



**Monday 09th June - Week 7 - Term 2**

|                 |  |
|-----------------|--|
| Fri 13th June   | • Southland Cross Country - Waimumu                                      |
| Wed 18th June   | • Table Tennis Championships   |
| Thurs 19th June | • Healthy Active Learning - WAS whanau hui = 1-2pm                       |
| Fri 20th June   | • Matariki - Public Holiday - NO school                                  |
| Fri 27th June   | • Last Day of Term 2   |
| Mon 30th June   | • Area Schools Nationals - Invercargill                                  |
| Mon 14th July   | • Term 3 starts (Fri 19th Sept - T3 ends) - no public holidays this term |
| Mon 11th August | • TOD - WAS is Closed - MOE Funded                                       |

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,**

These students competed at Western Cross Country. **Results:** Ruby Pope (10yrs) - came 10th, Sativa Seddon (11yrs) - came 9th, Jordon Monds - came 7th and Amelia McPherson (12yrs) - came 8th and Brooke Vanderpyl (13yrs) - came 3rd. Southland Cross Country is in Waimumu this Friday 13th June. Congrats to Brooke who has qualified for Southland. It's the top six who go through.

Mid Year student reports will be out in a few weeks. This report is a brief overview of the essential learning areas. In Term 3, there are face-to-face interviews where the teacher will provide you with more information on your child's achievement and next steps of learning. Please feel free to book in a time to catch up with your child's teacher/s and this can be at any stage of the year.

You may be aware of the latest media coverage on student attendance in schools. There is media coverage of the government (through the Ministry of Education and school principals) to pursue prosecutions of parents who repeatedly refuse to ensure their children attend school. This is targeted towards a small percentage of NZ families who deliberately keep their children away from school on a regular basis. Like other schools, WAS continues to make contact with families that have children absent from school. We expect all our WAS students to attend school. If not, the parents would contact the school with a reason for their child being absent. We understand that sometimes students aren't at school for understandable/various reasons - we get it as these are one offs. As a family oriented school and the close partnerships we have between home and school, I don't foresee this being an issue for WAS or our families.

The successful Year 8-10 camp in Te Anau has been and gone. Thank you to Mr Hourston, Mrs Johnston, Mrs Wilson, Mr Bennett, Mel and Yuichi for giving up time to be with our rangatahi for

the three days. WAS sincerely hopes our young ones have gained some more self confidence and appreciation for one another spending the three days together. Our WAS BOT works hard to set aside additional funding for these types of experiences. We trust you, as parents, appreciate the heavily subsidised trips WAS offers. We work hard to keep school costs down.

The WAS PTA have kindly offered to contribute some funding towards a ski trip for our WAS students. I am currently looking into costs etc and will notify you soon of the dates, costs, transportation and logistics. We know from experience, students love the opportunity to go tobogganing, skiing or snowboarding!

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.

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>

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

**Mr PB.**



Excellent efforts to last week's Junior School Assembly Certificate Recipients



## Lunch Menu Term 2



| 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 |                                 |               |              |            |            |



# All our school news in one place!

## Download Skool Loop today

**Simple free download:** In Google Play & App Store search 'Skool Loop' and choose our school once installed.



**Skool Loop is great to use for letting us know if your child/ren is sick and won't be at school. Just click the Absentee icon inside the app!**