Kia ora tatou

A week that looked a tad more winter than spring - especially in relation to illnesses. We have had to send home unwell kids every day this week; eight before lunch time on Thursday alone. There are 54 kids marked sick today. "Fun times"

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!



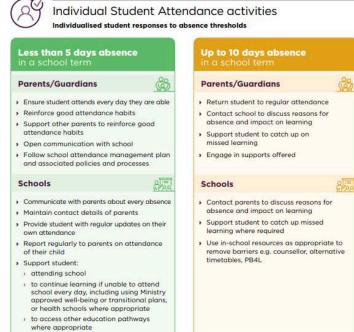
Here's what will happen...

This arrived from the Ministry of Education yesterday

The Stepped Attendance Response (STAR) sets expectations for school, student, parent/guardian, Ministry of Education and broader system responses to student absence.

From Term 1, 2026, schools will need to have regard for the STAR when developing their Attendance Management Plan. It is important schools use this direction to develop their own school specific response to attendance at the set absence thresholds.







Any questions?

The calendar...

September

- 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

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!

Messages for the government...

What we are asking:

As educators, whanau and community, we are calling on the Government to back our future. This means:

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.

26K signed already -



SIGN THE PETITION

please scan to join us.
(paper version available at the office)

I was today's years old when I realized that if you replace the 'W' in 'What,' 'When,' and 'Where' with a "T, you get the answer to each question.

Kā kite, whanau, 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

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FUNDAMENTAL

SLIDE STEP

WALK RUN

CRAB WALK HOP SKIP

LEAF

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

Skippina Hopping

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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

For more info contact Chris Knight-

chris.kniaht@athleticssouthland.co.nz or

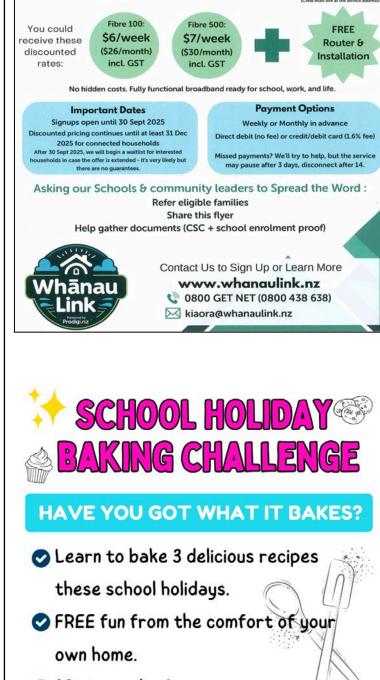
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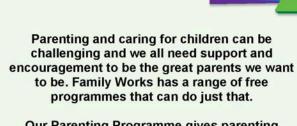
Our Parenting Programme gives parenting strategies and other useful information in a fun and positive way.

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





at Toot Sweets.

BUSH KIDS (7-16)

CHILD VS WILD (7-13)

A three day adventure quest

One day of bushcraft and survival skills

29th September - 1st October Invercargil

hursday September 25th - Gore Friday September 26th - Gore Monday September 29th - Invercargil

uesday September 30th - Invercargill

A WILD DAY OUT (11-16)

FOOTBALL

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

SPRING HOLIDAYS

SEPTEMBER / OCTOBER

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

Gareth and Katie Oliver at: CarethandKatie@trueinnature.com www.trueinnature.com Phone: 022638149





- \$200 worth of prizes to give away!
- Suitable for all ages and skill levels.





REGISTER NOW:

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