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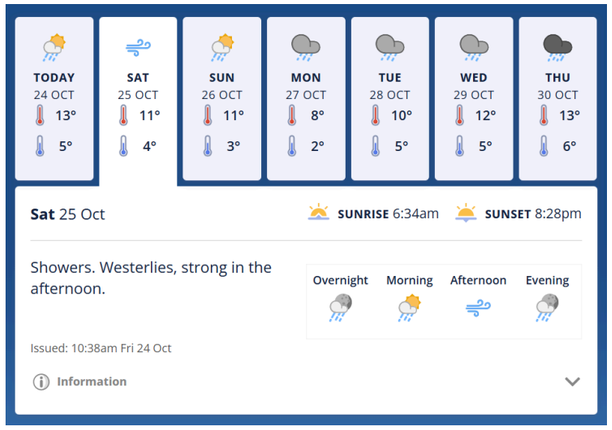
Kia ora e te whanau

What will you tell your grandkids when they ask, "Grandpa, what did you do in "The Storm of '25"? The answer will very much hinge on where you were when the winds struck. Whether or not you lost a trampoline, power, outdoor furniture or your last shred of sanity. Whether or not you were at work, on strike, at camp, or otherwise out of town. Whether or not you sustained property damage. When you see some of the damage around the town, it's a miracle that someone wasn't injured.

So, when you are answering that question for your future grandchild, make sure that you are able to honestly at least (ideally, both) of the following:
"I made sure my whanau was safe," and;
"I saw someone struggling to cope so I helped them."

The forecast for the next few days isn't overly flash either. If you need to; you might get to use one of those sentences yet.



Year six camp...

Thank you to everyone who made this camp possible. Every camp has its challenges; that's often a main feature of any well-planned outdoor education experience. The 2025 year six camp had both well-planned challenges; and challenges of the more incidental, unplanned, and/or spontaneous variety.

Chief among the unplanned challenges were the lack of an electrical power supply on day one; and the minibus breaking down on day two. Hats-off to Go-Bus Invercargill for immediately sending out both a mechanic and a replacement bus - that's good service. More details next week - once everyone is back.

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School closures...

Thank you for your cooperation over what has turned out to be two days of the school being closed. Assuming that the worst of the dangerous weather is now behind us, we will be open again from 8.20am next Tuesday morning.

Today's closure was due to the heating system not functioning properly; an issue that seems to have now been resolved. The second part of the problem was possible storm damage to the motors for the augur (that feed new fuel from the truck into the silo). We won't know for sure that it still works until we get our next delivery. (We do have sufficient woodchips in the silo for one; possibly two mornings operation; hopefully, any other problems can be fixed asap).

Strike day...

Thanks for your support and understanding; these are trying times in education but the fight to preserve a child-focused system is well worth the effort. We have too much to lose.

School photo orders...

Photo copied class photos are displayed in our office - actual photos will have the usual high quality finish

ORDERS CLOSE TUESDAY 4 NOVEMBER

The calendar...

October
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

He explained...

"I am trying to make friends - outside of Facebook - by using the exact same approaches.

So, every day, I go down the street and tell passers-by what I have eaten, how I feel, what I did the night before; and what I'm going to do after work. I give them pictures of my wife, my daughter, my dog; me gardening, and me spending time in my pool. I also listen to their conversations and I tell them I love them.

And - it works! I have three people following me already - two police officers and a psychiatrist…

Until next week, ka kite,
Kerry Hawkins & staff

Keeping in touch - too easy...

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