



Tuesday 24th June - Week 9 - the Last Week of Term 2

Weds 25th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student Mid Year Reports go home • Rock Climbing - Te Anau - group of Year 8-10 students
Fri 27th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Last Day of Term 2
Sunday 29th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sharks Basketball - Invers - Y4-10's who have expressed interest
Mon 30th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Area Schools Nationals - Invercargill
Mon 14th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Term 3 starts (Fri 19th Sept - T3 ends) - no public holidays this term
Thurs (and Fri) 24th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Career Fest - Youth Future Trip to Invers
Tues 05th August	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 5&6 Netball Competition
Thurs 07th August	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 7&8 Netball Competition
Mon 11th August	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TOD - WAS is Closed - MOE Funded
Thurs 14th August	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John Parsons visit - Cyber Safety and student digital H&S
Mon 18th August	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Polyfest in Invercargill - Primary School - performing 10:40-10:50am
Weds 27th August	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senior Snow Camp - Weds - Friday
Mon 15th September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potential ski trip - Room 1 & 2 plus Year 11+ students - TBC
Weds 17th September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potential ski trip - Room 3 & 4, Year 8-10 students - TBC
Fri 19th September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Last Day of Term Three
Mon 06th October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Term Four starts (last day - TBC - maybe Thurs 11/12?)
Mon 27th October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Labour Day - Public Holiday - No School
2026 - Mon 09th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TBC - Potentially first day of Term 1 2026

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,

Mid Year student reports will be out this week. 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.

A massive thanks to Miss Quinn, Chenille and Whaea Jenny for rallying WAS' tamariki and rangatahi with the hangi last week. It was a tremendous effort by all! Our students thoroughly enjoyed the experience and especially tucking into the kai afterwards. Congrats too to the Kowhai crew who came to school first thing in the morning to get the 'in ground' hangi going. Loads of memories created here. Many thanks to everyone who was involved. It would be great to have a community hangi lead by WAS sometime in the near future.

There has been some talk about going on a whole school ski trip. This is great to look at ways to keep our students active. WAS has done a cost analysis and reviewed potential trips at a management and governance level. The decision here is to budget for a ski/snow trip for 2026. This would mean families can plan ahead by saving for this and getting prepared for having the appropriate gear. At this stage, we would make this an optional trip. The expenses are very costly as you can imagine. More info will come out next year! In the meantime, if you are keen to take your family skiing then please let me know. If there are decent numbers then we may be able to book it through the school to receive a discounted rate for you.



Congratulations to Brooke V on competing at the Southland Primary Schools cross country. The 12 & 13 yr olds ran the 3k course. There was plenty of competition!

John Parsons has been booked in to visit WAS next term. John is a cybersafety guru who travels around NZ schools educating parents, teachers and students. John is visiting us on Thurs 14th August. I would strongly recommend attending any scheduled adult afternoon sessions.

Thanks again for all your support towards WAS during Term Two. Whanau support towards WAS is paramount. Children really know when their parents are onboard with their school and it makes such a positive difference when the relationship is strong.



Rayonier Matariki Forests took on Max and Luke for a day visiting Dean Forest where they looked at some planting and were able to plant a couple of trees. Dunsdale Forest was on the list next where they had a look at a harvesting crew. From there they headed over to Pebbly Hills Forest and looked at a roading crew. Thanks heaps to Liam and the team at Rayonier who gave the boys this opportunity. Who knows, these opportunities can lead to future employment!

I would like to offer Year 4 - 10 students the opportunity to attend a Sharks Basketball match in Invercargill on Sunday 29th June starting at 6:30pm. This would mean we'd leave WAS by 5pm, watch the game, perhaps stop off for an ice cream at McDonalds and head straight back to WAS, perhaps ending up here around 9-9:15 pm. Exact details will be confirmed closer to the time. If your child/ren are keen to attend then please get them to write me a brief note prompting their case of going. These expressions of interest will need to be to me by this Thursday thanks. If there is a large interest then I'll look at taking more vehicles/ vans in and will need to call on your help as parents. Thanks in advance for supporting your child/ren here.

Totara class members premiered a play they'd written to the primary school on Wednesday afternoon. Produced as the end of topic presentation for their genetics module, the year 8, 9 and 10 students delivered a hilarious and fact-filled story about a future world where Jurassic Park technology could be applied to designer babies. A huge shout out to **Sophie** for her team-leading, directing and acting skills, to all the other amazing performers and to Lexi who did a top job working the hall's curtains and doing behind the scenes wizardry. From start to finish this incredible performance took only four lessons, so hats off to these stars of the future. And a massive hello and wow to **Malakai** who only joined the class a fortnight ago and is already showing many enviable talents!



WAS farewells Mr Chris Wedderburn. The students will certainly miss Mr W!
The students said things like: "Mr W has a kind manner, he's a good listener, he teaches us all well, he doesn't yell at us, he teaches us about things that are happening in life and around the world, we enjoyed his wedding". Have a great week Chris and all the very best on behalf of us all.
Miss R will go into Room 3 at the start of Term 3 until we find a suitable teacher to employ.

WAS welcomes back Miss Brooke Anderson next term. Miss Anderson will be teaching on Wednesdays in Room 3. WAS looks forward to having Brooke back and I'm sure our Room 3 students will be pleased to see her back.

Have a wonderful break away from school routines. Enjoy an active holiday with your child/ren.

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

On Tuesday 17th June I was lucky enough to attend KIT (Keeping in Touch) day at Ascot Community School in Invercargill with Esme. We had such a fantastic day learning more about NZ Sign Language (NZSL) with lots of encouragement and support through games and interactions. We also met lots of wonderful tamariki & kaiako who gave us confidence on our NZSL journey. Don't be afraid to give it a go!

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FAMILY



THANKS

Rata class got to mix astronomy and art on Monday by exploring the star patterns of Mataraki as well as remembering the meaning that Maori culture holds so dearly about this important celestial messenger. **Kacie** and **Leo** used coloured pens to mark out the stars and identify their names and their symbolism. **Zeke** drew out the positions of the stars and punched holes in black paper to create a dramatic display of twinkling light in the classroom window.



Great work all round!

FLIS MENU for TERM 3

<div>  <div>Lunch Menu Term 3</div>  </div>					
Weeks	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1, 3, 5, 7, 9	Macaroni Cheese	Nachos	Chicken Burger	Sandwiches	Sandwiches
2, 4, 6, 8, 10	Chicken Drumsticks and Garlic Roll	Beef Burritos	Pulled Pork Sliders	Sandwiches	Sandwiches
Fresh Fruit daily, Muffins and/or Biscuits/Veggie Sticks and Hummus twice weekly					

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Tuatapere Community Pool AGM - Wed 23 July 2025 7:00pm, Tui Base Camp All Welcome

Hi Tuatapere and surrounding families

We are holding our AGM soon and would love to see as many new faces as we can to help support the community pool. We are looking for new committee members and also need to fill the position of Treasurer and Secretary.

We hold meetings once a month during the open season (Sep – April) and every 2nd month during the off season (May – August). We also have a few working bees through the year to keep the pool building, grounds up to standard and run some fundraisers. We do not expect you to be at every meeting, working bee or fundraiser but the more people on the committee means the workload can be spread much further.

A small reminder that if we do not get more community support there is the chance that the pool will close as it is a lot to ask of our small committee to keep doing what they are doing. That would mean no more swimming club, no more school swimming, and no more swimming. It would be a real shame to see this awesome community asset close.

So please come to our AGM or get in contact via FB or email tuataperepool51@gmail.com if you would like more information. Thank you! Tuatapere Community Pool Committee