WARRINGTON SCHOOL

Te Kura o Ōkahau

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Term 4 Afterschool Care

Afterschool care is available Monday to Friday,
3 - 5 pm at $8.00 per child/per hour.
If your child/children use this service on a daily basis, please can you confirm the days of the week for Term 4.
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Office Hours are Mon - Fri 8.30am - 12.30pm

Term Dates 2026
Term 4 - 12 Oct - 16 Dec (½ day)

Please remember that If you have any queries or concerns, don't hesitate to come in and have a chat with myself or any member of the teaching staff.

Kia eke te ngaru – Ride the Wave

Whakaute - Respect, Takohaka - Responsibility, Aumakeataka - Resilience

He hono takata e kore e motu Ka pa he taura waka e motu Unlike a canoe rope, a human bond cannot be severed.

Tēna koutou katoa kā mihi te whānau o te Ōkahau.
Greetings to all families of Warrington

Welcome to Rafael, Leonel, Cherish, Hannah, Cora, Freddie, Freya, Charlie and their families to Warrington School.



This time of year is always very busy, with the teachers finishing off their end of year assessments and writing end of year reports. We are also currently going through the end of year reviews of the children's learning, the effectiveness of our teaching programmes and looking at what we have achieved as a school over the course of this year. We are beginning to look ahead to next year and how best we can continue to support, grow and extend all of our learners across all areas of the curriculum.



It's been all go!

There have been plenty of activities happening over the past few weeks with the tamarki involved in the Annual Warrington School Road Race, 3-Peaks Senior and Junior Cluster Athletics Events, Ukulele Jam, and Friday surfing sessions for our senior tamariki. Not to mention the opening of the school swimming pool.

These activities and experiences are what create the memories, a love of learning and a sense of belonging for our tamariki.

Being Sun Smart at Warrington School

All the tamariki are wearing their bright orange sunhats when they are outside during the school day. We always have lots of positive comments from members of the public when we are out and about, about how they look stunning they look with their orange t-shirts and matching sunhats - they really stand out!

End of Year Prize Giving / Performance Evening

We will be holding our end of year event at the Warrington Hall on Thursday the 10h of December, beginning at 6.30pm. It's always a fantastic night for all our children to show off their performance skills, recognize our tamariki who have excelled across different areas of school life. Please add to your diary, that school finishes for the year on Wednesday 16th of December, with the school day ending at 12.30pm. There will be no afterschool care on that final day of school.

School Docs - Warrington School's Policy and Procedure Review Portal

Members of the school community are invited to read and participate in the review process by following the following steps.

1. Visit the website https://warrington.schooldocs.co.nz/1893.htm
2. Enter the username (warrington) and password (okahau).
3. Follow the link to the relevant policy as listed.

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He waka eke noa – We are in this together!

















Rūma Tahi

Kia ora koutou,





Term four has shot out of the starting gate at an athletic pace. We have been swimming, surfing, running, shot-putting, discus-throwing, high jumping and long jumping. I commend the Room one tamariki for their respectful behaviour at the athletics event in Palmerston. I would also like to celebrate their warmth and support toward each other: watching Raef run alongside Oscar in support as he steamed toward the finish line in the 800m race was a special moment! All of the Room one tamariki have been welcoming toward our FOUR new students this term! Welcome Rafael, Leonel, Hannah and Cherish! It's fantastic to have you with us and getting to know you all has been a highlight of the term so far.

Hamish and Jimi learn about foraging food and managing the food waste of the Otago Polytech at the recent Envrioschools Hui in Dunedin.

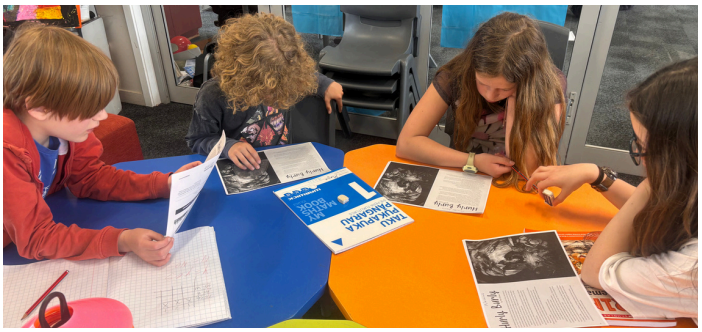
LITERACY



We have wrapped up our mahi on persuasive writing and speaking - thank you for all your kind feedback about the student's speeches at assembly, please find more awesome excerpts below...

