

Kia ora tatou.

You know that kid at the family gathering; the one that starts up with “Mum, can I have a lolly?” and she says “No - it’s nearly dinnertime,” or whatever; and so he moves on to Dad: “Can I have a lolly?” “No - it’s nearly dinnertime.” Undaunted, he persists and works through the gathered grandparents, aunts, uncles, older cousins....but to completely no avail: “No.”

Yet, when everyone gathers to eat dinner thirty minutes later: there he sits with a massive lollipop stuffed into one cheek. “Who said you could have that!?” demands mum.

“She did!” he says, indicating Gran’s kindly, older neighbour, “She said I could have it,” a fact the neighbour noddingly confirms; and in a ‘wait til we get home’ tone, mum says something like, “Well, I guess it’s OK then...” Even that kid knows it’s not. He also knows that the ‘seek and ye shall find’ strategy works - because he’s used it before.

He never once deviated from what it was that he wanted to do. He simply had to find one person that would give the answer he wanted. Even better; someone he could use as an ‘authority figure’ said he could do it; leaving him with the additional defence of “Well, it wasn’t actually my decision.” We’ve all met that kid; lots of us have met adult versions of that kid too. No matter what they do in life - when things go pear-shaped - it’s never their fault.

(Happily declaring my political leanings here - I always vote for whoever has the best total policy package for kids - despite being hugely disappointed more often than not.) As I watched this week in “Politics NZ” unfold; that kid came to the forefront of my mind.

Owning up - albeit well after the fact - Meteria Turei confessed to benefit fraud. Every parent caught in the poverty cycle could understand the choices confronting her at the time. At best, the benefit prioritises families paying their debt to corporate NZ first: rent, utilities; the day to day business of having somewhere to live / eat / sleep / keep warm (if possible)...it’s always a challenge.

Furthermore, back in the day, Meteria Turei also lied about where she lived. Despite agreeing to pay back the NZ tax payer; her public pillorying has cost her her complete political career to date and in the process, poverty-stricken kiwis have lost a valuable voice on their behalf inside the system.

Back before the loopholes were closed: Bill English pretended to live in Dipton. He used considerably more of the tax-payer’s money than the Greens co-leader ever got near to being paid for him to live in his own house in Wellington. Explanation? Someone said he could - pretty much the same explanation as the kid with the lolly - his lawyers successfully making the case that it was legal.

Ditto John Key - has never lived in his electorate but could claim as his address a ‘holiday home’ in Helensville (which he never used) because the Electoral Commission “said he could”. And will we never really know about the deals been done with Auditor General Matthews; or even Todd Barclay for that matter?

What, does all this teach our kids? The world’s your oyster - as long as you have the wealth and power to make the rules.

Enrolling for 2018...

We are in the business of working out our organization for next year. Key to this is getting a clear picture of who’s coming and who’s going...and this is where you come in.

Please tell us if you know that

- your family is leaving
- your family is enrolling new students
- friends and neighbours intending to enrol

In terms of the enrolment zone; we are still limited to enrolling new in-zone families.

Reminders...

- Please remember to contact the office with the reason for your child’s absence. Failure to do this will mean your child is marked as Truant. A text is sufficient.
- **Emergency Contact Details:** please advise the office when you change your phone, address, alternative contact details etc.

How to	<p>call us: 217 9332 txt us: 022 3179332 FB message us: http://goo.gl/ljlqac pay us online: 12 3154 0103559 00</p>
---------------	--

Coming up....

August

- 14 Board of Trustees - 7.00pm
- 16 Pasifika dress rehearsal 2.30pm
- 17: middle Polyfest dress rehearsals
- 18 junior and senior Polyfest dress rehearsals; seed orders close
- 23 junior school Polyfest performance
- 24 middle school Polyfest performance
- 25 Pasifika and seniors Polyfest performances

September

- 18 14 Board of Trustees - 7.00pm
- 29 Loud Shirt Day
- Term 3 ends - 3.00pm

Oven Trays are now ready to be collected...

These are available from the staffroom.

Southern Stars Blue Jays Marching...

Are selling frozen croissants. 20 croissants for \$20.

