



**Monday 26th May - Week 5 - Term 2**

Mon 26th - Wed 28th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 8 - Year 10 Camp - Te Anau</li> </ul>
Mon 02nd June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>King's Birthday - Public Holiday - NO school</li> </ul>
Wed 04th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Whole School Photos</li> </ul>
Thurs 05th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Western Primary Schools' Cross Country Otautau (Southland is 13/6)</li> </ul>
Fri 06th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lion's Haydrive - Crack Corp - some senior students may attend - TBC</li> </ul>
Thurs 19th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Healthy Active Learning - WAS whanau hui = 1-2pm</li> </ul>
Fri 20th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Matariki - Public Holiday - NO school</li> </ul>
Fri 27th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Last Day of Term 2</li> </ul>
Mon 14th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Term 3 starts (Fri 19th Sept - T3 ends) - no public holidays this term</li> </ul>
Mon 11th August	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>TOD - WAS is Closed - MOE Funded</li> </ul>

WAS' school **values** - Look after your school and work positively with others by being a good citizen = **Respect Self**/whakaute i a koe ano, **Respect Others**/whakaute i etahi atu and **Respect Environment**/whakaute taiao.

**Kia ora koutou WAS whanau,**

Well done to all of our students who participated in the Cross Country in Thornbury, here are the results : Harley Francis (4th), Jaxson Phillips (2nd), Coby Van Warmerdam (6th), Rhys Bennett (2nd), Mitchell Hammond (7th), Zoey Buchanan (2nd), Etta Bennett (3rd), Indy Pope (4th), Paegan Poole-Harvey (2nd), Isla van Dam (1st), Paige Poole-Harvey (3rd), Ruby Pope (5th), McKenzie Tilby (7th), Reiley Smith (8th), Kaia West (7th), Evanageline Smith (7th), Peyton Tilby (8th), Sativa Seddon (3rd), Lucy Saunders (8th), Jordon Monds (1st), Amelia McPherson (2nd) and Brooke Vanderpyl (1st).

These students have qualified for Western Cross Country which is in Otautau on Thursday 05th June. (Details will go home to those students concerned).

**Qualifiers are:** Ruby Pope (10yrs), Sativa Seddon (11yrs), Jordon Monds and Amelia McPherson (12yrs) and Brooke Vanderpyl (13yrs). Congratulations!

WAS farewells Mr Alan Reilly on the 30th May. Alan is taking a break from teaching. We wish Alan all the very best in his next chapter in his life.

Mr Chris Wedderburn and his wife Emily are off overseas at the end of this term. Chris has been an amazing member of the WAS staff and he will be genuinely missed by us all, especially our tamariki.

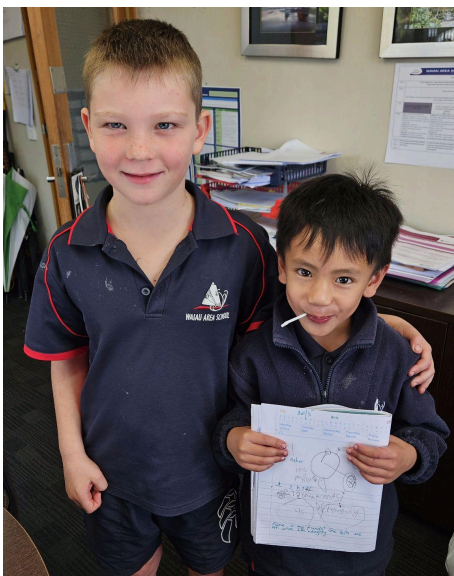
Room 4 is very fortunate to have Whaea Jenny, and our newest member of our support staff team, Fiona. If you see them around please make them feel welcome. Thank you Whaea Jenny and Fi for choosing WAS as your place of work.

You may have heard in the media about the government's budgets and in particular; Education budgets. Attendance and maths are focus areas with additional funding allocated. There has also been a lot of talk about the need to provide schools with more funding to provide additional support staff i.e. teacher aides.

Thank you for completing the quick **uniform google form survey** which came to you via email. If you didn't receive an email then please contact the office to ensure we have your correct details thanks. The link for the survey is below if you haven't filled it out yet. The BOT will review all feedback and make a decision if there are any changes to be made. Then the BOT will let you know - more than likely through our newsletter.

The New Zealand Ministry of Education is currently undertaking a **refresh of the national curriculum** to ensure it is relevant, fit for purpose, and prepares young people for their future. Here are key things parents need to know about these changes:

- This will be ongoing for many years - it will continue to evolve and teacher development will also take time as part of the change process. Teachers are working hard incorporating these changes, and as always the needs and interests of your child are at the heart of what they do and classrooms.
- The curriculum is being updated in stages, with new content for English (Years 0-6) and Mathematics and Statistics (Years 0-8) currently available. Schools have until the beginning of 2027 to fully implement the refreshed national curriculum. The updated curriculum is intended to be more consistent.
- For mathematics, the content expected to be taught at each year level has been revised and designed to be internationally comparable. Due to these higher benchmarks in the revised mathematics curriculum, it's possible that your child's initial progress and achievement levels might appear lower as the expectations for what they need to know at each age have increased.
- You will continue to receive twice yearly reports on your child's progress in relation to these new learning objectives. Mid-year reporting is interim until there is more understanding of the curriculum and assessment tools as the government is still looking to release new information and resources to schools.



Great work Asher. It's always a pleasure having students coming to me displaying their work.

A gentle reminder that travelling on our **school buses** is a privilege not a right. Student behaviour on our bus service again needs to be A+. Please let the office know if your child/ren are off in the afternoons.

**Thanks again for all your support towards WAS. Mr PB.**

## School Uniform Survey



Please complete this short survey - our BoT is very keen to hear your feedback and views.  
(Type the URL below into a browser to access the survey)

<https://forms.gle/TtZKmFxoD7rqf5He8>

I would encourage you all to access the new MOE parent portal resources and podcasts. Message from the MOE:

*I'm delighted to announce the launch of a new Parent Portal – an online resource designed to support families to play their part in their child's learning. Education is a partnership of what happens in the classroom and what happens at home. Parents, caregivers, and whānau play an important role in supporting their child's learning and development. The new webspace is designed to make it easier for parents, caregivers, and whānau to access clear and up-to-date information on the school curriculum, assessment practices, and ways they can complement their child's learning.*

<https://www.education.govt.nz/parents-and-caregivers/schools-year-0-13/understand-your-childs-learning>

 <b>Lunch Menu Term 2</b> 					
Weeks	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2, 4, 6, 8	Sweet n Sour Meatballs and Rice	Chicken Pasta	Pizza	Sandwiches	Sandwiches
3, 5, 7, 9	Butter Chicken	Chicken Wrap	Beef Burgers	Sandwiches	Sandwiches
Fresh Fruit daily, Muffins and/or Biscuits twice weekly					



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