This term we are working together as a class to create and perform an adaptation of Macbeth for our end of year performance... We have read a School Journal adaptation where John Macbeth is a prospective gold miner in Central Otago. We discussed how you can keep the plot of a story but change the time and place to help bring an old story alive. The tamariki are doing a fabulous job reimagining this epic tale for a young audience.

We are also learning about recount writing and using passion projects to practice recounting our thinking and decision making in our learning. We will be sharing our recounts with whanau to help strengthen this skill.

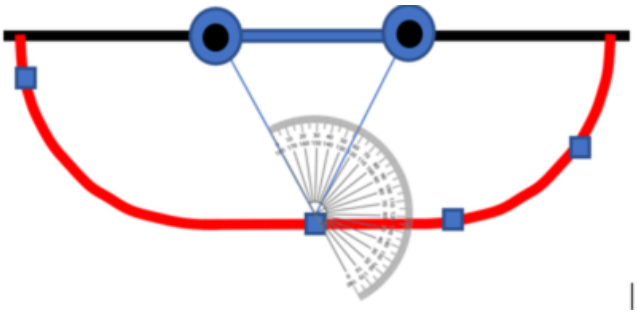


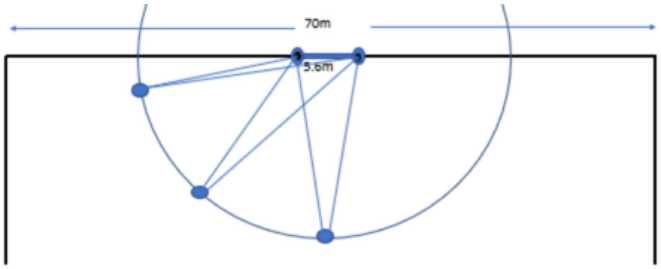
MATHS

In mathematics this term we have dipped back into angles, looking at different types of angles in real life situations - here students are marking different possible shots a football player could take from a 5 - 10m radius from goal. Which angle is the most difficult to score a goal from? Why?







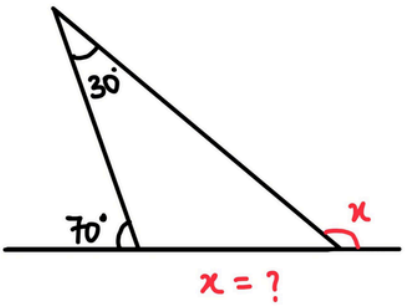


We looked at the angles inside a triangle and along a straight line, discovering how we can use mathematical rules to solve problems like the one below without needing a protractor.

To help you find out what the angle x equals, you will need two rules:

1. If you add together all the angles inside a triangle you will always get 180 degrees.
2. The angle of a straight line always equals 180 degrees.

Using these rules can you figure out the angle marked x?



We are now getting into 'Pathways' - reading and drawing up maps and using compass points to describe direction - our angles mahi is coming in handy!

PERSUASIVE WRITING

“Veganism” by Staal Summers

Today I am going to prove to you that veganism is fantastic! I deeply believe that you should become vegan. Becoming vegan straight away is hard; however, an easier, along with a good, start is to become pescatarian or vegetarian. Veganism is way better for your general health, the environment, plus the human population. Do you have a pet? Do you love your pet? I think of my cat and dog as other animals. In my mind, it is cruel to kill animals for meat, cruel to take calves away from their mum at a young age, and most importantly, I think it is cruel to eat meat!

Veganism is way better for your general health. This is because doctors recommend not eating any meat, considering that it increases your chance of skin and lung cancer. Pepperoni and pork are the worst for you.

Being a carnivore is extremely bad for the environment. Dairy farms have a huge impact on climate change all over the world, and the emissions going up into the sky make massive impacts on the rainforest and the North and South Poles. Dairy farms send emissions up into the sky that damage the barrier between the Earth and the sun, and that can create massive heat waves. Those heat waves make impacts on all of America, Africa, India, Asia, Russia and the North and South Poles. Did you know that the biggest heat wave impacted Asia so much that it made one of Asia's snake species go extinct?

Why do you eat meat? Do you like the taste? Even if meat were the yummiest food in the world, I still wouldn't eat it. Why is meat so great? Nuts, seeds and tofu replace all of the vitamins and minerals in meat and add lots more. Why do you eat meat?

