



WARRINGTON SCHOOL

Te Kura o Ōkahau

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 'Warrington School'

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

February 2025

Tue 11 - Parent Information Evening
 Thu 20 - Assembly
 Fri 21 - Explorers Club
 Mon 24 - BOT Meeting

March 2025

Tue 4 - Fri 7 - Yr 7&8 Camp
 Thu 13 - Cycle Skills Yr 6&7
 Thu 20 - Assembly
 Mon 24 - Otago Anniversary
 Mon 31 - BOT Meeting

April 2025

Fri 4 - HPV Vaccinations (Yr 8)
 Fri 11 - Last Day Term 1

Term Dates 2025

Term 1 - 3 Feb - 11 April
 Term 2 - 28 April - 27 June
 Term 3 - 24 July - 19 September
 Term 4 - 7 Oct - 17 December

Please note that the Teacher Only Days that were in the newsletter last year (21 March, 30 May) are no longer happening on these dates. We will advise of the new dates once these are set.



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

Kā mihi o te tau hou – Happy New Year!

A very warm welcome Grace and her family to Warrington School!



It's exciting to be back at school after such a long summer break, seeing all of the happy, smiling faces of the children as they settle back into school life. The tamariki have had great fun over the past couple of days catching up with each other and enjoying sampling all of the wonderful plums and apples that are beginning to ripen on our fruit trees. The holidays are a special time for families, and we hope that you've all had a chance to relax and enjoy the summer together. We hope that your child slips quickly back into the routines of school seamlessly. A stress free start to a child's day can help a huge amount with their learning. Please make sure that your child is getting PLENTY OF SLEEP and is taking responsibility for getting themselves organised for their school day.

School Attendance

From the beginning of this year the every school in NZ is required to report daily attendance and associated absences to the Ministry of Education. There is a nation wide focus on making sure that unless tamariki are sick, they need to be at school. Please refer to the absence graphic later in this newsletter as to how all schools code student absences. The Government's target is for 80% of students to attend school regularly 90% of the time. As of at the end of last term Warrington Schools overall attendance was sitting at 72% of children attending regularly.

Parent Information Evening – Tuesday 11 th February

On Tuesday evening we'll be holding a met the teacher/ parent information evening for parents to come and listen to their child/ children's classroom teachers discuss the year ahead, set out expectations on what different areas of the curriculum look like with their classroom programme. It's also an excellent chance for parents to ask any questions that they may have about the implementation of the new English and Mathematics curriculums, including structured literacy and the new PR1ME mathematics resources.

We will be holding 2 sessions on Tuesday evening to enable parents to hear from each of their child's teachers. Both sessions will cover exactly the same content, so all you have to do is choose which classrooms presentation that you wish to attend, and in which order to attend them. (If you have more than one child)

Session 1: 6.00pm – 6.20pm Session 2: 6.30pm – 6.50pm

School Communication

All school communication, absentee forms, school newsletters, and permission slips for trips are done through the Skool Loop App. If you don't have the App downloaded, please download it to keep up with the very busy schedule at Warrington School! If you need any assistance doing this, please get in contact with Sam in the office.

Swimming Pool

A big thank you to swimming pool team for the getting the swimming pool up and running for the beginning of the school year. It's been awesome seeing nearly all our tamariki swimming each day this week. It is a special part of being at Warrington School to have this facility, when other school swimming pools around the country have been disestablished. We value everyone efforts to make this a focal point for our school community.



Walking /Biking to School - Parking /Traffic

A big thank you to everyone for their diligence at the end of the school day, when the children cross Ferguson Street directly in front of the school gate. We'll be continuing to use this area as the only point that the children can cross the road, which will be marked with the 2 large cones (as it was last term) Please be aware of where you are parking, especially on the opposite side of the road from the school gate so that the children can travel safely in either direction once they have crossed the road without being impeded/ blocked by parked cars.

Office Hours

A reminder for the start of the year that Sam's hours in the office this year are from **8.30am to 12.30pm each day**. If you call after this time with any queries etc please don't expect a prompt response until the following morning. In the event of an emergency, please contact myself (contact details can be found on Skool Loop under Contacts).

The best time to come and have a chat with me during the week is usually on a Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday when I'm in the office juggling paperwork, otherwise I'm generally in the classroom teaching if you need to find me.

Afterschool Care

With the start of the new school year, we are continuing to offer afterschool care at Warrington School. We are very lucky to have Mireka continue to provide excellent afterschool care with plenty of interesting and creative activities. The cost remains the same as last year at \$8 per hour/per child. **All bookings need be made with Sam at school at the latest by 12.00pm the day that the service is needed (or in advance)**. Please be aware that we have a limit of 8 children per session, and that all children attending need to provide their own afternoon tea.

Itinerant Music Lessons

This year we are lucky enough to continue to have Brenda and Che teaching music for those children interested in developing their musical talents. Please contact Sam for more information, or to register your child for these private lessons. Invoices for music sessions are sent out by each provider at the end of each term.

Che's ukulele and guitar lessons have begun today, while Brenda's keyboard lessons begin next Thursday 13 th February.

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.

We are really looking forward to working with you for the upcoming school year.

