognitive functions like memory, focus, and mood, and is essential for the brain's physical structure and overall

health.

Bad day...

Returning home from work, to find his house ransacked and burgled, he telephoned the police. A K-9 unit patrolling nearby was the first to respond. As the K-9 officer approached the house with his dog on a leash, the bloke collapsed onto the steps.

"I come home to find all my possessions stolen. I call the police for help, and they send me a blind cop!"

Kā manākitaka, whanau.
Kerry Hawkins and staff



Term 3 WINTER MENU

Ka Ora Ka Ako Programme

MONDAY	TUESDAY
WEEK 1: Roast Chicken Drum, Mash & Gravy & Baby Peas WEEK 2: Paprika Roast Chicken Drum, Mash & Gravy & Corn Cob	WEEK 1: Chicken, Cheese & Carrot Wrap with Chocolate Brownie WEEK 2: Ham, Cheese & Carrot Wrap with Chocolate Brownie
WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
WEEK 1: Spaghetti Bolognese WEEK 2: Nan's Mince & Mash	WEEK 1: Loaded Mac Cheese WEEK 2: Winter Ham & Corn Pasta Bake
FRIDAY	SPECIAL DIETS
WEEK 1: Toasted Nacho Burrito WEEK 2: Toasted Butter Chicken Burrito	<p>All special diets are provided as per individual needs. It is important that all ākonga are included alongside their peers in Ka Ora, Ka Ako</p>

Lisa Dolly Limited



**Taking People of all ages with Special Needs
Or Life long Medical Conditions**
For a ride in a Big Rig, Classic Car or Hot Rod
VENUE: Southern Field Days Site, Waimumu
9th August 2025. 12pm till 3pm
 Food and Drink provided on the day by Rapid Relief Team.
 Moreish food and coffee & Bees Bites.




Anyone wanting to Volunteer
 their Time, Truck or Car to help out on the day
 please contact Dianne 027 7732700 or Ian on 0204 335500
 Check out our Facebook Page : Southland Hug a Rig Day




Mums & Daughters – Come & Try Football!
 FREE SESSIONS – NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED!
 IFT FOOTBALL TURF - 199 ISLINGTON STREET, TURNBULL THOMSON PARK
 10AM TO 10:45AM - SATURDAY 23RD AND 30TH AUGUST






TERETONGA 10KM

SATURDAY 16 AUGUST, 2025, 2PM

Teretonga Raceway - 86 Sandy Point Road

As part of our 10km Road Race Championships we are offering events for the whole community. A 2.5km kids race, and 5km or 10km races so the whole family can be involved, as well as a relay event for schools' teams!

\$10 for Registered Athletics NZ Competitive Athletes
 \$10 for Non Registered/Social/Community - kids 2.5km
 \$20 for Non Registered/Social/Community - 5km/10km
 \$20 for School Teams (2-4 runners)

Scan the QR code above to enter or visit Southland Harriers on Facebook for more information.










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