My speech argues that veganism is beneficial and that veganism is better for general health, the environment and the ecosystems. I believe that eating animals is cruel and animals deserve a better life.



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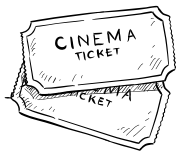

Excerpt from "Rialto vs. Redding Cinemas" by Raef Summers

Is Rialto better than Reading Cinemas? If so, why do people still use Reading when the two host the same movies? And why is Reading such a horrible place? What would the cinematic world in Dunedin be like if Reading or Rialto did not exist? You will not find any of the answers to these questions in this speech, but you will find a whole lot of Rialto vs Reading theories!

First, Rialto is like a really fancy 1980s museum, whilst Reading just looks like some old abandoned sewage system. In the movie rooms at Reading, people have poured coffee on the floor and there are bits of popcorn everywhere. The sound also sounds like the working voice box of a cow and, under the booth tables where you wait for your food at Reading, there is random people's chewed gum everywhere. At Rialto, on the other hand, there are clean bathrooms, the movie rooms have good speakers and everything is clean. Have you ever been somewhere and you noticed something that, even though it is tiny and does not affect anyone, you just cannot stop thinking about it? That is what it is like at Reading. If you have not been to Rialto before, then it is fine, but if you have been to Rialto before, then every little bit just starts to pile up.



Excerpt from "Pringles" by Hamish Kuzma

Have you at any time tasted a Pringle? Have you at any time tasted the taste of dehydrated Solanum tuberosum with sodium chloride, flavouring plus a whole lot of chemicals? Well, if you have, I can guarantee that you will have enjoyed them. However, did you know that Pringles are also healthy?

According to an independent panel of scientific research led by Professor Kamish Huzma, Pringles are a significant part of a balanced diet. If we do not have enough Pringles, we will miss out on vitamins P, R, I, N, G, L, and E as well as Pringlocins, Pringilites, Elgnirps, Pring Pringle Pringles, Prengles, Prangles, Prungles, Prongles, Pronglos, Prunglus, Pranglas, Pringlis, and Prengles.
There are over 100 to 200 distinct flavours of Pringles sold around the world, with databases made from fellow Pringle fans tracking somewhere from 225 to nearly 300 unique varieties and flavours ever produced. Because Pringles are always introducing special and limited edition flavours, and because some flavours are only distributed in certain regions, it is hard for fans of the beloved chips made from spuds to track the exact number of Pringle flavours across the 150+ countries that Pringles are sold in.

PERSUASIVE WRITING



Excerpt from "Greek Mythology vs. Roman Mythology" by Jimi Wing

Today, I am going to convince you that Greek mythology has a better collection of stories than the Romans, even though Roman mythology is more popular in books. The reasons that I believe that Greek mythology is better than Roman are that: 1, Greek mythology is older and more authentic; 2, the Romans stole Greek myths; 3, the Greeks used their mythology to explain things like why we have thunder and how this world was created, whereas the Romans only used mythology to control the population. Have you ever got a bit annoyed when someone, it might be a writer, gets something wrong about something you love? Well, I am a big fan of Greek mythology, but I get annoyed when someone misnames every single character I know in Greek and uses their Roman name, even though the book or podcast you are reading or listening to is about Greek myths (annoying, right?).

Also, most people don't even know any good Greek myths. Here is an example: the (very short version of) story of Scylla. Scylla is a sea monster with nine heads and a really sad backstory that would take ages to explain, so I'm not going to do the whole thing, but basically Scylla was turned into a hideous monster by the sorceress Circe (who also has a really sad backstory), then Scylla swam out to sea and disappeared into the ocean for some time until the mighty hero Odysseus and his crew tried to cross a narrow strait populated by her and the massive monster Charybdis, who was basically a giant mouth with some fins that sucked in the sea around it every day, creating a monstrous whirlpool before spitting it out again in a large waterspout that destroyed everything around it. However, Odysseus and his crew managed to survive, although Scylla ate or brutally ripped apart a few of Odysseus's men (talk about anger issues) before trying to crash their ship into Charybdis, who swallowed the boat whole along with Odysseus. Underwater, Odysseus felt Charybdis's maw trying to suck him in but clung on to the underwater roots of an olive tree for survival until Charybdis belched the remains of the ship, reads, "A tiny plank." Using the last of his energy, Odysseus flung himself onto the plank, fell unconscious and let himself be carried away.

