



# WARRINGTON SCHOOL

## Te Kura o Ōkahau

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 'Warrington School'

- Thursdays- Keyboard with Brenda
- Fridays - Music with Che

### March 2025

Thu 20 - Assembly  
 Fri 21 - School Pool Closing  
 Mon 24 - Otago Anniversary  
 Wed 26 - Library Car  
 Mon 31 - BOT Meeting

### April 2025

Tue 1 - Yr 7 Vision Screening  
 Fri 4 - HPV Vaccinations (Yr 8)  
 Fri 4 - Explorers Club  
 Fri 11 - Last Day Term 1

### Term Dates 2025

Term 1 - 3 Feb - 11 April  
 Term 2 - 28 April - 27 June  
 Term 3 - 14 July - 19 September  
 Term 4 - 7 Oct - 17 December

### School Closures

28 May - Half Day due to Maths Curriculum Training (School Closing at 12.30pm)  
 19 June - Teacher Only Day



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

**He waka eke noa**  
**A waka we are all on together**

## Message from the Principal

The term is continuing to gather momentum with lots of amazing learning happening in the classrooms, plenty of exploring, investigating, observing and creative play happening around the school. The tamariki have been loving swimming most days so far this term and it's been fantastic to see all our junior children growing in confidence with consistently being in the water each day. We have very active learners here at Warrington School.

### Parent Interviews – Thankyou

Thank you to everyone for supporting our parent/teacher interviews last week. Even though the teaching staff manage to catch up for a chat with most parents over the course of the school week, it's still extremely valuable to have some time to talk about your child's progress and achievement and be involved in the discussions around what their next learning steps look like. Please remember that if you do have any concerns over the course of the year, that we are always available to make time to discuss these with you.

**Year 7/8 Camp**

The Year 7/8 children enjoyed their expedition away to Glenorchy last week and were lucky enough to experience some very spectacular scenery, to go along with some amazing experiences and adventures in the outdoors. Camping out, jet boating, an overnight tramp on the Routeburn Track, were all part of the adventure activities, which the children excelled in. A big thank you to Catherine and Whaea Erin for their support during this trip.

**Swimming Pool**

A big thank you to the swimming pool team for all hard work over the term to keep the pool running so smoothly. To have the pool running for the last 6 weeks is a real credit to them. Next week will be the last week that the swimming pool will be open for the season.

**Warrington School - Schoolwide Achievement Data for 2024**

Below is a summary of Warrington School’s achievement data from the end of the 2024 school year. Please bear in mind that this is only one measure of how our children achieve. At Warrington School we place a particularly strong emphasis on developing all areas of well- being and achievement across all areas for all the curriculum for all of our learners, through the schools well-being approach.

	Working Towards	On Track	Exceeding
Reading	13%	59%	28%
Writing	12%	69%	19%
Mathematics	9%	72%	19%

Reading continues to be a strength consistently throughout the school with 87% of children working at or above their expected level, which is slight decrease from the 90% of children working at or above in 2023.

Mathematics has experienced a slight decrease throughout the school with 91% of children working at or above their expected level, which has decrease from 95% of children working at or above in 2023.

Writing has experienced a slight increase throughout the school with 87% of children working at or above their expected level, which has increase from 85% of children working at or above in 2023.

**School Accounts / Invoicing**

As I'm sure that you are aware, Warrington School does not ask for a school donation (school fees) and we try very hard to keep any extra costs for families to an absolute bare minimum.

At Warrington School we don't ask for contributions for the following:

- No school fees/donation
- No school uniform, including school sun hats (apart from school t-shirt)
- Children do not need to purchase their own digital devices for classroom use

We do however have an activity fee of \$140.00 per child which covers bus trips, entrance to venues, day trip expenses and swimming lessons for the year. This enables us as a school to get our children out and about and develop their learning in a wider context while exposing them to different activities and experiences. The activity fee does not cover camp fees or Yr 7&8 Technology fees. Invoices for the activity fee will be sent out before the end of the term.

Last year we received \$5773.00 for the activity fee and spent \$7210,96.

