

Kia ora tatou

As far as we can tell, the rate at which kids and staff are falling ill is slowing down - that's a win right there! The week has gone surprisingly well, despite associated challenges...

"I accidentally fell in the mud..."

Not fourteen times you didn't! More accurate statements would have included the word "deliberately" - as in: "I DELIBERATELY dived in it / rolled in it / threw it / plastered my mate with it / plastered myself with it / rubbed it through his (and my) hair ...

Consequently, we have run completely out of spare clothing (for boys - of course it's boys!); anything you can donate is appreciated - particularly if it's navy blue. In the meantime, we will need to call you to come and pick up your mud-lover; offenders especially.

Haere ra, Shona - all the best!



This week, our **Shona Hoffman**, who has been on extended leave to (successfully!) deal with a health issue; resigned from her roles here at Waverley Park School, to focus on new directions. (*Let's be quite clear: Shona "is definitely not retiring!"*)

Shona has been a highly valued member of our staff since 1999; leading our junior school as Assistant Principal from 2012 until now. To say that she has impacted the lives of many, doesn't do justice to her teaching accomplishments. Her Waverley Park friends and colleagues - board and staff members alike - are all thrilled that she has decided to put herself first for once.

Furthermore, we respect - albeit a tad reluctantly - her wishes for a low fuss exit (*ie: absolutely no fuss at all*). Never one to seek or accept accolade, award, or credit - even when they were fully due; Shona Hoffman has always been an avoider of spotlights, the limelight; and, quite likely, the night-light too. That is not going to change now: there will be no farewell function, no farewell assembly, no bugles, bells, nor drums; not even the 'ting' of a solitary triangle to mark Shona's departure...

Suffice to say that it has been a pleasure and a privilege to have had a teacher of Shona Hoffman's calibre, commit to our school for what has fully been a quarter of a century. She leaves here with the full support, best wishes, and blessings from all of us.

Kia kaha, Mrs Hoffman; kia maia, kia manawanui. Irrespective of whatever you decide to do next - "Once a Waverley kid, always a Waverley kid."

Meantime, we have the very good fortune to be able to confirm that **Richelle Waldron** will continue as the teacher in Room 5,

and **Jacqui Paulin** will carry on as Assistant Principal leading the junior school - thank you both, ladies.

Also currently on leave...

Room 10's **Tina Baird** is on leave until the end of this term to support a family member's health issues too. We appreciate the teachers who have stepped into Room 10 (thank you!); and we wish Tina and her whanau all the best with the challenges on hand.

Our condolences too, to **Raiha Johnson** and her family on the passing of a much-loved aunty - kia kaha, whanau.

Looking ahead to 2026...

2026 cometh - it is but a mere 117 sleeps away - and term four is when schools really start planning in some detail for the following year. A key component in that planning is knowing how many kids are likely to enrol - this is where you come in.

If you have a child / know a child / found a child likely to enrol here for next year; please encourage the relevant caregiver/s to get in touch with us asap. In terms of organizing new entrants and junior classes in particular: knowing when kids are due to start helps enormously.

At this stage, we don't need any paper work; just the name, birthdate, and contact name and number. (If you know that we already know about your next Waverley Park kid, you relax - we'll already have the details we need). Thanks for your help!

The calendar...

September

- 10 **BOT election voting closes**
- 16 School Photos
- 17 School Photos back up day  
Disco Night - 5.30pm & 7.00pm (*see poster below*)
- 19 Assembly - Kia manawanui - 10.10am  
Term ends 3.00pm

October

- 06 Term 4 begins
- 23 - 24 Year 6 camp
- 20 Board of Trustees - 7.30pm
- 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

### Board Triennial Elections

#### - voting closes NEXT WEEK!

Please ensure you have your papers back to school **by 4.00pm NEXT Wednesday - 10 September**

**PLEASE PLAY YOUR PART - MAKE SURE YOU VOTE**

Book amnesty!

