



WAS' SCHOOL VALUES - LOOK AFTER YOUR SCHOOL AND WORK POSITIVELY WITH OTHERS BY BEING A GOOD CITIZEN =
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Coming Up

Tues 9 Sept	Bike Ready - Years 1-8
Wed 10 Sept	BoT Elections close 4pm
Mon 15 Sept	BoT Meeting
Wed 17 Sept	Portable Bike Ramp being set up at Jack & Mattie Bennett Memorial Park Half Mile Road
Fri 19 Sept	- Last day of Term 3 - Entries close for Adopt a Calf (see pg3)
Mon 6 Oct	Term 4 starts (Last day TBC - maybe Thursday 11 December)
Mon 20 Oct	TOD - WAS is closed for instruction
Mon 27 Oct	Labour Day (Public Holiday) No School
2026 Mon 9 Feb	TBC - Potentially first day of Term 1 2026

Board Elections - Voting Open - Your Vote Matters!

Voting in our School Board elections has started and you are now able to vote in the election.

We have had seven nominated for five spaces for parent representatives on the Waiau Area School Board.

We have appointed 'Election Pilot' as the Returning Officer for this election, and you will be receiving voting information directly from them. Everyone who is eligible to vote in the election will receive voting instructions on how you can vote, as well as the candidate statements and photos that have been provided.

If you have any questions about the election process, please contact the Returning Officer directly on 0800 VOTENZ (0800 868 369) or election@electionpilot.nz. Look out for email starting with noreply@electionpilot.nz

Don't leave things to the last minute! **Elections close at 4pm on Wednesday 10th September.**

Tuesday 9 September Wk 9, Term 3

Kia ora koutou WAS Whanau

This will be the last newsletter for Term Three. Please make contact with your child's teacher if you'd like an update on their academic progress or would like a catchup in general.

All the very best for the upcoming holidays. Ensure you find some time to do something as a family. The holiday period can be exhausting so please hang in there and look after one another!

Mrs Karen Crosbie will be starting in Room Three in Term Four. Karen comes from Takitimu School and has a wealth of teaching and life experience. WAS is very fortunate to have Karen onboard. Thank you to Mrs F for all her efforts in Room Three during Term Three. We will still have Mrs F teaching at WAS.

WAS students are looking forward to having the portable pump track coming to Tuatapere soon. Please ensure you're able to use it and encourage your family members to do the same. The track will be monitored on how many times it's been used and this data will go along way in determining if there is a need to have our own permanent pump track in Tuatapere!

Thanks again for all your support towards your child's learning & involvement at WAS this term.

Gearing up for Term Four and something you could do to help your child transition from holiday to school mode:

- phones away for the day;
- good manners and following instructions;
- wearing the correct uniform and having conversations about accessing this without fuss in the mornings - being prepared;
- personal hygiene - using deodorant, brushing your hair, having semi clean clothing, cleaning your teeth and so forth;
- having some decent sleep - how much does your child need each day to function properly;
- having fitness, water and eating properly - having these conversations and identifying what works well for you.
- Knowing what to do when feeling under pressure - who to go to, time out, taking deep breaths and coping strategies.



WESTERN PRIMARY & INTERMEDIATE SCHOOLS TOUCH RUGBY

Is your child interested in playing touch rugby in Term 4?

Where: Otautau - Holt Park

Dates: Mondays 13th October - 24 November 2025

Game times: 4pm-6pm (6 weeks of competition)

*No games on Mon 27th October - Labour Day

We are also looking for your support with parent help for the teams, managing a team and/or transport on the days.

(Parent responsibility to get their child to each game)

A form has been sent home with children who have expressed an interest. If you haven't seen the form or would like another one, please contact the School Office

Friday Fish & Chips

We have x2 new items to add to our fish & chip menu.

As of this Friday we will now have the following to choose from:

- HotDog & ½ scoop chips
- Chicken Nuggets & ½ scoop chips
- Fish Bites & ½ scoop chips

If your child wishes to have an order the \$5 must be handed in to the school office on **Thursdays before MorningTea** please.

We will not be taking any late orders.

Remember to Brush...

Morning & Night



Every Day

Why Brush?

Plaque is a sticky white layer full of germs (bacteria) that coats our teeth. Brushing twice a day gets rid of plaque. If we don't brush our teeth, these germs aren't removed and plaque quickly builds up. Over time, the plaque can cause holes in our teeth and also harm our gums



2+2

is best to do!

- 2 minutes to brush all surfaces
- 2 x daily with fluoride toothpaste

Health New Zealand
Te Whatu Ora

Community Oral
Health Service



Talkteeth Southern

Mission Support Craft Group Kids Craft

2nd Saturday of the Month: 1-4pm \$5 per family

At The Den (in the playground)

Erskine Street, Tuatapere

Come and learn lots of different crafts and make some fun stuff! (This is a Christian Group)

To Book in and/or for further information

Contact Helen: 022 1039 327

WAIU STATE OF MIND

ACTIVITIES:
READING, LEGO,
BOARDGAMES, TRAIN SET
AND CHESS

NO FOOD OR DRINK ALLOWED!!

