

Kia ora, whanau.

It has been a privilege to once again host the inimitable John Parsons in the school this week. Courtesy of the committed and invested Invercargill East Rotary Club, John is able to spend significant amounts of time in Southland - every year.



This hugely generous support of a programme - focused on keeping kids safe online - has been going so long that **Whaea Katy** (room 6) was **Waverley Kid Katy** when John first started working in our school.

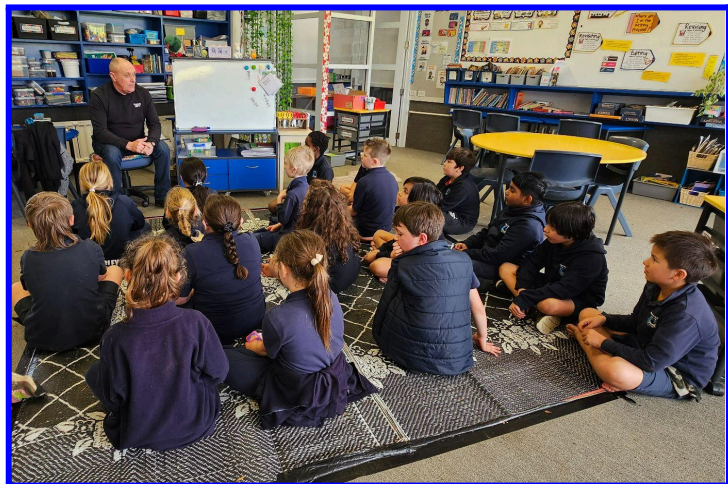
Every year, John turns up with the latest research, advice, guidance, and, with good humour, he delivers in a style that is informative, entertaining, and often confronting: all at the same time. This year, John's central message focused on the importance of sleep and the powerful impact it has on welfare and well-being (and education, health, and longevity...) Copy or cut and paste this link into your browser to see for yourself:

<https://gazette.education.govt.nz/articles/sleep-an-important-piece-of-learning-puzzle/>

"The programme looks at sleep does to the body, and discusses screen time versus screen attachment.

John argues that screen time is almost impossible to manage, but teaching about screen attachment and what technology use displaces in terms of activities, social interactions and learning opportunities, can make a difference:

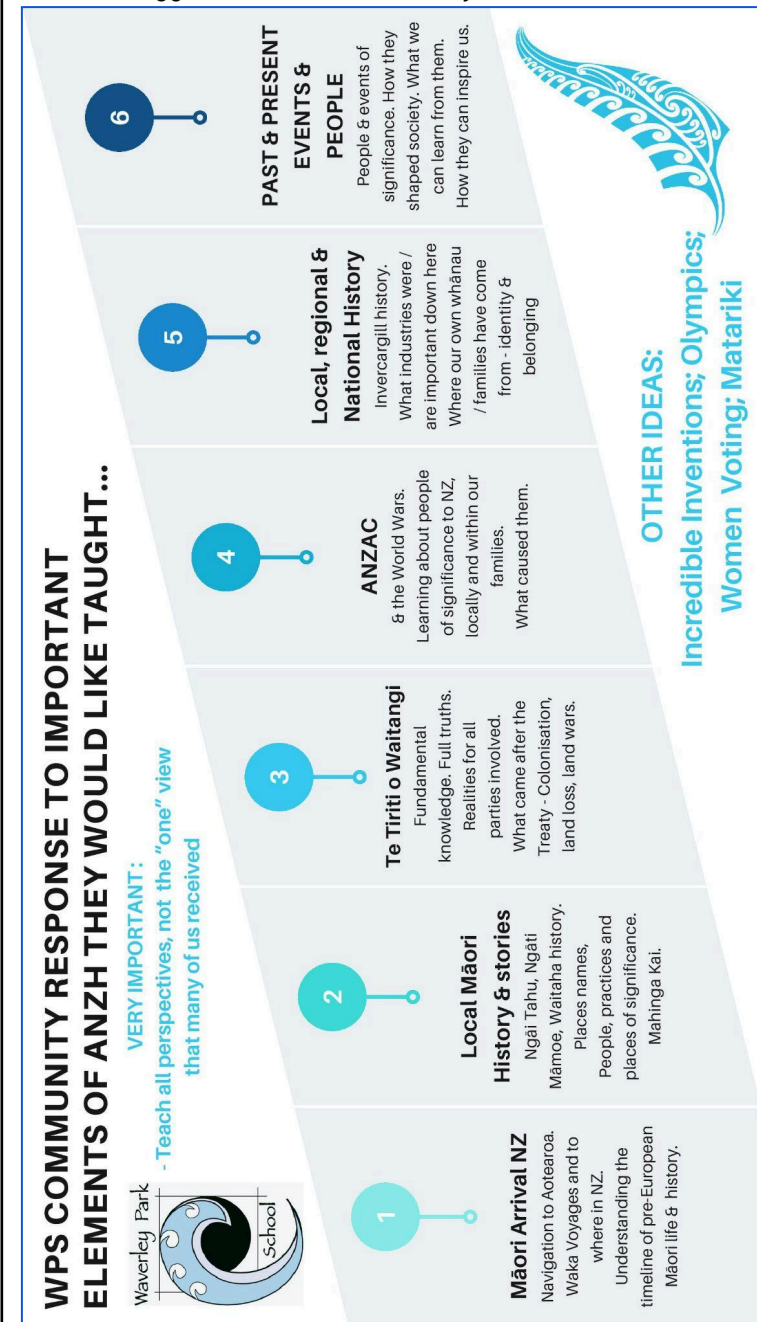
"Students have a right to knowledge which empowers them about what can shorten their lives..."