If you are interested then please contact Tania Clive on 027 211 3844

Supermarket Plastic Bags needed...

If anyone has any plastic bags that they don’t want could you please send them along to the office. We have people that are needing them.

Glengarry Kindergarten ...

Glengarry Kindy have spaces available starting Term 4. Please contact them if you are looking to enrol your pre-school child. Phone Stacey on 217 4461.

Polyfest 2017 - the dates:

Kia ora nga whanau - for those of you who like / need to be organised well in advance; this year’s dates are as follow...

Dress rehearsals for our troops:

- Wednesday 16 August Pasifika dress rehearsal 2.30pm
- Thursday 17 August: Middle group 9.45am
- Friday 18 August: Junior and Senior group 9.45am

Polyfest performances (all at 11.00am):

- Wednesday 23 August :Junior group
- Thursday 24 August: Middle group
- Friday 25 August: Pasifika and seniors

WPPA W’update

CANTEEN

Canteen is now on **Friday**. Come in and see the ladies at the canteen or drop your order with the correct cash payment in the moneybox in the office. Sorry NO EFTPOS.

FUNDRAISING

There was a misprint with the Kings seed list, it was reprinted and handed out on Monday.

Order and money due back **Friday 18th August**. Expected delivery date is the last week of August so keep an eye on our Facebook page for the date and time...AND also for some cool comps!!!!

www.facebook.com/WaverleyParkSchool Invercargill//

SAUSAGE SIZZLE

There will be a ‘Choice As’ sausage sizzle on Wednesday 13th September. \$2

LOST PROPERTY

Please remember to check the lost property when you have missing items, it’s amazing how many jackets and polar fleeces end up there in the cold weather! - Cheers, Carley J

There’s always a way....

An older woman, she phoned the surgical ward and asked if she could check on a patient.

“I can do that for you,” said the receptionist. “What’s the name and room number?”

“Betty Mahoney, room 309,” said the woman.

After placing the woman on hold for a few minutes, the receptionist returned.

“I have good news! Her nurse just told me that Betty is doing very well and will be discharged on Tuesday.”

“That’s wonderful!” said the woman. “I was so worried. Thank you for your help.”

“Not a problem,” said the receptionist. “Is Betty your daughter?”

“No,” said the woman. “I’m Betty. No one in here tells me anything.”

Until next week

SPECIALS AVAILABLE FROM THE CANTEN ON FRIDAYS

Snack Pack - \$4

- Popcorn
- Le Snack
- Cookie
- Water
- Fruit of the Day

Term Special - \$6

- American Hotdog
- Cookie
- Water

Nga manaakitanga, whanau.
Kerry Hawkins & staff

WINTER WARM-UPS

Many schools and early learning services offer to heat children’s lunches, particularly during winter. While pies are a convenient heat-up, with a golf ball size of fat per standard pie, these aren’t recommended as an everyday lunch item. **Homemade ‘heat-ups’ are a great alternative!**

Try these homemade heat-up options:

 Courgette fritters	 Frittata muffin	 Mini or pita pizza	 Toasted sandwich
 Baked potato	 Corn & cheese rollups	 Meal leftovers	 Vegetable soup

For recipes and tips visit fuelled4life.org.nz



INTRO TO ROAD CYCLING

Here’s your chance to learn some essential road cycling skills.

Over the six session course we will be covering:
 Rider Position, Etiquette, Bunch Riding, Lapping Out, Cornering, Time Trial Tips, Being Aero, Breakaways, Sprint Finishes, Team & Individual Race Tactics, Medal Ceremony Protocol and much more.

Please bring along the following:
 Road Bikes only (limited numbers available to loan)
 Helmet & Drink Bottle

Please send your child’s name, age and what school they attend to register them for this course by Monday 21st August.
admin@cyclingsouth.org.nz

All Welcome

4pm-5.30pm

Go-Kart Track, Pit Road, Otagara

Six-Session Course

24th Aug
 31st Aug
 7th Sept
 14th Sept
 21st Sept
 28th Sept

Entry fee \$45

Riders must pre-register
admin@cyclingsouth.org.nz



Waverley Park School – proud to be supported by the

ILT *Your City. Your Trust.*
Invercargill Licensing Trust

