

Kia ora whanau - nau mai ano: we're back! The common wisdom has always been that the weather improves when school goes back. Over recent years, common wisdom has also been that the weather deteriorates for Burt Munro

weekend: it's been a 50/50 week so far...

Whole school powhiri...

You are invited to be part of our formal welcome for new students and whānau to Waverley Park School for 2024: to be held on **Friday 16th February at 9.15am**, on the school field - weather pending (school hall otherwise)

We would love for any new whānau (parents / grandparents / extended whānau) to come along to be welcomed with your child, but we understand if this is not possible due to your other commitments. Should you not be able to make it, Mrs Hoffman and Miss Paulin will be looking after **all new entrant tamariki**.

All new students, staff, and whānau who are able to attend, are to meet outside the staffroom at school at 9.00am. Whaea Raiha will be there to let you know how the proceedings will go. *Whānau, who are not new to the school, but wish to be part of the powhiri; please just come along and sit with us on the school side.*

Following the powhiri, whānau are invited to have morning tea kai in the staff room - to complete the powhiri process.

If you have any other questions, just see your child's classroom teacher.

We look forward to seeing those who can attend!

Ngā mihi nui,
Waverley Park School Staff and Tamariki

The calendar...

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| Feb 16 | Whole school powhiri - 9.15am
Nga Taonga starts - 11.00am |
| 26 | Assembly: Kia kaha - 10.10am
Swimming starts (Monday - Thursday) |
| Mar 07 | Board of Trustees - 7.30pm in the staffroom |
| 13 | Last day of swimming
Phoenix Zone athletics |
| 15 | Phoenix Zone cancellation date
(or Assembly: Kia maia - 10.10am) |
| 24 | Southland Primary School Athletics Champs |
| 29 | Good Friday |
| Apr 01 | Easter Monday |
| 02 | Assembly: Kia manawanui - 10.10am |
| 05 | Southland Anniversary Day |
| 12 | Term 1 ends (3.00pm) |
| 29 | Term 2 starts |

Keeping the main thing, the main thing

Kotahitanga. He weka eke noa. We're all in this together. Physical, mental, and spiritual wellbeing has never been more essential than in current times; especially for kids.

Whanau, community, respect, confidence, persistence; physical wellbeing, fun, concern for others: all of these contribute to being a well-rounded individual. It's vital to continue to help our kids develop the attributes that our school community identified as being important to have, by the end of Year 6*.

(*The bigger the font, the more important the attribute is to our community)



The Waverley Park Maori Leavers profile - developed by whanau.



The Waverley Park Year 6 graduate profile - developed by year 6 students and parents

Welcome to...

Joining Whaea Awhi in room 8 this year, is final-year student teacher Jordan Reedy - nau mai haere mai ki te kura tenei, Jordan. Jordan will be in room 8 every week. He will also have blocks of time when he is here everyday; just as Whaea Katy did last year ...and she's still here! (And: the size of our staff men's support group could even double!)

How to

Call / txt: 03 217 9332 / 022 3179332
Messenger: Waverley Park School
Pay us online: 12 3154 0103559 00

New Minister - new rules...

We have (only very slightly) altered the "suggested" wording to create the mandated "draft" policy (your input is most welcome):
"Phones away for the day"

"International research indicates some key challenges with cellphones at school such as being a major distraction for our students. **We strongly recommend students do not bring these devices to school with them.** These rules are designed to ensure that the learning of all students is maximised, while minimising any potential for distraction and cyber-bullying.

Our approach is ...

- phones (including smart watches) **"away for the day"**, meaning the device should be **turned off, and handed in to the teacher to be locked away during the school day.**
- If a student does need to bring their cellphone for emergency contact or health reasons; this must be handed to the teacher to be locked away. We understand that some parents like their children to have a phone to communicate with them after school.
- Cellphones will be available for students during the after school pick up time.
- It is important to note that if students do make the decision to bring a cellphone to the school grounds, they do so at their own risk. The school is not responsible for any loss or damage caused to any cellphone.**

If a parent or caregiver absolutely needs to make urgent contact with their child during the day - call the school office: ALL of our classrooms still have functioning phones in them.

Appropriate usage

There may be times when students will be able to access and use their cellphones. However, this is the exception and will always be closely monitored by teaching staff.

Learning activities

If cellphones are used for a learning activity, this will be at the teacher's discretion and the phone's use will be supervised by a staff member. Guidelines on appropriate usage still apply.

Health and emergency situations

Students with additional learning needs who use cellphones in class to increase or improve their ability to participate and learn will be granted an exemption. In matters related to a student's immediate health and safety concerns, a parent or caregiver can apply at any time to the principal for a period of exemption (eg: medical conditions or protection issues).