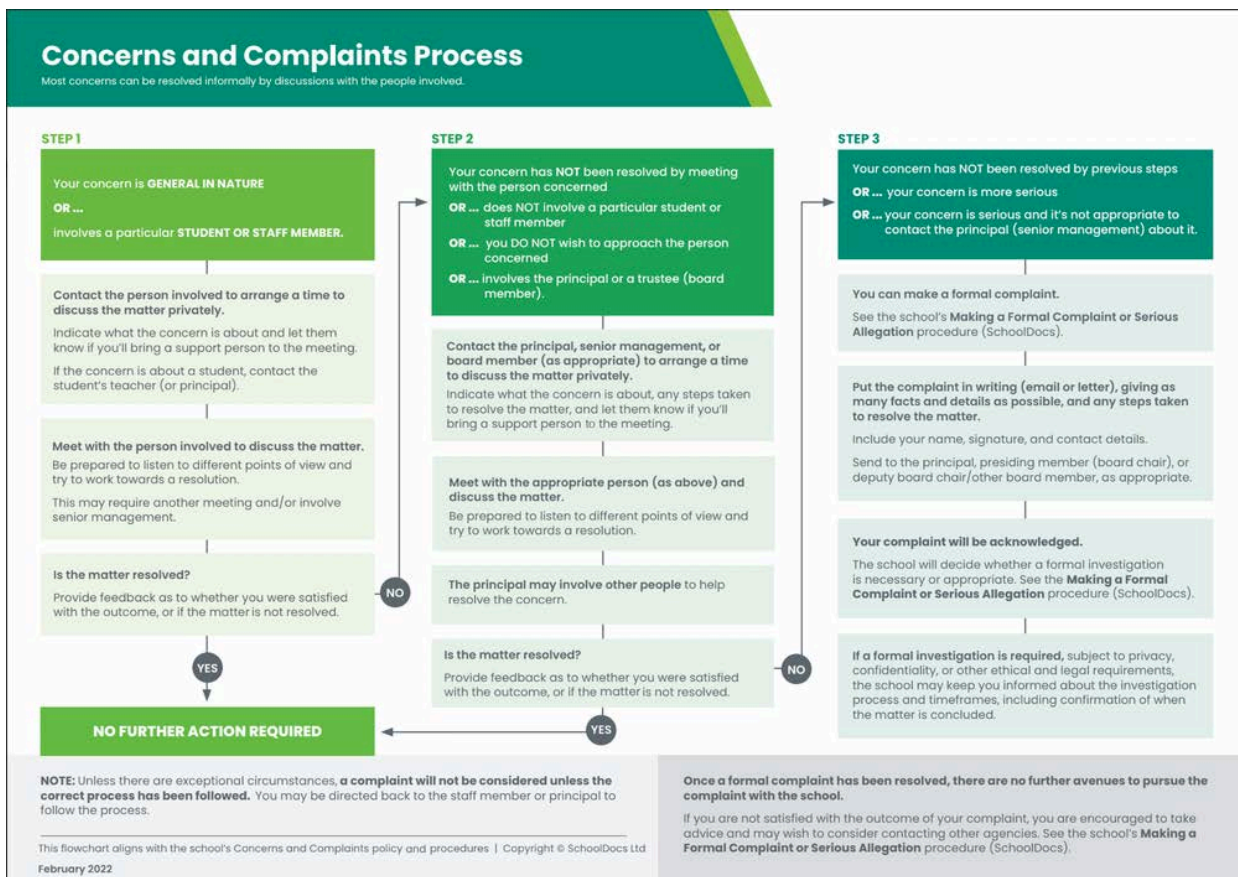
If you would like to set up regular payments to the school in order to spread the cost, please talk to Sam in the office.

**Concerns and Complaints Process**

Attached is a copy of Warrington School's Concerns and Complaints Process. The first port of call for any concern is to always get in touch with your child's teacher or myself.

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.

He waka eke noa – We are in this together!





# ROOM 1



Room One has just returned from an incredible senior camp in Glenorchy. The students showed determination and perseverance as they hiked up to the Falls Hut. On the way back from the Routeburn, they made meaningful connections to their learning about pounamu, even taking the opportunity to search for it in the riverbed. A highlight of the trip, as always, was the thrilling jet boat ride—a student favourite on every camp!

**“Camp was the best thing that ever happened to me” Jed**

**“The jet boat was very fun on camp” Eloise**



**“The jet boat was awesome” Molly**

**“At the hut we jumped in the water hole! We had a great time even though it was glacier water!” Lily T**

**“At the end of the Routeburn, we saw two native blue ducks and we all stopped and stared. Their names were Jeff and Terry ”  
Maia**



**“Swimming in the lake was so much fun, we stayed in for ages even though it was cold. We has the best time!” Kamahi**

**“I really enjoyed staying in the tent”  
Lily K**



# ROOM TWO

In Room 2, we've been diving deep into the wonderful world of water! Our learning has covered everything from the water cycle to the different states of matter-liquid, solid, and gas. Enjoy some of our many facts about water...