If you have any questions, queries or concerns please don't hesitate to come in and have a chat with myself or any member of the teaching staff. We are here to help!

HOW DOES ATTENDANCE WORK IN SCHOOLS?

Attendance is taken twice in a school day, once in the morning and once in the afternoon. Attendance Reports are sent to the M.O.E daily.

Each child is given an attendance code for each half day ([Click for link](#)). If they are at school they are marked as Present. If students are late (between 9 - 9.15am) they are considered present, but the lateness is recorded. Later than this is recorded as a unjustified absence for the morning period.

If they are not at school, there are a range of codes that can be applied. Absentee codes can either be Justified or Unjustified absences.

Justified absences include illness, appointments, bereavement, visiting sick relatives, and unplanned absences such as accidents, breakdowns and extreme weather events.

Unjustified absences include holidays during term time, visiting friends and relatives, school refusal and when the reason is unknown (this is marked as Truancy).

If a child has more than five unjustified absence days within a term, the school may action an intervention plan which is recorded. This may include referrals to external agencies.

Want to know more? Check out this article from Kiwi Families : [School Attendance in NZ](#)

DIG THIS!

A big thankyou to all the families who gave their time over the holidays to keep the school gardens and glasshouse watered. Without your help the garden would have wilted and died. We have a great crop of tomatoes coming on, also corgettes, berries, beans, carrots, pumpkins, corn and lots of greens. Here's to another year of "Dig This" - gardening and cooking with the children.

Thanks again,
Lyn and Lyne



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SCHOOL HOURS

Please note that school opens at **8.30am** in the mornings. Before this time we cannot guarantee that the buildings are open or that children are supervised.

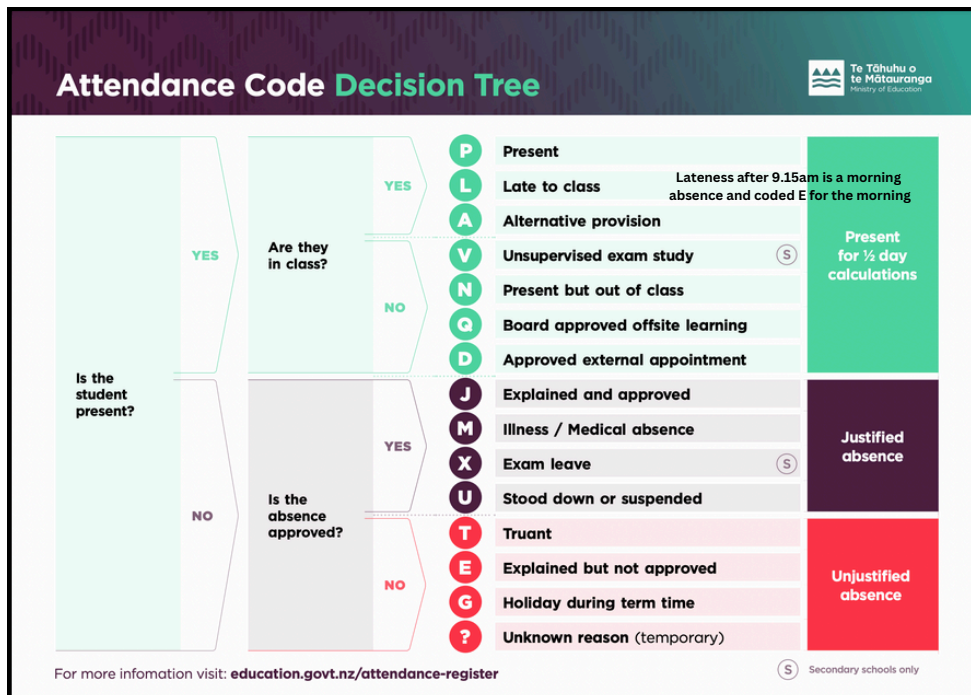
Please also note that all tamariki, except those in Afterschool Care, need to be picked up by **3.10pm**. If they are to be picked up later than this for any reason please let the school know. Any children not picked up by this time without notice will be placed in Afterschool Care and parents will be charged accordingly.

The office is open 8.30am - 12.30pm each weekday. Texts and calls outside of these hours may not be actioned until the following day.



8.30am - 3.10pm

**Office
8.30am - 12.30pm**



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Does your child love to sing?

Learn to sing in parts, develop your singing abilities and have FUN! Led by Natasha Manowitz, Susan Frame and Helen Rutherford.

Held on Wednesdays in Wakari
Juniors (all 7-10 year olds): 3.50 - 4.50
Seniors (11-15 year olds, girls/treble): 5 - 6.30
\$160 per year/\$40 per term

To enrol or register for a FREE trial session:
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Enrolments close Feb 14th. Term 1 begins Feb 19th.



Want to give it a go first?

**FREE 'Have a Go'
sessions on
February 19th & 26th!**



OTAGO FUTSAL ACADEMY

February 24 to March 31
Mondays

- 5:45-6:45pm: 8-10Yrs
- 6:45-7:45pm: 11-13Yrs
- 7:45-8:45pm: 14-16yrs

Venue

- Edgar Centre

Price

- \$23 per session/ \$138 for the six week block

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