

Kia ora tatou. The kids have had a good week. When that happens, the staff have a good week; and when *that* happens: I have a good week. With any amount of luck, next week - the kids'll have a great week! Why? Because on Sunday...

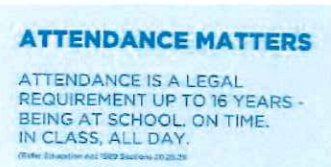
It's the kids' day...

Today, all kids have received a treat - courtesy of the Waverley Park Parents Association - to help celebrate Children's Day on Sunday. Children's Day is a chance for all of us "to celebrate our wee treasures; and for WPPA to remind the kids what an important part of the school community they are." More info at www.childrensday.org.nz

Truancy vs attendance...

Whenever your child is going to be absent - PLEASE LET US KNOW why asap. It's not that we're nosy; it's a child safety thing. That's why all schools are legally required to mark attendance rolls twice every day.

We are also required to log the reasons for every absence; an absence with no explanation is truancy...and a string of those means we must involve the truancy service.



Please 'do your bit' - thanks!

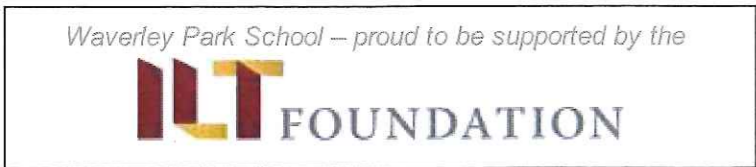
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Touch...

Touch Southland provides experts to come and take skill sessions during class time this term - various Wednesday afternoons 1.30pm to 3.00pm. **The cost is \$2.00 per child for Year 3-6 children only and some junior children** (you should have been told if your child is a junio and participating) The fee goes towards having experts here as part of our Physical Education programme. Please pay at the office ASAP. Thanks. - Brenda Devery



<http://betterfunding.org.nz/> to sign the petition & keep up to date.



Nga hui...

**WHAKAMĀNAWA HUI Wednesday 8th March and
PONONGA HUI - Wednesday 15th March**

First sessions: 9am-10.30am
Second sessions : 5.45pm - 7.15pm
Third sessions: 7.15pm - 8.45pm

Times have been adjusted slightly to accommodate everyone and to ensure we can get as many whanau in as possible. You do not have to RSVP for the hui, just turn up in numbers to one of the scheduled hui sessions **next week.**

Just to recap on the focus of the two hui: Our goal is to adopt a "Māori potential approach" where we ensure that you and your whānau are deliberately involved in your child's learning needs, interests and aspirations. This approach can only be effective with your commitment and input. Together we would like to generate shared solutions, actions and outcomes for our tamariki.

"E hara taku toa i te toa takitahi, he toa takitini."
My strength is not as an individual, but as a collective.

If you have any further questions or queries, please don't hesitate to contact Raiha or any of our staff.

Cricket...



Some of the girls - pre-match - in their hot-pink 'Girls Smash' tops. Three teams of Waverley Park girls; and one of boys; this week, spent another Tuesday afternoon in the Queen's Park sun. With batting styles ranging from *Martin Guptill* to *Happy Gilmore*; and every bowling and throwing variation known to mankind; the kids had a blast.

Big 'ups' to the parent and whanau support squads; watching kids cricket is not the easiest way to lose and an hour or two - it takes a particular level of patience but the results are worth it.

The really important messages they get from your attendance at their games aren't even about cricket (this applies to every other sport too). Participation. Persistence. Fun. Family. Having a go...the list is endless. Kia ora, nga whanau; tino pai - good job!

SUNSMART FACT

Caps don't cut it!

Caps do not provide enough sun protection to your cheeks, nose, ears and neck. These are all common places for skin cancer. Bucket or wide-brimmed hats are best.

What else is happening?

March

- 06 Rotary Club Y4 dictionaries presented
- 08 Dreamweaver - junior classes @ no cost: ILT funded Maori whanau hui - 5.45pm in the hall
- 14 WPPA meeting 7pm
- 28 Phoenix Zone athletics

April

- 03 Board of Trustees - 7.00pm
- 08 Southland Athletic Championships
- 11 ILT Sing Out week starts
- 13 Term 1 ends - 3.00pm

Be careful what you s-a-y...

Careful parents: they often spelled out words so that small ears couldn't understand what they were saying. She said that she "...didn't realize what a habit this had become until one day when my husband and I were in a supermarket - in the soup aisle. An aggressive young woman banged into our trolley, then nudged me over, blocking my access to the soup. Annoyed, I looked at my husband and said, "Boy is she r-u-d-e?" "Yeah," he replied, "but I'll bet she can s-p-e-l-l."

Ponder these...

- A perfect summer day is when the sun is shining, the breeze is blowing, the birds are singing and the lawn mower is broken.
- There are two types of roads in our country. One is under construction and the other is under repair.
- When you get older, lack of pep is often mistaken for patience.
- People never grow up; they just learn how to act in public.
- Never trust a story that has been told more than twice.

Nga mihi nui,
Kerry Hawkins & staff

The Community Korero Project



Talking Suicide Prevention
Tuesday 14 March
7.00 - 8.30pm @ Ascot Park
Wednesday 15 March
9.00 - 11.30am @ PI Trust
[More info here.](#)

Community Oral Health Service

Children (from birth to the end of year 8)

Children* are entitled to **FREE basic dental care**, from birth until they begin high school. Free basic dental care is available at Community Oral Health fixed [clinics](#) and mobile dental units throughout the Southern District.

The Service is run by appointment only. We would like parents/guardians to attend all appointments with their child as Dental Therapists provide parents with valuable advice to support their children's good oral health. If your child is already enrolled with the Service we will contact you to make an appointment. If your child is not enrolled, you are unsure or new to the area, please call: 0800 570 300 - free from cell phones.

For more information visit:
<http://www.southernhb.govt.nz/pages/community-oral-health-service/>
Find us on Facebook Talkteeth - Southern

*who meet [eligibility criteria](#) for publicly funded health and disability services

DIVISION 4 (Yr. 7&8) OPEN DAY

Sunday March 19th at 10.30am at the ILT Hockey Turf, Camden Street

Games will be Sunday Mornings commencing April 2nd in Infill and Gore Running in conjunction with the Southland Wide Club Competition

Players of all abilities and their parents are welcome!!

Any queries please phone Allison 0274715245
or email invercargillhockey@gmail.com

"A step towards a life time of club hockey"

BABYSITTER

MILLY VAN DAM
-Year 13 at SGHS.
-Looking for after school and weekend work.
-Lots of experience with a range of younger children.
-Full license.



Contact - 027 876 8922

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UV and your shadow

The shorter your shadow the stronger the UV rays.