

**Kia ora tatou whanau**

**The first term - due to swimming and athletics, often a messy one - is well and truly underway.** Thank you to everyone who took the time to come in and meet their kids' teachers. "Kanohi ki te kanohi"; "face to face"; (or "Let th' dog see th' rabbit" - an oldie and a personal favourite): call it what you will; nothing beats chatting in person.

Taking time for kid, parent, and teacher to sit together at this time of the school year, really helps to speed up the getting-to-know-you stage. The relationships we have with you play no small part in your child's success - this week's efforts will pay solid dividends as the year progresses: we value that.

A very wise principal from early in my teaching career often used to say to parents; "Please believe only half of what you hear about us - and we'll believe only half of what we hear about you." In other words - take the time to get the whole story. So...

Do keep in touch with your kids' teachers - especially when you are wondering about an issue, or have a bit of a concern. It's much easier all-round to deal with a worry before it becomes an issue or a problem - we all want the same things for our kids.

**Te Matatini: "Olympics of Kapa Haka" ...**

As stated on the [Matatini website](#):

**"From Tuesday 25 February 2025 to Saturday 1 March 2025, 55 groups will perform on stage at Pukekura/Bowl of Brooklands in New Plymouth to an audience of approximately 70,000, and an expected 2.5 million viewers on TV or online."**

Nearly a year is a long time to wait; and to prepare: all the very best to our Whaea Katy and Te Kapa Haka o Ngā Hau e Whā when they compete in New Plymouth next week. This roopu has really put in the hard yards after qualifying last April to be part of the big show this year.



Playing no small part in the "behind the scenes" prep has been Whaea Awhi - a key member of the team's pit crew. We know that they will do a fine job of representing their roopu, their whanau, and Waverley Park when they take to the stage. *Kia kaha, kia maia, kia manawanui*, ladies - go hard.

<b>How to</b>	Call / txt: 03 217 9332 / 022 3179332 Messenger: Waverley Park School Pay us online: 12 3154 0103559 00
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**The calendar...**

**February**

24 Swimming starts (Mondays to Thursdays)  
 Rm 1, 2, 3 & 4 10am - 11am, Rm 5, 6, 7 & 8 11am-12pm  
 Rm 9, 10 & 11 12-1pm

**March**

06 Swimming ends  
 11 Phoenix Athletics (at Waverley Park School)  
 14 Phoenix Athletics - cancellation / reserve date  
 18 Junior sports day  
 20 Junior sports - cancellation / reserve date  
 22 Southland Primary Schools Athletics Champs  
 24 Board of Trustees - staffroom - 7.30pm

**April**

11 Term ends - 3.00pm

**Sports fees - due now...**

Waterpolo, Summer Football, Touch, and Cricket fees are all due now.

Please contact Jacqui in the office if you wish to discuss payment options. Unfortunately, we do have to operate on a no pay, no play basis - thanks for understanding.

**Term 1 SUMMER MENU**  
 Ka Ora Ka Ako Programme

<p style="text-align: center; background-color: #e91e63; color: white; margin: 0;"><b>MONDAY</b></p> <p style="text-align: center; margin: 5px 0;">WEEK 1: Cheeseburger Wrap &amp; Choc Brownie</p> <p style="text-align: center; margin: 5px 0;">WEEK 2: Southern Chicken Tender Wrap &amp; Chocolate Brownie</p>	<p style="text-align: center; background-color: #e91e63; color: white; margin: 0;"><b>TUESDAY</b></p> <p style="text-align: center; margin: 5px 0;">WEEK 1: Mince Pasta Bake</p> <p style="text-align: center; margin: 5px 0;">WEEK 2: Spaghetti Bolognese</p>
<p style="text-align: center; background-color: #e91e63; color: white; margin: 0;"><b>WEDNESDAY</b></p> <p style="text-align: center; margin: 5px 0;">WEEK 1: Chicken Tenders and Ranch Potato Salad</p> <p style="text-align: center; margin: 5px 0;">WEEK 2: Loaded Potato Salad</p>	<p style="text-align: center; background-color: #e91e63; color: white; margin: 0;"><b>THURSDAY</b></p> <p style="text-align: center; margin: 5px 0;">WEEK 1: Lasagne</p> <p style="text-align: center; margin: 5px 0;">WEEK 2: Teriyaki Meatballs, Asian Vege &amp; Mash</p>
<p style="text-align: center; background-color: #e91e63; color: white; margin: 0;"><b>FRIDAY</b></p> <p style="text-align: center; margin: 5px 0;">WEEK 1: Ham &amp; Cheese Sammy, Carrot Sticks and Fruit Yoghurt</p> <p style="text-align: center; margin: 5px 0;">WEEK 2: Chicken Sammy, Carrot Sticks and Fruit Yoghurt</p>	<p style="text-align: center; background-color: #e91e63; color: white; margin: 0;"><b>SPECIAL DIETS</b></p> <p style="text-align: center; margin: 5px 0; font-size: small;">All special diets are provided as per individual needs. It is important that all akonga are included alongside their peers in Ka Ora, Ka Ako</p>

