

Kia ora e te whanau

Te Wiki o te reo Māori - also the last week of the term - has been a very busy one. Aside from ongoing illnesses impacting kids' attendance rates:

- the habitual procrastinators among us have been racing to meet deadlines (which have been known for weeks);
- there's been a disco (two, to be exact);
- the results of our BOT elections have been posted;
- school photos were taken (on the only other day of the week when you could do so outside).

"So, why is it called a disco?" A very fair question. 'Disco' is a shortened form of the French word *discothèque*, which originally referred to a "record library" and later, to a dance club where recorded music was played instead of live bands. The term originated in Paris during the 1940s and spread to English-speaking countries, where "disco" became the common slang term for both the music genre, and the nightclubs that featured it. "Disco" is still in use today, but it's all digital - laptops and streaming - not an actual disk in sight.

Strike action - pending...

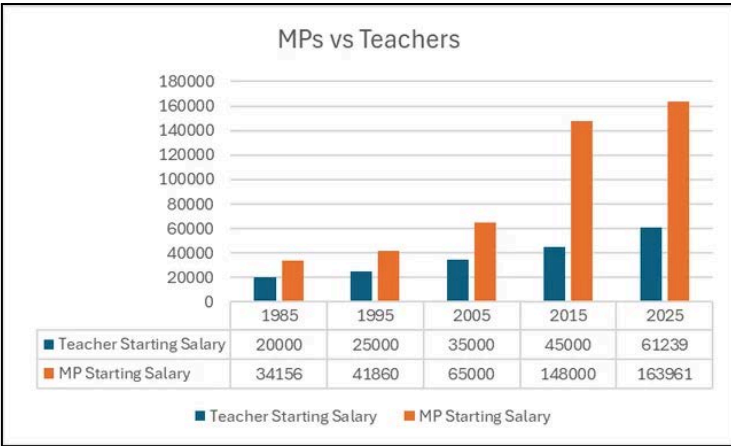
Like nursing; teaching is a caring profession with a female dominated workforce. And, as it is with nurses; educators are always very reluctant to go on strike. It's very safe to say that when educators and nurses get to the point where industrial action is deemed necessary (Thursday 23 October); you know that things are getting pretty dire. In pushing back, government spokespeople invariably hone in on salaries; largely referencing only the top end of the salary scale in doing so. And they largely ignore any of the other issues that are hugely concerning.

In the interests of transparency and clarity: we are striking for much more than money. While there are several areas of concern, the major issues are that the Government's offers

- do not match the rising cost of living;
- fail to provide sufficient support in classrooms;
- overlook the need for greater recognition of Te Tiriti and Te Reo Māori

Back in 1976, starting salaries for a teacher and a backbench MP were very similar. Today, the backbencher starts with a base salary of \$163,961 (you can check out the rest here). That's just the salary; it doesn't include the perks. In comparison, the starting rate for a teacher is currently \$61,329. To rub salt into the wounds: MP salaries are regularly adjusted for inflation. Had the same approach been applied to teacher salaries since 1976, the starting salary would be \$140,584 - just by keeping up with inflation alone. (see graph in the next column).

Should some commonsense and fairness be injected into the government's offers; strike action can be averted... but don't hold your breath.



Waverley Park School Board Elections
Parent Election Results Declaration

Parent representative votes:

Name:	Votes
Carran Tania	45
de Vries Andrea	40
Nelson Stacey	49
Wright Rebecca	42
Invalid Votes:	0

I hereby declare the following duly elected:
Stacey Nelson
Tania Carran
Rebecca Wright

Signed: Denise Findlater
Returning Officer

Thank you - and congratulations!

Thanks to everyone who stood for election and to those of you who voted: we were blessed with a field of very good candidates, just as we have been in the past. Congratulations to Stacey, Tania, Rebecca, and Andrea too.

When the BOT saw the quality of nominees standing for election, there was unanimous agreement to appoint (to the BOT) whomever polled fourth. Each candidate brought different strengths and experiences to our team, and we've long had six parent representatives on our board anyway. Consequently, the status quo is maintained.

The South Coast Environment Society's

Bountiful Backyards

Riverton 4th & 5th October

Spring workshop weekend

www.sces.org.nz/bountifulbackyards

SCAN ME

Cheap transport available!

SOUTHLAND DISTRICT COUNCIL

KAIAIWAHIAU KAI COLLECTIVE

Community Trust South

Lotto

Environment Hubs Auckland

The calendar...

