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Kia ora e te whanau

So; in the same week National touts the "phenominal" success of their "teaching the basics brilliantly" policy catchphrase; the Education Review Office (ERO) release a report saying the data shows some improvement in kids' basic maths.... but their performance for more complex maths (like algebra and probability) is falling back. Oh, the irony...

"Parents should be furious," thundered Erica in relation to teachers being on strike; and she's half right: parents should be furious. They should be furious that political agendas increasingly disrupt NZ kids' education. It's now blatantly obvious that we need to have a long term plan for education; one that doesn't change - every - single - time - there's an election. Until that happens...

The spin coming from political leaders this week, on the supposed success of "teaching the basics brilliantly", has been little short of breath-taking (they speak largely in fluent slogan an election a-comin'...

Next week's year six camp ...

Even though it's strike day; the year sixes depart for camp on Thursday. We have been granted exemptions for the staff members involved to ensure the camp goes ahead exactly as planned. Ironically, that means our year six campers will be the only kids "at school" that day. For everyone else, there is ...

No school at all on Thursday 23 October We will be on strike as we fight for what is right.

Primary and area school teachers, primary principals, support staff, kaiārahi i te reo, therapists and Ministry of Education specialist staff are all on strike from 7am to 7pm. And we are far from alone. More and more workers across the motu keep joining the strike. Doctors, dentists, nurses and other public sector workers who feel the same way as we do - unvalued and unrecognised by the Government – have joined us. And firefighters will be out in support too. Add your voice -

join the local rally - Gala Street Reserve - 11am to 2pm **Thursday 23 October**

Year five outdoor-ed day ...

The year five outdoor education day will now be confined to just Friday 24 October. Details will be sent home with the kids today.



Congrats ladies...



On Monday, this is what the Star Rugby Club's Köhine team returned from Wellington with: the Years 7&8 Tackle "NZJGRF **Team of the Festival**" trophy. Unbeaten over the first four games, they had scored 142 points (to the opposition's 40) when bad weather saw the remaining games abandoned. part of the sound-bite language). You can certainly tell there's Being awarded this trophy takes more than just points on the board though. It also "acknowledges not only winning games." but fair play and good sportsmanship - as judged by referees, opposition teams and the Global Games people (organizers)".



That's quite a feat - but why is this in our newsletter? Because nine of these girls are ex-Waverley girls; and we're still very proud of them. Congratulations to possible Black Ferns of the future Keira, Kalyn, Amya, Atawhai, Harper, Ruby, Amia, Kaia, and Mahae; that's a very impressive achievement. Oh, and the coach on the left? That is our very own Raiha Johnson. Well done, Rai: your hard work and commitment has really paid off - to say the least! Check out The Southland Tribune for more.

Congratulations girls, congratulations Raiha; congratulations Star RFC. These players will always remember and be connected to this team and their mates: they will long remember Wellington - kia kaha, kia maia, kia manawanui.

Congrats ladies...



Former Waverley Park BOT Chair Lisa Tou-McNaughton and current Waverley Park board member **Andrea de Vries** have also had a big week - if an up and down week - as they await for the final confirmed results of the Invercargill City Council elections. Win or lose; they have each campaigned with energy and integrity as they seek to represent communities like ours at the ICC table. With any amount of luck at all, we could be one of the best represented school communities in town! We're proud of you ladies; kia kaha.

The calendar...

October

- 20 Board of Trustees 7.30pm
- 23 Education sector strike day NO school
- 23 24 Year 6 camp
- 27 Labour Day
- 31 Assembly Kia Manawanui 10.10am

November

- 21 Assembly Kia Maia 10.10am
- 25 Science Roadshow

December

- 05 Assembly Kia Kaha- 10.10am Hui Whakapūmau - Yr 6 Marae Graduation
- 10 Board of Trustees 7.30pm
- 15 Year 6 Graduation (combined)
- 16 Last day 12 noon

School photo orders...

- Order forms are being sent home today
- For families that arranged them, proofs of individual and sibling photos are included
- Photo copied class photos are displayed in our office actual photos will have the usual high quality finish

ORDERS CLOSE TUESDAY 4 NOVEMBER

Until next week, ka kite, Kerry Hawkins & staff

Keeping in touch - too easy...



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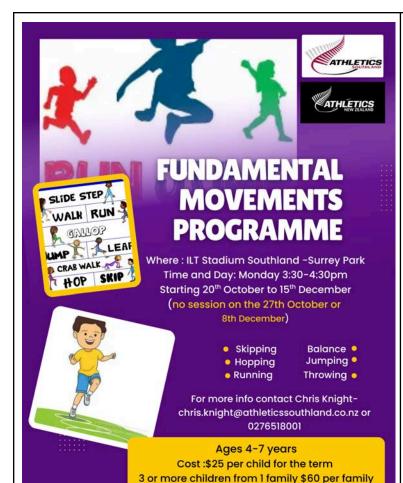
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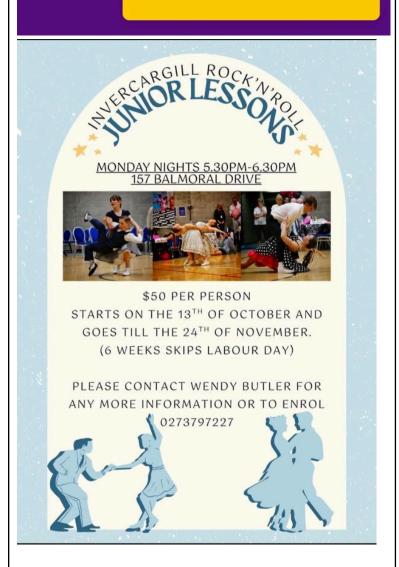
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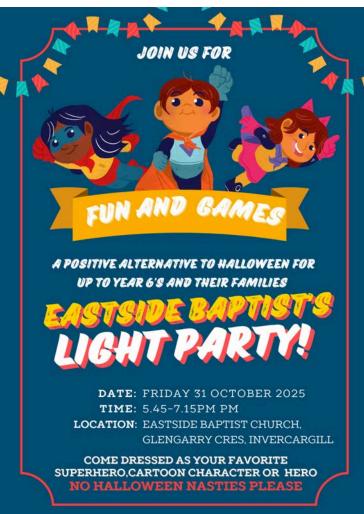
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Please copy and paste the link below to register

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LINDISFARNE KINDERGARTEN



We currently have morning session spaces available at Lindisfarne Kindergarten. 8:30am-12:30pm ages 2-5 years. Come along and have a korero with our helpful kaiako, maybe Lindisfarne is the kindergarten for you. Or alternatively check out our Kindergarten's profile page at ska.co.nz. We look forward to meeting you!

Parent Education Programmes





Parenting and caring for children can be challenging and we all need support and encouragement to be the great parents we want to be. Family Works has a range of free programmes that can do just that.

Our Parenting Programme gives parenting strategies and other useful information in a fun and positive way.

For parents/caregivers who have children aged 0 - 18 years, 8 sessions.

Starting 15th October, Wednesdays, from 10am – 12pm morning tea provided.

Contact: 03 211 8272 or email <u>pp@familyworkssld.nz</u> 027 223 1417





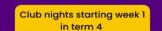
ATHLETICS :

Athletics is a fundamental sport
It teaches skills that can be transferred into other sports -running, jumping and throwing.



Everyone loves the Primary schools champs in March - get invovled now and work on those events and make it even better!

- Clubs across Southland
 - Regular club nights
 - Bring your Mates
- Have fun and learn new skills



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