

Kia ora tatou

Not going to lie - we've struggled with staff and kid absence this week; less than ideal in the run-up to Polyfest. Illness, family challenges, bereavement; each has played a part in people needing to be away from work. With the shortage of relievers compounding the already challenging circumstances; my thanks to the various staff members who stepped up to carry extra load that invariably occurs when others are away.

In a week where the normal pattern of school life was even further disrupted by pre-Polyfest excitement, hype, dress rehearsals, and the onset of pre-performance nerves: the vast majority of kids have coped/self-managed/survived - very well.

Thank you to everyone who has come in to assist the kids get ready for their rehearsal performances; and to those of you who attended those performances. There's nothing like facing and performing for a crowd to sharpen-up the routines before the big day.

Looking back; it's been a week of the Waverley Park community providing ngā whanaungatanga and nga manākitanga - in spades: thank you.

Paid union meetings (PUM)...

The majority of our staff are members of NZEI Te Riu Roa; the union for teachers, support staff and principals and, as per employment law; will be attending local PUMs on Wednesday 27 August.

Please note #1: The school will not be closing to release staff to attend. Instead, we will be making in-school arrangements that will release some staff to attend the morning meeting; and the others to attend the afternoon meeting: we will not be sending kids home - unless they're injured, vomiting etc - it'll pretty much be business as usual; albeit with larger groups.

Please note #2: Next week's planned teachers strike involves secondary teachers only ...just in case your kid tries to tell you otherwise.

What his opponents get to see...



This is the back of Gabriel Bermudez - this year's eight year old boys Southland Champion in both the 60 and 100 metres sprint; wearing his new hard-earned, just-delivered-this-week, champion's hoodie.

The 2025 events' sponsors feature on the back; the very view of Gabe that other competitors are increasingly becoming used to. This isn't his first championship hoodie - probably won't be his last one either. Congratulations Gabriel; you wear it well - we're proud of you.

Offer open to qualifying WPS whanau...

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Asking our Schools & community leaders to Spread the Word :

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Help gather documents (CSC + school enrolment proof)

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www.whanaulink.nz

0800 GET NET (0800 438 638)

kiaora@whanaulink.nz

If you meet the criteria (above); you can apply now.

The calendar...

August

- 18 Polyfest week starts
- 19 Aiga Anau - 11.00am
- 20 Teina - 11.00am
- 21 Tūwaenga - 11.00am
- 22 Tuakana - 11.00am
- 27 Paid Union Meetings (PUM)
- 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

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Polyfest 2025...

All of our Polyfest performances are at 11.00am:

- Tue 19 Aug: Aiga Anau (Pasifika)
- Wed 20 Aug: Teina (Juniors)
- Thu 21 Aug: Tūwaenga (Middles)
- Fri 22 Aug: Tuakana (Seniors)

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

Truly classic...

The greatest space prank in history belongs to American astronaut Owen Garriott. Aboard the U.S. space station Skylab in 1973, he had brought along a cassette tape recorder. On it, his wife Helen recorded a few lines; part of a prank designed especially for flight controller Robert Crippen back at Mission Control.



One day, right before the usual regular check-in with Earth, the voice from Houston came through:

"Skylab, this is Houston. Do you read?"

Garriott stepped up to the transmitter; pressed play; and, from orbit, came a woman's voice:

"Good afternoon, Houston. This is Skylab."

Silence... then a confused voice from Earth: "Who...who is this speaking?"

"Hi, Robert. This is Helen - Owen's wife."

A long pause.

Then Crippen - clearly panicked:

"...What are YOU doing up there?!"

"Oh, I just thought I'd bring the guys something to eat - fresh and homemade."

Radio silence - for a full minute - the mission control room froze and then: total chaos. To this day, Garriot's stunt remains one of the most legendary pranks in space history. Classy too.

One final thought ...

"People who say bath bombs are relaxing, have clearly never tried to carry one home in the rain." - Ian Smith

Kā manākitaka, whanau.

Kerry Hawkins and staff

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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.

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

sugar and our Teeth

The TYPE of sugar really does matter when it comes to looking after our teeth

Did you know...

Free or Added Sugar
Any sugars **added** to food and drinks, and the **unbound** sugars naturally found in honey, fruit juice, and syrups. These sugars are **easy** for bacteria to use to cause tooth decay

HOW OFTEN we eat and drink sugar each day is more important than **HOW MUCH**

Intrinsic or Natural Sugar
Naturally found sugar that is **tightly bound** in the **cell structure** of **tightly bound** - fresh fruit, vegetables, whole foods, and milk. Unlike 'free' sugar, this form is **much harder** for bacteria to use to cause tooth decay

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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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Atutui Mati Presents


Fundraising for South Island Champs

5 and under 2pm-3.30pm Ages 5-10 4pm-5.30pm
10 and older 6pm-7.30pm Adults R18 8pm-12.30am

20 September
153 Stirrat St
Glow merch will be for sale!

Childs ticket \$5 Adults ticket \$20
Adults BYO id will be asked for R.O.A.R
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