October

06 Term 4 begins
15 Reo Rua whanau hui
20 Board of Trustees - 7.30pm
23 Strike day
23 - 24 Year 6 camp
27 Labour Day
31 Assembly - Kia Kaha - 10.10am

November

21 Assembly - Kia Maia - 10.10am
25 Science Roadshow

December

05 Assembly - Kia Manawanui - 10.10am
Board of Trustees - 7.30pm
15 Year 6 Graduation (combined)
16 Last day



Kā kite whanau - enjoy the break (and your kids).
Kerry Hawkins & staff

Paying us via internet banking?
A/c number: 12 3154 0103559 00
A/c name: Waverley Park School BOT
Payee: Your child's name
Ref: Event name - eg: netball, camp, marae trip etc

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SCHOOL HOLIDAY BAKING CHALLENGE

HAVE YOU GOT WHAT IT BAKES?

- ✓ Learn to bake 3 delicious recipes these school holidays.
- ✓ FREE fun from the comfort of your own home.
- ✓ \$200 worth of prizes to give away!
- ✓ Suitable for all ages and skill levels.

Tue 30th Sep to Thur 2nd October

REGISTER NOW:
www.bakewithme.co.nz/schoolholidaybaking



FUNDAMENTAL MOVEMENTS PROGRAMME

Where : ILT Stadium Southland –Surrey Park
Time and Day: Monday 3:30–4:30pm
Starting 20th October to 15th December
(no session on the 27th October or 8th December)



- Skipping
- Hopping
- Running
- Balance
- Jumping
- Throwing

For more info contact Chris Knight-
chris.knight@athleticsouthland.co.nz or
0276518001

Ages 4–7 years
Cost :\$25 per child for the term
3 or more children from 1 family \$60 per family
Please copy and paste the link below to register
<https://forms.gle/ejNvoZZTWGd6YvTz6>

SOUTHLAND BMX HAVE A GO DAY

21ST SEPTEMBER 2PM

COME TRY THE FUN FAST PAGED ACTION THAT IS RACE BMX

GREAT FUN, A GOOD TIME AND FREE SAUSAGE SIZZLE!

WHAT TO BRING

- LONG SLEEVED TOP/PANTS
- ENCLOSED SHOES
- HELMET
- BIKE (LOAN BIKES AVAILABLE)

BMX TRACK LIME ST INVERCARGILL




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 pp@familyworkssld.nz
027 223 1417




SOUTHLAND FOOTBALL Summer Football 2025

Juniors

- Year 1-2, 4 A-Side
- Year 3-4, 4 A-Side
- Year 5-6, 5 A-Side
- Year 7-8 and 9-10, 5 A-Side

- Monday 20th October to 8th December (7 Weeks) (no games on 27th October)
- \$300 per team for Term 4 or \$520 for Term 4 2024 and Term 1 2025.
- Entries close 8th October

enquiries to: ryan@southlandfootball.org.nz
or visit southlandfootball.org.nz




sugar and our Teeth

Did you know...

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

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

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

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

ATHLETICS FOR EVERYBODY

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 involved now and work on those events and make it even better!

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

Club nights starting week 1 in term 4

For more information contact us
<http://www.athleticsouthland.co.nz/SOUTHLAND-CONTACTS>

Follow us [Athletics Southland Facebook](#)  Contact Us  Chris Knight 0276518001





LOOKING FOR SOMETHING TO DO THESE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Visit our interactive Eutopia at Toot Sweets.

FREE ENTRY

Toot Sweets offers a range of fun and creative activities for children of all ages during the school holidays.

SCAN the QR code for more information



49 TAY STREET, INVERCARGILL

LEARNING OUTDOORS TRUE IN NATURE SPRING HOLIDAYS SEPTEMBER / OCTOBER

CHILD VS WILD (7-13)
A three day adventure quest
22nd September - 24th September Invercargill
29th September - 1st October Invercargill

A WILD DAY OUT (11-16)
A Wild and Game cooking experience
Friday October 3rd - Invercargill

BUSH KIDS (7-16)
One day of bushcraft and survival skills
Monday September 22nd - Invercargill
Tuesday September 23rd - Invercargill
Thursday September 25th - Gore
Friday September 26th - Gore
Monday September 29th - Invercargill
Tuesday September 30th - Invercargill

BUSH, MAKE & BAKE (5-16)
Bushcraft, Crafting & Damper Making
Thursday October 2nd

WILD WOMEN
A wild evening for the ladies, mums and grandmums. A night around the fire and some fun night orienteering!
Friday October 10th 6pm-8pm

LIMITED TO 15 PLACES EACH DAY!

Gareth and Katie Oliver at: GarethandKatie@trueinnature.com
www.trueinnature.com Phone: 0226381497



