

Monday 8th April - Week 11 - Term 1

Mon 08th April	Year 3&4 Dunedin Camp - Mon 08th - Weds 10th			
Thurs 11th April	Whole School Assembly - 10:30-10:50am			
Fri 12th April	Duffy Books Role Model Assembly - Nathan Gray (writer) - 9:30am			
Fri 12th April	Last Day of Term 1			
Thurs 25th April	ANZAC Day Service - RSA - 10am - WAS students attending please in Uniform			
Mon 29th April	 Term Two starts REAP - Drive My Life - Learner Drive Training for the next four Mondays 			

Kia ora koutou WAS whanau,

Thank you for all your support during this term. On reflection, it has been a challenging and rewarding term. I'll focus on the rewarding part where the majority of our students are turning up to WAS on time, in the correct uniform, with positive willing-to-learn attitudes and a pleasant 'we're in this together' mindset. We all know that life is tough with many barriers and challenges presented in our lives! What we do know at WAS is that we work together, in partnership, to get through anything in front of us. Thanks again to 95% of our WAS tamariki and rangatahi who are making positive choices in the best interests of their own learning and development. As a BOT and Staff, we will continue to look at ways of ensuring your education is not interrupted by those few students who frankly aren't currently classroom worthy.

We welcome Ms Jodi Garrett back to WAS for Term 2-4. Jodi will be teaching in the Year 7-10 area. She'll be involved in team teaching, splitting class sizes for smaller sized group work and taking extension groups. Miss Garrett is very skilled and WAS is very fortunate having her back onboard for the remainder of 2024.

Next term, WAS will be all guns blazing for the first 3-4 weeks with the Area Schools tournament. Thanks in advance for supporting where you can. We have a large number of keen students who have been working hard in class and making good choices who will represent WAS very well. We make no apologies if certain students are not welcome to join the festivities through the three day tournament and celebrations afterwards. Practices will be in full swing once the term starts and no doubt our students will be excited about the upcoming events.

Congrats to Michael & Rachael Baldwin and McKenzie Tilby for attending the Western Swimming competition. Michael picked up 2 wins and McKenzie gained 3rd in her two events.



All the very best to our Year 3&4 students who are heading off to Dunedin for three days. Some very excited faces, It sounds like an action packed camp.



Our whole school assembly is on Friday starting at 10:30am in the school hall. This is an opportunity for us to hand out certificates and acknowledge our wonderful student successes.

THETA (Theatre in Health Education Trust) will be giving a theatrical presentation and then a follow up workshop to all **Year 9-13 Students**. This presentation is entitled 'Sexwise' and is free of charge for our students, as it is supported by the Ministry of Health. The goal of this programme is to challenge and motivate youth to discuss, process and evaluate behaviours that affect their health and that of others, with reference to current accurate information. A notice has been sent home with your child. You can find more information at the link below. https://sexwise.nz/

Please look after yourselves over the two week holiday period. This can be an excellent chance for students and staff to recharge the batteries, reflect on Term 1, set some goals for Term 2 and be ready to hit May with some positive energy and attitude by having the willingness to do the best you possibly can. Stay safe.

Have a lovely week, Mr PB.



