



Monday 18th March - Week 8 - Term 1

Sun 24th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Southland Primary Athletics - Surrey Park Invers
Thurs 28th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Primary Western Swimming - Riverton
Fri 29th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Good Friday - school closed for Easter - back Weds
Weds 03rd April	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Back to WAS after the Easter break• WAS PTA meeting - staffroom - 3:15pm
Mon 08th April	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Year 3&4 Dunedin Camp - Mon 08th - Weds 10th
Fri 12th April	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Last Day of Term 1
Thurs 25th April	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• ANZAC Day Service - RSA - 10am - WAS students attending please in Uniform
Mon 29th April	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Term Two starts• REAP - Drive My Life - Learner Drive Training for the next four Mondays



Kia ora koutou WAS whanau, WAS has started its planning for the upcoming **Southern Area Schools tournament**. A gentle reminder that WAS is hosting it this year from 15-17th May. This means it'll be all hands on deck helping out. Please make contact with the office / school if you're able to help in any way thanks. This means billeting students, serving food, transporting, refereeing, record keeping and the list goes on. Again, your support and partnership with WAS is very much appreciated.

Senior Southland Athletics - Congratulations to Hannah Davis and Candice Kelly for representing Waiau Area School at the Southland Secondary School Athletics at Stadium Southland last

weekend. Candice competed in an impressive four events: U15 Girls 100m, 200m, High Jump and Long Jump and she should be incredibly proud of being in the top handful of students in Southland. Hannah also performed to a high level, finishing in first place in the U16 Girls Discus throw! Hannah now qualifies to the South Island Secondary Schools Athletics Championship and will be travelling to Timaru in April to represent WAS at this next stage. Hannah had some expert coaching from Active Southland's Mark Tree today to fine tune her technique and we look forward to hearing how she gets on at the SISS Athletics.

Western Primary Athletics top three results: Congrats to all our students, staff and caregivers who were involved on the day. I hear it was a success! Results as follows: Michael Baldwin - 3rd in

the 60m (10.59s) and 100m (17.92s), Kora Neary 1st in the 60m (10.27s), 2nd in the 100m (17.01s), Crystal Kennedy 2nd in the 60m (10.28s), 1st in the 100m (17.00s), Mitchell Hammond 3rd in the High Jump (1.03m), Evangelene Smith 2nd in the High Jump (1.09m), Sophie Lima 2nd in the Shot Put (5.97m), Cairo Fluerty 1st in the High Jump with a record breaking 1.21m, and 2nd in the Shot Put with a throw of 6.81m, Brooke Vanderpyl 2nd in the 100m (15.67s), 2nd in the 200m (35.87s) and 2nd in the 800m. Viduni De Silva 3rd in the High Jump (1.10m), Harry Muldrew third equal in the High Jump (1.20m), and Annaleigh Watson 3rd in the 100m (15.74).

Congrats and all the very best to these students who will be representing Western at Southland Primary Athletics:

Sophie Lima - Shot Putt, Cairo Fluerty - High Jump and Shot Put, Crystal Kennedy - 60m, 100m and relay, Kora Neary - 60m, 100m and relay, Evangelene Smith - High Jump, Brooke Vanderpyl - 100m, 200m, 800m and relay, Annaleigh Watson - relay.



You should have been given the Southland Athletics programme by now! You will receive a Western Top in the grandstand when you arrive - you'll see the Western banner! The Western manager will hand you a top and you'll hand it back at the end of your final event. All the very best for this coming Sunday.



Student behaviour: There has been an improvement in the Year 7-10 students behaviour of late. However, there is more room for improvement. WAS has amazing students who are achieving very well and who are respectful. Alternatively, to be upfront with you, there are a handful of students, sprinkled across the school in Years 4-10, who are demonstrating poor behaviour (perhaps learnt behaviour from home?) and manners. These students blatantly swear, can be derogatory towards their peers, come to school not prepared, tired, in the incorrect uniform and at times defiant. This all causes unnecessary disruption as you can imagine! The WAS BOT has made it very clear, especially of late, that they will not tolerate any consistent poor behaviour which compromises WAS' positive environment and school values. As management and staff, we do everything within our capabilities to support all our students and we're very tolerant! We're also mindful and understanding towards certain individuals who basically aren't fully supported from home and have several barriers to overcome. Sometimes this comes across as favouring the vulnerable or being inconsistent on rules and treatment. We get it! We're also very aware that the majority of our students are willing to learn and can demonstrate good manners. We thank you; as parents, caregivers and grandparents for teaching and modelling correct behaviour and self respect here. Rest assured, WAS will keep striving to teach all WAS students to the best of our abilities. Those who continue to derail WAS' values will be stood down for defiance and disruption. This is WAS' line in the sand - there are no surprises here and we make no apologies.

Governments message around budget cuts for Schools - You may have heard in the media of late around the governments plans on cutting/reducing funding on several schooling initiatives. It sounds like it's going to happen. However, there have been no hard and fast rules made yet! There has been talk around free lunches in schools not going to be funded or reduced funding. There is no need to panic now as some of the funding implications may not affect WAS. If it does, we'll work together, in partnership, to overcome any barriers for our students.