Not surprisingly, we will be using John's "Sleep Power" programme to educate our Waverley Park kids - our ākonga need this knowledge. Interestingly, it is framed in terms of the *Whare Tapa Wha* model - just as the Mitey programme is: a framework we know well. (*Thank you, John - and the Invercargill East Rotary Club: you are both class acts!*)

## Thanks!

The whanau who attended last term's curriculum hui identified what they think is important for us to cover from Aotearoa New Zealand Histories. The messages were clear (and almost identical to what came out of a similar exercise with our teaching staff)! Thanks to Raiha Johnson's prettifying capabilities; here is the result - *albeit turned ninety degrees so the text is bigger and easier for older eyes to read ...*



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## Keeping it real (and honest) ...

Over a three year period, in excess of 450 parents and year six students combined to contribute to identify what attributes year six kids leaving Waverley Park should carry with them when they graduate. Similarly, groups our whanau identified what was important for a year six Maori graduate to carry with them when they left here too. These values have never been more important than they are now. Both profiles focus on what it is to be a decent human being; a good citizen: someone who contributes positively to the various communities they live, work, and play in.

It doesn't hurt to regularly remind our kids of our expectations (both the school's, and the community's). Feel free to use them at your house too - (big font = bigger priority) - they're often a "helpful" reminder for the "ex-Waverley kid/s" in the family too ...



## Scholastic Book club Orders close 12 June...

Orders can be made online: or cash or eftpos at the school office. <https://mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz/Parent.aspx>

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## School uniform - it's not optional...

Too many kids turn up wearing non-uniform items. If some of them are to be believed; their uniform is permanently in the laundry - even though it hasn't been worn to school...

Our uniform provides a range of kid-friendly options and families are free to choose the combination of uniform items that best suit your kids' preferences. However, if the protest is simply "I don't like it" - tough: wearing our uniform is part of the obligation that comes with the privilege of being a Waverley kid. Please make sure that your child has the correct uniform available - and that it is worn every day. Thanks - your cooperation is as appreciated as it is essential.

## The calendar...

<b>June 01 - 03</b>	King's Birthday weekend
<b>07</b>	Assembly: Kia maia - 10.10am
<b>14</b>	Southland X-country championships
<b>28 - 30</b>	Matariki weekend
<b>July 05</b>	Assembly: Kia manawanui - 10.10am
	Mid-year reports out
	Term 2 ends: 3.00pm
<b>22</b>	Term 3 starts: 8.50am
<b>29</b>	Mid-year progress interviews week

"I have a dog that's half pit bull, half poodle. Not much of a guard dog, but it's a *really* vicious gossip." - **Craig Shoemaker**

"Supercaliflowercheesebuteggswerequiteatrocious!" - **Mary Poppins' (in an online restaurant review)**

Until next week - ka kite,  
Kerry Hawkins & staff

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