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**A sign of the times?**

The Harley riding biker visiting the zoo, sees a little girl leaning into the lions' cage. Suddenly, a lion grabs her by the cuff of her jacket and tries to pull her inside - right in front of her screaming parents. The biker jumps off his Harley, sprints to the cage and belts the lion square on the nose with a real hay-maker. Whimpering from the pain, the lion jumps back, letting go of the girl. The biker grabs her and takes her to her terrified parents who thank him endlessly.

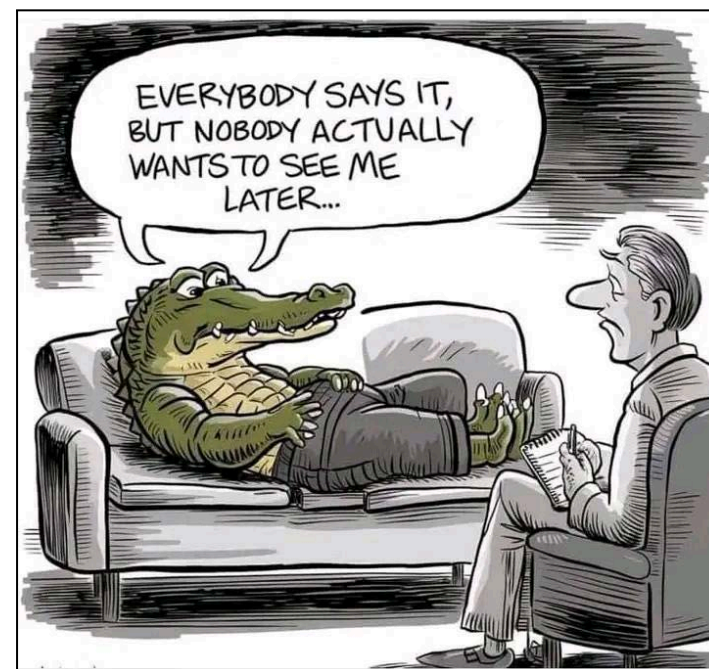
Having watched the whole event, a newspaper reporter approaches the Harley rider and says:

"Sir, that was the bravest thing I've seen a man do in my whole life!" The biker replies,

"Why, it was nothing, really - the lion was behind bars - I just saw this little kid in danger and did the right thing." The reporter says, "Well, I'd like to make sure this doesn't go unnoticed. I'm a journalist, and, if it's OK with you; tomorrow's paper will have this story on the front page. The biker reluctantly agrees and the reporter asks: "Thanks. So, what do you do for a living, and what political affiliation do you have?"

The biker replies, "Well, I'm an SAS soldier just returned from Afghanistan - and I'm a Labour party supporter." The journalist grimaces, nods and leaves. The following morning the biker sees the paper and reads, on the front page:

SAS SOLDIER ASSAULTS AFRICAN IMMIGRANT; STEALS HIS LUNCH.



Until next week - ka kite,  
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Saturday 1 March - 10.00am - 2.00pm

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Meet at the playground off Queen's Drive.  
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**Waihopai Playcentre**  
Saturday 15th March 2025

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**SOUTHLAND A&P SHOW**  
Saturday 1st March  
Donovan Park

SCARECROW Creations

Sections include: 0-4 Years, 5-11 Years and 12-17 Years. Check out our schedule of classes online to see further details!

HOME Industries

Be sure to check out the schedule of classes, there is literally something for everyone to be involved in!

COLOURING Competition

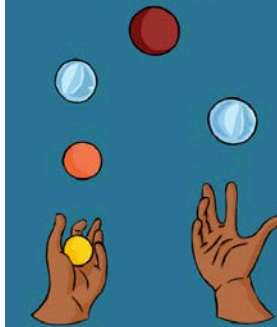
Our colouring competitions are on our website for children to complete if they wish.

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Find us on Facebook [admin@southlandapshow.co.nz](https://www.facebook.com/southlandapshow)

## Work-Life Balance - The Myths and Realities webinar!

Thursday 6th March  
7:30 pm - 9:00 pm



Bookings essential  
<https://events.humanitix.com/work-life-balance>

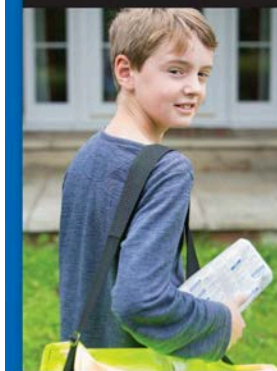
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