If you're wondering what happened to Scylla, then this is what came next: a few months later, the god Hermes flew over, as he had heard that many people were dying of these creatures' wrath, and battled them. In the battle that commenced, Hermes slew Scylla, and Charybdis swam away into the deep, never to be seen again. See, that was a great story you've never heard, right?

Rūma Rua



Room Two have splashed into Term Four, literally! We have loved being able to learn and have fun each day in the pool. A big ngā mihi - thank you to all our amazing volunteers who make this a possibility.





We have loved the warmer weather and being out in our community garden. We have learned how to pot out seedlings so they grow big and strong.



The tamariki did a fantastic job at athletics this week and had a lot of fun trying all the different events. A lot of the tamariki loved the hurdle event.

Our focus currently has been learning about money. The tamariki have explored currencies from around the world, including Lana's amazing coin collection. It was fun comparing the different designs of coins and notes. We then put our money knowledge to the test and prepared a quiz for assembly.



Mihi atu,
Erin Chin

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KIA ORA FROM RUMA TORU

Ruma Toru has been exploring the art of Pablo Picasso. After studying the key features of his portraits, we designed our own using geometric shapes and crazy facial features. We completed our artworks using black vivid outline, crayon, and dye.



With Whaea Tess and an Enviroschools lens, we have been watching the germination process with bean seeds. Our daily observations have been exciting as we saw sprouts and roots come out. When they were ready, we planted them in small pots. We look forward to watching them continue to grow!

The road race was a lot of fun, especially dressing up. Everyone tried their best and showed a lot of resilience. Swimming is also underway, with a focus on building water confidence and developing early swimming skills. A huge thank you to the parents who have volunteered to help in the pool and with dressing!



Explorers Club had a mouse theme for the first session of the term. We read a story about brave mice, constructed colourful 3D mice, played a cat and mouse game, and made up actions to the poem "I Think Mice Are Rather Nice." It was a special start to the term having three of our Explorers graduate into school.
A big welcome to school Freya, Cora, and Freddie



Kā mihi nui
Jacqui Clark

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MORE FROM RUMA TORU









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DIG THIS

We have been working alongside the senior room and have sown seeds, planted out seedlings, weeded and had a good tidy up. The tomatoes are growing well in the glasshouse. We planted beans, potatoes, pumpkins, hollyhocks and petunias. Next Thursday we will make our much loved vege fritters to share amongst all the tamariki. We have a surplus of beetroot and cabbage seedlings which are free to a good home. They are in the grey bins below the court fence. Please help yourselves.If you have a spare hour here and there we would welcome some help with keeping the garden beds weeded. Please see Lyn or Lyne for more information.

A big thankyou to the Blueskin Garden Club for their donation of $50.00 to put towards garden projects.

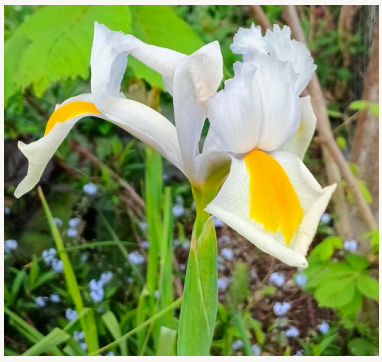
Thanks Lyn and Lyne

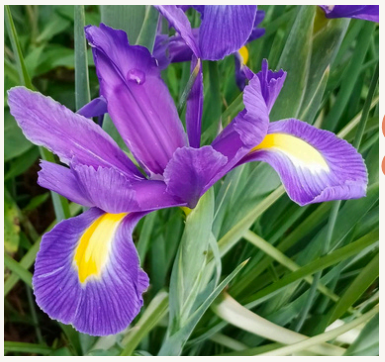












Warrington School Board Update



What does our Board do?

The school board is responsible for:
policies and procedures
planning for the future
complying with the law
managing budgets.



The board doesn't get involved in operational issues.

The principal is responsible for the day-to-day running of the school.

The board is Sam Jewell, Helen Trotter, Chris Brun, Stef Chittock, Tess Mackay, Jeff Burrow and Lana Morrison - Secretary.