This is why there is a bit of an echo in our junior book room - not enough little readers in the little boxes to baffle the sound... or, more importantly: for the kids to read. If you find any at your place - in the bag, behind the sofa, under the bed - please drop them into the team in our office.



The same applies to any library books you may discover - no questions asked - we'll just be very glad to have them back. Cheers!

Hammering our attendance rates...

Our attendance rates have dropped markedly this term - as low as 88% over the past four weeks. However, given the illnesses that have been a feature of this term; 88% is actually better than might reasonably have been expected - thank you for your sensible decision-making; we really do appreciate that!

The hall car-park...

**Please do not use the hall carpark as a drive through after school pick-up zone.** The parks are reserved for the staff and authorised vans from the after-school-care organizations.

This week, one of the vans was effectively trapped by cars around, and behind it. Loading in some of our kids is time-consuming enough, without the added hassle of getting blocked-in too. The drivers have a schedule to try and stick to - other schools depend on them too - thanks.

### School photos (Sept 16)...

All individual and sibling photos are to be **pre-booked by Friday 12 September**. A pre-booking form has been emailed out to all caregivers. (from "Edge Learning"). Thank you.

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Futsal teams; improvement required...

Well over forty WPS kids put their names down to play futsal this term. Jacqui Paulin organised, entered the appropriate number of teams, and paid the appropriate entry fees. As soon as the draw is known each week, our office sends it out via *Facebook*, *Skool Loop*, and email (via *Edge Learning*). And yet... every week, there are WPS players who consistently don't turn up for games (including a couple yet to appear at all).

Scrounging around, trying to fill the gaps in the team; or having to default games just as they are due to start: is not something our volunteer team managers should have to even think about. It also justifiably annoys the opposition teams who have paid their fees, got organized, turned up on time, and only then discover that there is no organised opposition to play against.

It's not reflecting well on our school and it certainly doesn't uphold our values. Please do what you can to help those who need it, to improve this circumstance - thanks!



Lost hoodies...

A young Room 4 lad has lost three new Waverley Park hoodies in the last month; sizes 8 & 10. They have been clearly labeled on the tag. His mum would desperately love for these to 'reappear' as they are expensive to replace. If you can check your child has picked up the correct hoodie that would be most appreciated - thank you.

**By the time my dad was my age he had eight cans of old screws, bent nails and bits of wire in the garage. I have none - I am failing at life.**

Kā kite, whanau,  
Kerry Hawkins & staff

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

**Date:** Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> September  
**Theme:** Haka Idols  
**Entry:** Free  
**Canteen:** Sausage Sizzle, lollies, drinks, glow toys to purchase  
**Years NE-3:** 5:30pm-6:30pm  
**Years 4-6:** 7pm-8:30pm

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### Tamariki need a teacher aide in every classroom

Fund a teacher aide in every class in Budget 2026.

### Value educators fairly and ensure their work is secure

Attract – and retain – the best people to educate our tamariki, by delivering fair pay and secure work to all educators – and restoring pay equity.

### Uphold te Tiriti o Waitangi in education

Protect te reo Māori as a taonga for our tamariki by reinstating funding for te reo Māori learning for education professionals.

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### Payment Options

Weekly or Monthly in advance  
 Direct debit (no fee) or credit/debit card (1.6% fee)  
 Missed payments? We'll try to help, but the service may pause after 3 days, disconnect after 14.

### Asking our Schools & community leaders to Spread the Word :

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Help gather documents (CSC + school enrolment proof)



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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 15<sup>th</sup> October, Wednesdays, from 10am – 12pm morning tea provided.

Contact: 03 211 8272 or email [pp@familyworkssld.nz](mailto:pp@familyworkssld.nz)  
027 223 1417



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## SPRING HOLIDAYS

SEPTEMBER / OCTOBER

### CHILD VS WILD (7-13)

A three day adventure quest

22nd September - 24th September Invercargill

29th September - 1st October 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

### A WILD DAY OUT (11-16)

A Wild and Game cooking experience

Friday October 3rd - 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!

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