Repeated message just in case you've missed it: As you know the **'Phones away for the day'** directive is mandated for all schools for the start of Term 2. WAS is no exception. This means that no WAS students will be allowed their phones out at school. This could mean your child could bring their phone to school and have them off in their bag. This is at their own risk. We are also looking at having a system where a student can hand their phone in to Charmaine at the office, it's safely stored and collected at the end of the day. To ensure we're all on the same page; I will send out a 'Phones away for the day' school policy via email to you all. In the meantime, if you have any suggestions or queries - please email me at principal@was.school.nz or send me a text 0224759607. Furthermore, we will continue seeking student feedback on possible consequences for non-compliance. I'd imagine nothing will change in terms of our usual discipline procedures. WAS is very fortunate that we have whanau onboard where we're working together in the best interests of our tamariki and rangatahi. Subsequently, The BOT and I will review this policy and be in agreement to what exemptions and/or special circumstances will be accepted or not at WAS. Thanks in advance for your ongoing partnership.

Western Primary School Swimming Competition in Riverton - If your child would like to compete in this upcoming event then please let Mr PB know directly thanks. It is the usual four swimming events for all primary aged students. A copy of the programme has been given to the classroom teachers and at the office for students who are interested. It will be expected for families to arrange their own transport and supervision on the day. If there is a larger number then I'll look at putting on a van and, if available, someone on staff will attend. Thanks.

Have a lovely week, Mr PB.

<div>  <div> Free Lunches in Schools Menu Term 1 </div>  </div>					
Weeks	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3, 5, 7, 9, 11	Mexican-style Tacos	Chicken Nuggets and salad	Sweet n' Sour Meatballs and Rice	Chicken Sandwich	Pizza
4, 6, 8, 10	Butter Chicken	Savoury Mince and Mashed Potato	Bento Bowl	Teriyaki Beef Pockets	Chicken Salad
Fresh Fruit daily, Muffins and/or Biscuits twice weekly Snacks: veggie sticks, hummus, yoghurt					



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Winton Football Club

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Concerns and Complaints Process

Most concerns can be resolved informally by discussions with the people involved.

STEP 1

Your concern is **GENERAL IN NATURE**

OR ...
Involves a particular **STUDENT OR STAFF MEMBER**.

Contact the person involved to arrange a time to discuss the matter privately.
Indicate what the concern is about and let them know if you'll bring a support person to the meeting.
If the concern is about a student, contact the student's teacher (or principal).

Meet with the person involved to discuss the matter.
Be prepared to listen to different points of view and try to work towards a resolution.
This may require another meeting and/or involve senior management.

Is the matter resolved?
Provide feedback as to whether you were satisfied with the outcome, or if the matter is not resolved.

YES

NO FURTHER ACTION REQUIRED

STEP 2

Your concern has **NOT** been resolved by meeting with the person concerned

OR ... does **NOT** involve a particular student or staff member
OR ... you **DO NOT** wish to approach the person concerned
OR ... involves the principal or a trustee (board member).

Contact the principal, senior management, or board member (as appropriate) to arrange a time to discuss the matter privately.
Indicate what the concern is about, any steps taken to resolve the matter, and let them know if you'll bring a support person to the meeting.

Meet with the appropriate person (as above) and discuss the matter.
Be prepared to listen to different points of view and try to work towards a resolution.

The principal may involve other people to help resolve the concern.

Is the matter resolved?
Provide feedback as to whether you were satisfied with the outcome, or if the matter is not resolved.

YES

STEP 3

Your concern has **NOT** been resolved by previous steps
OR ... your concern is more serious
OR ... your concern is serious and it's not appropriate to contact the principal (senior management) about it.

You can make a formal complaint.
See the school's **Making a Formal Complaint or Serious Allegation** procedure (SchoolDocs).

Put the complaint in writing (email or letter), giving as many facts and details as possible, and any steps taken to resolve the matter.
Include your name, signature, and contact details.
Send to the principal, presiding member (board chair), or deputy board chair/other board member, as appropriate.

Your complaint will be acknowledged.
The school will decide whether a formal investigation is necessary or appropriate. See the **Making a Formal Complaint or Serious Allegation** procedure (SchoolDocs).

If a formal investigation is required, subject to privacy, confidentiality, or other ethical and legal requirements, the school may keep you informed about the investigation process and timeframes, including confirmation of when the matter is concluded.

NOTE: Unless there are exceptional circumstances, a complaint will not be considered unless the correct process has been followed. You may be directed back to the staff member or principal to follow the process.

This flowchart aligns with the school's Concerns and Complaints policy and procedures | Copyright © SchoolDocs Ltd
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Once a formal complaint has been resolved, there are no further avenues to pursue the complaint with the school.

If you are not satisfied with the outcome of your complaint, you are encouraged to take advice and may wish to consider contacting other agencies. See the school's **Making a Formal Complaint or Serious Allegation** procedure (SchoolDocs).