## WATER



- Did you know that water can be in three different forms? It can be a liquid (like when you drink it), a solid (like ice), or a gas (like steam from boiling water). **Sol**
- The Bermuda Triangle is an area in the North Atlantic Ocean where ships and planes have mysteriously disappeared. It is also known as the Devil's Triangle. Some people believe that people are abducted by aliens in the Bermuda Triangle, while others think a sea monster pulls them down to the bottom of the ocean. However, I think the most logical explanation is that there are simply a lot of crashes in the Bermuda Triangle. **Raef**
- The supposedly fake underwater city of Atlantis is located under the Atlantic Ocean but no one knows where and why it was built. Personally I think that there is a medium low level of the probability of Atlantis being real. **Jimi**
- Tides are influenced by the moon. The moon controls the tides, and when the moon is facing one side of the Earth, that side and the opposite side will experience high tide. **Maya**
- The difference between an ocean and a sea is that seas are part of the ocean, and seas are smaller than oceans. For example, the Coral Sea is part of the Pacific Ocean. **Kora**
- Water can be used for many different things. It can be used to make power and without water every living thing would die, and they would die in pain. **Billy**
- The sea is smaller, and the ocean is bigger. The sea is also less salty, and it is smaller than the ocean. **Navarah**
- Centrifugal force is what happens when you fill a glass with water and spin it around quickly. None of the water comes out because of centrifugal force, but when you spin the glass slowly, the water will come out because there is not enough centrifugal force to hold it in. **Staal**
- The Arctic Ocean is the smallest ocean in the world. It is also the coldest and the least salty. The Arctic Ocean is located at the top of the world. **Niah**
- If an animal digs a hole in a straight river, the water will eventually fill it in, and the ground around it will break down, causing a curve. The current will go around the curve, and the area that is no longer being touched by the current will fill up with sediment. Then, because of the bend, the current will hit the side of the river, and, as previously stated, this process will repeat, causing the river to bend and bend indefinitely. **Hamish**
- The Bermuda Triangle, also known as the Devil's Triangle, is a mysterious place where many ships and planes have mysteriously disappeared from radar. Many pilots have reported being in a thick fog, and their instruments going haywire. **Beatrix**
- Did you know that water can be a liquid, solid, and gas, like steam? Did you know that the moon causes the tides? Oceans are bigger than seas. Did you know that if you connect a sea and a river, it creates a very strong current? **William**
- How do polar bears survive in the Arctic? Unfortunately, it is difficult for polar bears because the Arctic ice breaks up in the summer and spring and refreezes again in the winter and autumn. This causes animals, such as penguins and others, to swim throughout the summer and spring. However, they still have a chance when winter and autumn arrive. **Mabel**
- Have you ever wondered how the tide works? Well, that's what we're learning today. Tides are influenced by the moon. The moon's gravitational pull affects the Earth. On the sides of the Earth, it creates a high tide, but at the top and bottom, it causes a low tide. So, that's how the tide works. **Emily**

# Room 3

## Tēnā koutou kātoa! (Hello everyone!)

This term, we've been focusing on teamwork and the importance of helping one another. Our class has shown incredible effort in working together, whether it's in group activities, or supporting each other in the classroom. To guide us in our learning and remind us of the power of collaboration, we've been inspired by the following whakataukī:

**"Mā te huruhuru, ka rere te manu."  
"With feathers, the bird will fly."**

This whakataukī teaches us that just as a bird needs feathers to fly, we need each other to succeed. When we work together and support one another, we can achieve great things. Our friendships and teamwork give us the strength to reach new heights!

### Classroom Highlights:

- **Structured Literacy:** We have been having lots of fun with our Structured Literacy lessons! From learning new letter sounds to building words and sentences, the children have been engaging in a variety of hands-on activities to develop their reading and writing skills. It's been wonderful to see everyone making progress and working together to help each other.
- **Maths Fun:** We've been learning about addition and subtraction, and our teamwork activities have helped us solve problems together.
- **Reading Time:** Reading buddies have been working together to improve our reading skills. It's been great seeing our classmates help each other!
- **Swimming:** The tamariki have enjoyed swimming most afternoons, and each student has made personal milestones in their swimming journey. It's been wonderful to see the growth in their confidence and skills in the water. They've been working hard and celebrating their achievements together.

Thank you for your continued support and for helping to make our learning journey so special. We're excited to see what the rest of the term will bring!

**Explorers Club:** We can't wait to host our next session for 4 year olds on Friday 14th of March at 9.00am. The following session will be on Friday 4th of April.