What been happening:

We would like to acknowledge that Lucy Wing has stepped down from the Board after a couple of big years of fundraising and successfully appling for grants for the swimming pool upgrade. Without her dedication and hard work the swimming pool would not be what it is today.

A huge thank you Lucy!

Also, we would like to acknowledge that Jacqui Clark has resigned from her position as Junior Room Teacher. It is with saddness that we will see Jacqui go at the end of Term 4. She has made such a positive impact on our Kura in such a short time, we will miss her.

If you want to find out more the please do not hesitate to ask.







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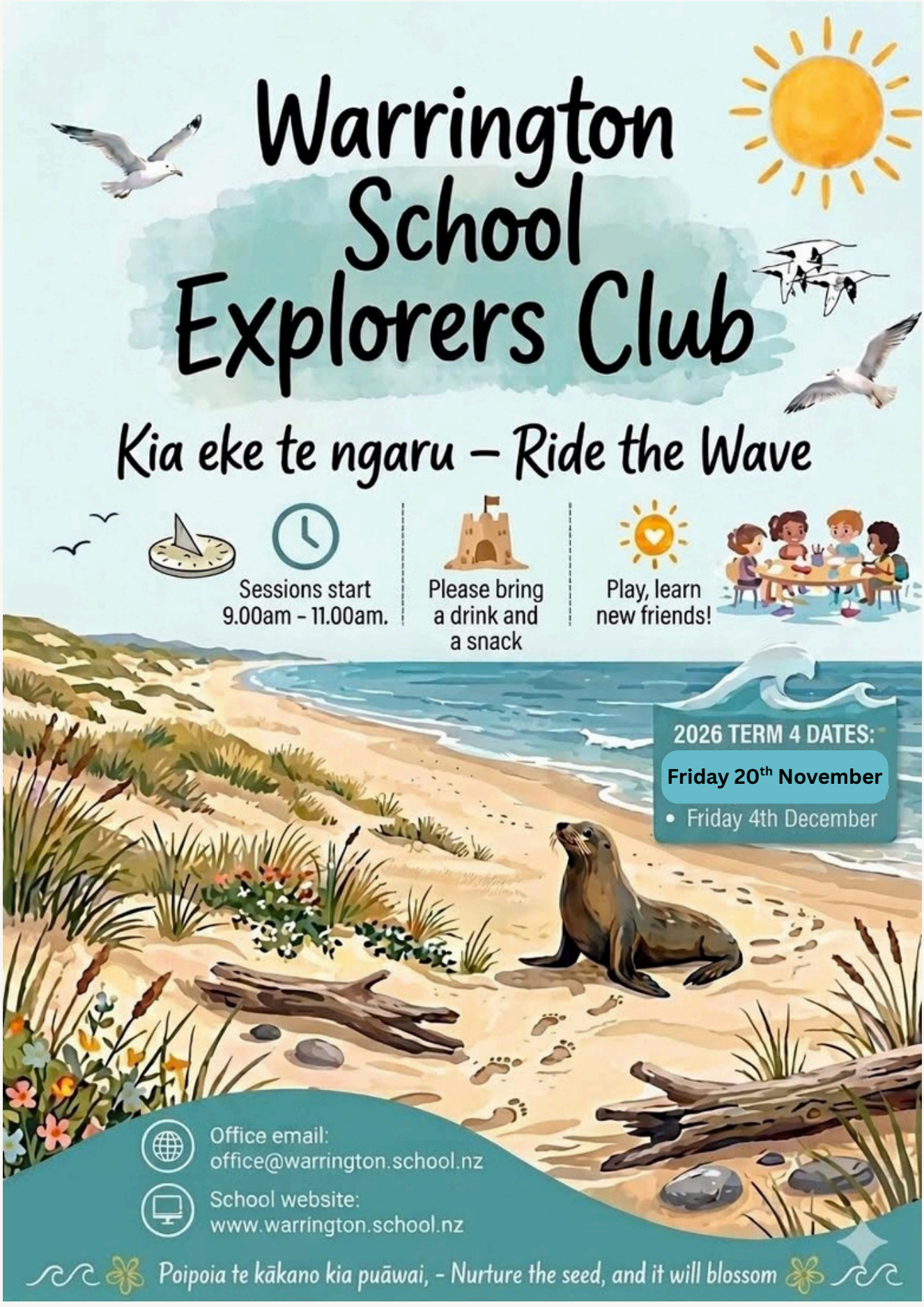

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