Education outside the classroom (EOTC)

Whilst on school trips, phones should be switched off and placed in their bags. Permission may be sought to use the camera, but other mobile features should not be accessed.

Inappropriate usage

If we see a student using a personal digital device inappropriately or without permission during the school day, we confiscate it. After the student locks the device, we secure it in the school office to be collected by a parent or guardian.

Breaches of the cellphone rules include (but are not limited to):

- using the device when not permitted
- any sort of bullying, including online bullying
- taking photos or videos of other people without their permission
- forwarding inappropriate messages or content.

If a student makes the decision to inappropriately use a cellphone multiple times in a week, the cellphone will be confiscated and can only be collected by a parent or caregiver following a discussion with the (by then, probably quite tetchy) principal.

Please note: with all exemptions and exceptions, appropriate usage guidelines and other relevant school rules still apply."

Meantime: if you have a concern...

Schools are also required to publish from time to time, how they handle concerns and complaints. Here's how the Waverley Park process runs:

Talk directly to the person concerned – tell them what the problem is.

If that doesn't seem to work ... put it in writing to the person. You will get a written response within three working days.

If that doesn't seem to work ... write to the principal (or the Board of Trustees if it's about the principal). You will get a written response within five working days.

If that doesn't seem to work... the issue will be considered at the next scheduled monthly meeting of the full Board. You will get a written response within five working days of that meeting.

10 PARAPROSDOKIANS TO TICKLE YOUR BRAIN

- Where there is a will, I want to be in it.
- The last thing I want to do is hurt you, but it's still on my list.
- Since light travels faster than sound, some people appear bright—until you hear them speak.
- If I agreed with you, we'd both be wrong.
- We never really grow up; we only learn how to act in public.
- War does not determine who is right—only who is left.
- Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit. Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.
- To steal ideas from one person is plagiarism. To steal from many is research.
- I didn't say it was your fault. I said I was blaming you.
- In filling out an application, where it says "In case of emergency, notify," I put "Doctor."

Until next week - ka kite,
Kerry Hawkins & staff

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ILT Your City. Your Trust.
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Especially if it's gonna be hot ...
Remember to pack your child's water bottle...
because you know: he won't remember to!



SOUTHLAND A&P SHOW

Saturday 2nd March
 Donovan Park



SCARECROW Creations

Are you needing something creative to add to your term one planner? Sections include: Preschool, Year 0-4 & Year 5-13. Check out our schedule of classes online to see further details!



HOME Industries

Be sure to check out the attached schedule of classes, there is literally something for everyone to be involved in!



COLOURING Competition

Our colouring competitions are on our website for children to complete if they wish. The children must bring them along to the show so please encourage them to do this!



For more information check out our website www.southlandapshow.co.nz

Find us on Facebook

A NEW JOURNEY BEGINS!

DOWNLOAD OUR SKOOL LOOP APP TO KEEP TRACK OF ALL SCHOOL NEWS AND IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2023.

BOOK club pamphlets have gone out this week. Orders can be handed into the office or online at [Loop Orders Online](#)
 Orders close 21 February

SCHOLASTIC
Book Club
 Te Karapu Pukapuka
 KICK-START READING FOR 2024!

GET \$5 CREDIT to spend on the next issue with orders \$35 and over!
Keep the Reading Rolling!

spread the word WITH THESE HANDY RESOURCES [Go to Media Kit](#)

JAZ'S 30K CHARITY WALK

INVERCARGILL TO BLUFF APRIL 13 2024 RAISING MONEY FOR IAMHOPE NZ
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 To download our app: In Google Play & App Store search 'Skool Loop' & choose School once installed.

LEE'S CATERING
 TERM 1 MENU
Ka Ora Ka Ako Programme

<p>MONDAY</p> <p>Week 1: Roast Chicken with Mash, Gravy and Vege Medley</p> <p>Week 2: Southern Chicken with Mash, Gravy and Coleslaw</p>	<p>THURSDAY</p> <p>Week 1: BBQ Chicken Bento</p> <p>Week 2: Chicken Sushi Bento</p>
<p>TUESDAY</p> <p>Week 1: Ham + Cheese Sammy with Muffin + Summer Vege Snack</p> <p>Week 2: Hawaiian Sammy with Muffin + Summer Vege Snack</p>	<p>FRIDAY</p> <p>Week 1: Lee's Cheeseburger with Wedges</p> <p>Week 2: Pulled BBQ Roll with Zesty Slaw</p>
<p>WEDNESDAY</p> <p>Week 1: Nacho Jacket Potato</p> <p>Week 2: Spaghetti Bolognaise</p>	<p>DIETARY</p> <p>All dietary meals are provided similar to daily meal</p>