Tuesday 11th June - Week 7 - Term 2

Friday 14th June	Southland Cross Country - Waimumu
Sun/Mon 16th-17th June	National Area School Practice - Dunedin
Wednesday 26th June	Girls in Hi-Viz to Manapouri YR
Wednesday 26th June	YR 7&8 Young Einstein
Friday 28th June	Matariki Day
Friday 5th July	End of Term 2
Monday 22nd July	Start of Term 3
Tues 30th & Thurs 01st	Parent-Teacher-Student Interviews - 3-5:45pm - 30th July & 01st August

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Kia ora koutou WAS whanau.

There are certainly a lot of exciting events at WAS and student successes happening! Please continue to keep in touch with your child's teacher/s. Mid Year reports will go home in the last week of this term. This is a snapshot of where your child is at. Parent-teacher-student interviews will take place in Term Three, in the second week of school; Tues 30th July and Thurs **01st Aug**, 3-5:45pm.

I will be away for the remainder of this term starting next week and again at the start of next term. I'm away overseas taking a break, visiting relatives and also checking out other schools, focusing on senior leadership models, behaviour management systems and alternative learning programmes. I'll be back at work on the 15th August. Miss Quinn will be acting principal. Mr Bennett, Miss R and staff will continue to work as a team to ensure WAS processes remain consistent. Please contact the office for absences and teachers directly, as per usual. Miss Quinn, as principal, will be available through school hours for you to contact her where necessary.

A gentle reminder about NZ schools being mandated for students to have **phones away for the** school day. If you're able to work with your child by encouraging them to keep their phone at home that would be appreciated. SLT will contact you directly if there is a problem with your child not complying with the phones away for the day policy.

The SLT along with staff continue to work in partnership with families around ensuring student behaviour is WAS worthy. I can say that there has been an overall improvement in attendance, classroom behaviour and general attitude towards respecting WAS. It has helped splitting the Year 7 & 8's in core subjects everyday. And offering alternative education options for some Year 9&10's. However, there are a few individuals still not consistently demonstrating our WAS values. Rest assured, WAS will continue to work closely with their whanau and the students concerned. Hopefully it's simply a matter of time for this small number to change their ways for the better. Thankfully the majority of our students are achieving due to their **positive attitudes towards life and learning**. Again, we thank you for your continued support and encouragement here.

WAS wishes our **Area Schools' students** all the very best for their National tournament coming up in Hamilton in the first week of the holidays. Thank you in advance to Mr Bennett and Miss Quinn for working during their holidays by supporting our six WAS students.



Interschool Athletics - What a great turn-out for this year's Cross Country out at Hauroko Valley Primary School. Well done to all our amazing tamariki who participated in this event. Congratulations to the following students who qualified for Western Cross Country held in Otautau. Jay Poole-Harvey, Brooke Vanderpyl, Harry Muldrew, Harmony Cairns, Erika Maloney, Viduni De Silva, Amelia McPherson, Seja Wijethunga, Memphis Maloney, and Sativa Seddon.



Congrats to Brooke Vanderpyl (came 5th) who has qualified for Southland Cross Country coming up in Waimumu on Friday 14th June.

Western Shield - Some of our amazing Year 5&6 students and 7&8 students attended a Western Shield sporting event at the ILT Stadium in Invercargill. Our students had a great day interacting with other students from our western districts. Yr7&8 had a win in Hockey and Football and our Year 5 & 6 won their Netball. Thank you to Lynette and Mr W for supporting them and driving on the day.

After School Help Required - If any of you are keen to help organise / be in-charge of an after school/early evening programme then please contact PB directly thanks. Police vetting process, being kid-friendly and working with WAS will be a necessity. Our WAS students are crying out for activities and social events after school! They'd appreciate having activities such as arts & crafts, sporting (can be in the gym), gym work (older students) and basically anything for them to be involved with.

Take care and thanks again for all your support towards WAS.

Have a great week and always feel free to contact WAS.

WAS PTA

We will be selling **Jucies** every Friday in the hall, until the end of term. Only \$2 each



