

Kia ora tatou.

Education - a political football every time there's an election; and supposedly the cure to most of our society's ills between elections. Courtesy of Newshub's Anna Bracewell-Worrall; a couple of quick graphics as to which party supports what (at the time of printing at least). Who knows - they might help?

<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
GRN Greens MRI Māori Party TOP TOP	LAB Labour NAT National NZF NZ First ACT ACT
<b>Should te reo Māori be compulsory in schools?</b>	

**National Standards**

- Expand** National Standards so parents can track children's progress online
- Supports** National Standards but favours choice for parents
- Abolish** National Standards and return focus to a wide curriculum
- Abolish** National Standards and support wider curriculum
- Abolish** National Standards - believes children are not expected to achieve at the same level at the same time
- Delay** National Standards until year six, and delay NCEA until a student's last year of school
- Consider** a review of National Standards

Some of the the ideas being floated - pay teachers an extra \$20K as long as they are not in a union (David Seymour ACT) - defy credibility and common sense to boot: what's he scared of?

In the run up to this election, you can't help but feel moderately stunned by statements made that are apparently acceptable for "strategically reasons" - even though they are demonstrably not in the slightest bit accurate. As in: they're false. As in 'fake news.' When kids do that, they're called liars. But this is an election, so it's OK?

New Zealand -: home of the double standard?

## Swimming dates Finalised...

Here is the final version of who is going when - the trick is keeping the numbers similar for each session

First session:

16 - 26 October: rooms 2, 6, 9, & 12.

Second session:

27 October - 07 November: rooms 1, 4, 5, & 10

Third session:

08 - 17 November: rooms 3, 8, 7, 11(new entrants), and the kids in the hall.

## Class photos...

We are intending for class photos to be taken on Thursday 21 September, pencil this date in, to be confirmed.

**WPPA W'update**

**Sausage Sizzle**  
Our first 'Choice As' sausage sizzle is on Wednesday (13th September). Orders due into the school office today. Cost \$2.00

The 'Choice As' sizzle is a healthier option sausage sizzle, swapping white bread for brown and using low sugar - low salt sauce. Adding vegetables is an option that is encouraged and may be looked at next time.

**Lost Property**  
Another reminder to check the lost property (in the covered area beside the hall). Lost property is cleared at the end of each term with the unnamed, unclaimed items going to charity.

*- Cheers, Carley J*

## Miniball...

Well done to all Miniballer's, you all played fabulously, even if for some it is a bit confusing and nerve-wracking playing on a real court. It was great to see all the parents at the stadium support the players.

Scores this week:

Wizards won 2-0 - **Player of the day was Eva Waimoana**

Warriors lost 28-8 - **Player of the day was Josh Reynolds.**

Wanderers lost 18-3 - **Player of the day was Lachlan Winders**

*- Cheers; Mrs Black.*

## 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.

## 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 only.

Thank you for your assistance.

## Coming up....

**September**

- 14 Scholastic Book Club closes
- 18 Board of Trustees - 7.00pm
- 21 School Photos (to be confirmed)
- 22 Maori Whanau review forms due
- 29 Loud Shirt Day (Mufti)  
Term 3 ends - 3.00pm

**October**

- 16 Term 4 starts - so does swimming - rooms 2, 9, 6, 12
- 23 Labour Day
- 30 Swimming session 2 starts - rooms 1, 4, 5, 10

**November**

- 02/03 Year 6 camp
- 13 Swimming session 3 starts - rooms 3, 8, 7, 11, hall

**December**

- 14 Year Six Leavers Night
- 15 End of year reports sent home
- 20 School year ends

## This from a friend...

I figured that at age seven it was inevitable for my son to begin having doubts about Santa Claus. Sure enough, one day he said, "Dad, I think I've figured something out about Santa Claus, the Easter Bunny, and the Tooth Fairy." Taking a deep breath, I asked him, "What is that?" He replied, "They're all nocturnal."

Nga manaakitanga, whanau.  
Kerry Hawkins & staff.

**HOLIDAY  
SWIM LESSONS**

ENROL NOW

WEEK 1: 2<sup>nd</sup> TO 6<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER  
WEEK 2: 9<sup>th</sup> TO 13<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER

START YOUR SUMMER SWIM LESSONS WITH  
SPLASH PALACE SWIM SCHOOL  
CHILDREN FROM 3 YEARS UPWARDS

BOOK AT SPLASH PALACE 217 7506 EXT 3  
EMAIL [swimschool@splashpalace.co.nz](mailto:swimschool@splashpalace.co.nz)

If you are looking for a Kindergarten, have you thought of, or did you know of Lindisfarne?

If you are interested please feel free to have a look at our Kindergarten, meet our teachers and enrol your child onto our waiting list.

We are located at 34 Mitchell Street, Invercargill.  
Looking forward to meeting you.

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**ACTIVITY IS AWESOME**

School age children need one hour of physical activity every day even on wet cold days.

**Sit less, move more**

- Limit screen time to less than two hours
- Be active as a family in the weekend
- Park further from school or shops.
- If the journey is <2km leave the car at home
- Keep a bag of equipment handy for outings e.g. frisbee or ball

**Boredom busting indoor activities:**

- **Indoor obstacle course** use chairs, blankets or pillows
- **Skipping** with ropes or jumping using elastics
- **Music** - freeze / musical statues
- **Hide and seek** for small indoor spaces the seeker uses a blind fold
- **Target shoot** throw newspaper balls or rolled up socks into a laundry basket
- **Indoor hopscotch** use pieces of paper to hop onto
- **Catch bubbles** in yoghurt pots/plastic cups
- **Turbo charge story time** - choose a word that will be repeated often in a story. Jump up and turn around when the word is read.
- **Animal charades** - names of animals are placed in a bowl. Take turns choosing and acting out the animals actions till others guess (in silence is more challenging!)

[www.myfamily.kiwi/activities](http://www.myfamily.kiwi/activities)

**little Rockers.**

PLAYGROUP - MUSIC & MOVEMENT  
THURSDAY 1 10.00AM | \$3  
CORNERSTONE HUB  
9 TAY STREET - 218 4007

**WINDSOR COMMUNITY CHURCH  
FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT**

**SUNDAY 1ST OCTOBER - 5PM SHARP**

Bring your own takeaway tea.  
**FREE Entry and Ice Cream!**  
Movie screening to follow.

**Ph. 0276365694 or 2177047**

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