AT THE LIBRARY AT MORNING TEA ON
TUESDAY AND THURSDAY FOR ROOM 3 AND
ROOM 4

RUN BY ASHTON AND CADEN

Lunch Menu Term 3					
Weeks	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1, 3, 5, 7, 9	Macaroni Cheese	Nachos	Chicken Burger	Soup and Garlic Bread Roll	Sandwiches OR Students can purchase Fish and Chips from Hungry Hippo
2, 4, 6, 8, 10	Chicken Drumsticks and Garlic Roll	Beef Burritos	Pulled Pork Sliders	Soup and Garlic Bread Roll	Sandwiches OR Students can purchase Fish and Chips from Hungry Hippo
Fresh Fruit daily, Muffins and/or Biscuits/Veggie Sticks and Hummus twice weekly Heatups available daily					

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.

Do you know about the Skool Loop App for your phone?
It is the perfect way to let us know your child is sick and/or won't be at school!



Debs from Tui Base Camp teaching a WAS Year 8-10 crew sausage making skills!

Looking for something to do in the School Holidays?

GIVE IT A GO TRACK CYCLING

Looking for an exciting and active way to spend the school holidays?

Come and learn to ride the velodrome!
Improve your skills and confidence whilst having fun riding a bike!



Open to
ages 10+

No experience needed, loan of a bike and helmet included

23RD + 24TH SEPT

11AM- 12PM

REGISTER NOW

\$15 PER SESSION



CSDEVELOPMENT@CYCLINGSOUTH.ORG.NZ



SPRING HOLIDAYS
SEPTEMBER / OCTOBER

CHILD VS WILD (7-13)

A three day adventure quest

22nd September - 24th September Invercargill

29th September - 1st October Invercargill

BUSH KIDS (7-16)

One day of bushcraft and survival skills

Monday September 22nd - Invercargill

Tuesday September 23rd - Invercargill

Thursday September 25th - Gore

Friday September 26th - Gore

Monday September 29th - Invercargill

Tuesday September 30th - Invercargill

A WILD DAY OUT (11-16)

A Wild and Game cooking experience

Friday October 3rd - Invercargill

BUSH, MAKE & BAKE (5-16)

Bushcraft, Crafting & Damper Making

Thursday October 2nd

WILD WOMEN

A wild evening for the ladies, mums and grandmums. A night around the fire and some fun night orienteering!

Friday October 10th 6pm-8pm

LIMITED TO
15 PLACES
EACH DAY!

Gareth and Katie Oliver at: GarethandKatie@trueinnature.com
www.trueinnature.com Phone: 0226381497





Adopt a Calf

THE ADOPT A CALF SCHEME IS BACK FOR 2025.

What

- Student gets allocated a calf in the middle of September. First afternoon Wednesday 24th September 2025.
- Student can name the calf
- Every Wednesday afternoon at 3:30pm until 5pm student can visit the farm - feed, brush and lead the calf.
- Learn the care and attention of calves on a dairy farm, some stockmanship skills and have fun.
- We will take calves to your local school pet day.

How

- Please email your interest to Kaylene@beachvalley.co.nz with name and contact details incl address and phone number, if you are interested in being a part of this opportunity. Entries are limited and will close on Friday 19th September.

Conditions

- Students and parent/caregivers will be required to abide by our farm a health & safety policies.
- Biosecurity of our farm is very important to us so disinfecting of footwear and gear will be required every visit.
- Failure to turn up to weekly visits may result in loss of opportunity
- There is no limit of student age but we will limit numbers.

We can be contacted on the below details if you have any queries:

Jason & Kaylene Bennett
Ph 032266904

Kaylene 0274327156
Jason 0272326482
Email: kaylene@beachvalley.co.nz



WAS Library Books

There are many overdue library books from our school library.

Please help your child to look at home for any school library books to bring back to school before the end of Term 3 please!



Power Up Community Fund applications are open

Got a community project that needs funding?
Applications are open until midnight Sunday 19 October 2025.

How to apply

For more information and to apply:

- visit meridianenergy.co.nz/community-support/fund/manapouri
- call 021 733 931
- scan the code below



2025/26 TUATAPERE COMMUNITY POOL OPENING

Pool will be open for use from Sunday the 21st September 2025

There will be a opening day on the 21st September from 2.00pm - 3.30pm where you can come along and purchase a key and get your tag activated.

2025/26 Pricing list:

Family Key \$200
Buddy Key \$200
Senior Citizens \$170
Access tag \$15

THERE WILL BE A \$10 DISCOUNT IF THE KEY IS PURCHASED BEFORE OR DAY OF OPENING

Contact information to purchase a key:

Kaitlyn Mullally - 027 304 1102
Minnessa Erskine - 027 311 2112
or via Tuatapere community pool FB page
or Tuataperepool51@gmail.com