Kā mihi nui

**Whaea Wendy**



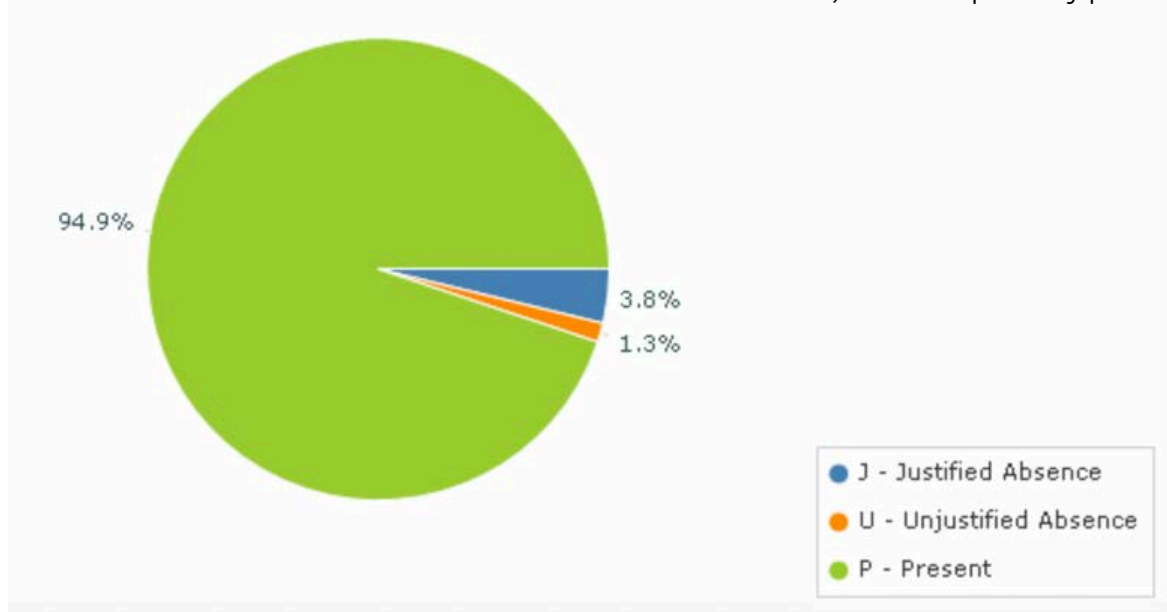
### School Docs - Warrington School's Policy and Procedure Review Portal

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

1. Visit the [website](#)
2. Enter the username (warrington) and password (okahau).
3. Follow the link to the relevant policy as listed.

### Attendance

Our attendance this year has been great with a 94.9% present rate. This has included 5 days of 100% attendance. You are now able to advise us of absences via the website, Skool Loop and by phone/text.





## General Information



**EXPLORING SLEEP, COGNITIVE ENGAGEMENT,  
AND CHILD FUNCTIONING**



**We are recruiting children aged 6 to 10 years who often daydream, are inattentive, sleepy, and/or hyperactive, as well as children who do not display these behaviours to take part in our study at the University of Otago.**

You will be required to complete a brief log about your child's sleep for one week and attend a one-off 3-4 hour visit at the University with your child.

Parents/caregivers will receive \$40 and children will receive \$20 as a thank you for your participation.

**There is free parking and weekend and school holiday sessions available!**

INTERESTED?  
 Email: selfregulationresearchcentre@gmail.com  
 Phone: 021 279 0549

**ETHICS REFERENCE NUMBER: 22/116**







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- ✓ Coaching available



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**24 Tainui Road**  
Behind the Indoor Bowls Stadium



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## Give Your Teeth A Rest

**Snack All Day, Get Tooth Decay!**



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3 x   
 as 1 snack  
 = 30 minutes of possible  
 tooth decay





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1 x   
 as 3 separate snacks  
 = 90 minutes of possible  
 tooth decay



HOW OFTEN we eat is as important as  
WHAT we eat to keep our teeth healthy

The more times we eat each day = more chance for holes in our teeth

**Health New Zealand**  
Te Whatu Ora

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# 2025 School Update

## Dunedin Area

Kia ora koutou! Wishing everyone a smooth start to Term One and the school year!  
The Community Oral Health Service provides free dental care until age 18 and our team is here to support your school community - below are some key updates for the year ahead.



### Local Community Clinics:

- South Dunedin - 225 Macandrew Rd; Ph: 455 9279
- Mosgiel - 19 Green St; Ph: 489 3480

### Mobile Dental Units:



- Wakari Hospital - 369 Taieri Rd; Ph: 027 284 9914  
\*From 6 January - 19 December
- Middlemarch - 33 Swansea St; Ph: 027 284 9751  
\*From 31 March - 11 April
- Abbotsford - 72 North Taieri Rd; Ph: 027 284 9754  
\*From 7 July - 7 November
- Port Chalmers - 30A Albertson Ave; Ph: 027 284 9954  
\*From 11 August - 10 October



Keep an eye out for the two handy oral health tips we'll send out each term, for your school to share via newsletters or social media



\*Dates subject to change  
For appointments outside these dates please call

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