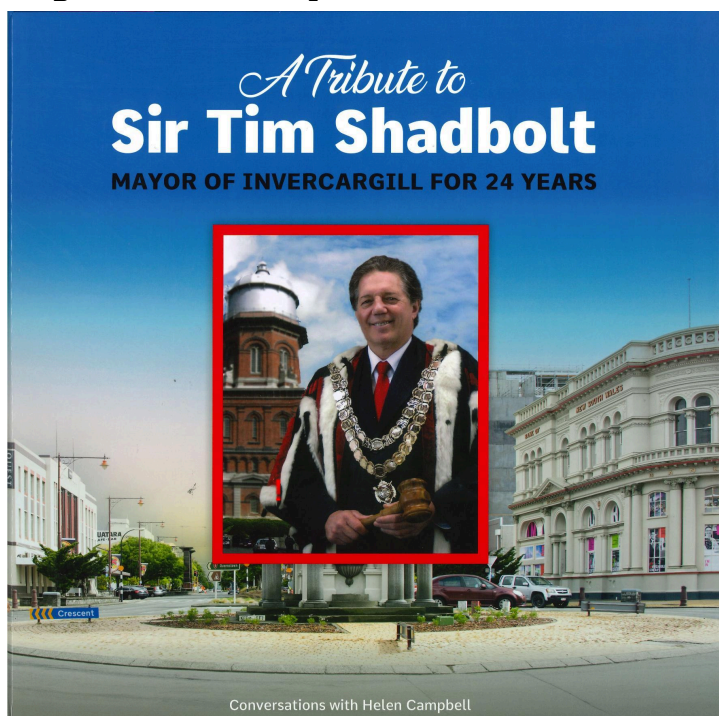


Kia ora, whanau.

It's been a rough week in our community. The passing of Julie Little and Tyler Titchmarsh's youngest daughter Tessa is devastating for them; for her big sisters; and the wider family too. Please keep Tessa's whanau in your thoughts and prayers over the coming months. "It takes a village" rule applies in situations like this too.

Thank you too, for supporting the family - either in person or via today's mufti-day (and Aiga Anau for donating today's 'ice-block' fundraiser to the koha): you are a generous community.

**Very limited run pre-orders available...**



This time last year, we were pleased to host former staff member Helen Campbell's "Tribute to Tim Shadbolt" presentation to Sir Tim and his wider whanau.

Having interviewed Sir Tim a couple of times over the years, Helen published a beautiful book, acknowledging former Mayor Sir Tim's - frequently unique - contributions to the south. We were one of half a dozen city schools to respond to Helen's request to provide some input to the book. Soon after, Sir Tim's already failing health, decayed very rapidly - leaving the Waverley Park event the only one he has received in person; sadly, a circumstance not likely to change.

Helen has arranged for a soft-covered version (limited to 100 copies); which, in the interests of affordability, is being made available at cost price - \$32.00/copy. Whether or not your child has a contribution in the book; if you would like to order a copy: please order at the school office - either at the front desk (cash/leftpos), or via internet banking:

Waverley Park School - 12 3154 0103559 00  
Ref: Sir Tim (orders close 9.00am Monday 11 March).

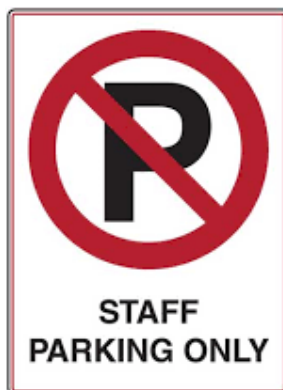
**Speaking of thanks...**

Yesterday was the last day of swimming. So, imagine our somewhat swim-weary staff; returning from the pool, shooting into the staff room to grab a much needed cuppa: and discovering that a parent had left a nice little thank-you note ... accompanied by a heap of equally nice chocolate fudge slice. *Delissimo!* Even better? "We found it before the principal did!"

Thanks, Stacey. That was timely, generous, and very well received. And delicious; very delicious.....apparently...

**Please be aware that...**

The school car parks are first and foremost for staff. They are not very big areas; as such, they are often quite tightly packed. If there happens to be an empty parking space available in either of them, you are most welcome to park there.



However, parking in a staff car park and then complaining about the lack of space, the parking of others etc, is neither justified nor helpful. Just breathe, chill, meditate, medicate, ride a bike; whatever is going to work for you: any other reaction is unnecessary, and unreasonable. Thank you.

**Nga mihi, whanau - this is *not* a test!**

Come and join in a low-key collaborative hour in the school hall that we are sure you will find interesting, informative, and (highly likely), enjoyable too. We are very keen to:

- keep developing the Waverley Park curriculum
- keep that curriculum focused on doing what is best for our Waverley Park kids
- know more about what our school whanau would like included regarding NZ Aotearoa history, in particular.

**Date:** Wednesday 27 March; 5.00 - 6.30pm

**Bait:** Kai provided (and cooked!) by our Board of Trustees

**Great:** if you could RSVP (for purely catering purposes to ensure sufficient supplies of gourmet bratwurst, handcrafted bread, & a tomato reduction... just call/message our office). If you'd prefer not to dine, you are still most welcome to just roll up.

**PSSST...**

**NO SCHOOL LUNCHES ON PHOENIX SPORTS DAY WEDNESDAY 13 MARCH**



REMEMBER TO PACK YOUR CHILD'S LUNCH ON WEDNESDAY FOR SPORTS DAY AND IF POSTPONED IT WILL BE FRIDAY 15 MARCH.

**Nothing personal - but no thanks...**

Whenever a high school has a teachers only day, we get lots of former students offering to come back to Waverley Park to help out for the day (usually year sevens who only departed at the end of the previous year).

While these offers are always very well-intentioned; they invariably put our teachers in a very difficult spot: who to accept; and who to decline? While an extra set of hands can be very helpful; two or more extra sets of hands is disruptive:

- the high schoolers reconnecting with each other;
- the kids in the classroom competing for their visitors' attention;
- the teacher trying to manage the socialising and keep the learning happening.....it all gets a bit much.

So: in the interests of maintaining productivity, peace, and fairness (for all parties): we will not be accepting any offers from ex-pupils on high school open days. It's nothing personal - we're always pleased to see ex-pupils; just not during the school day.

**The calendar...**

Mar 13	Phoenix Zone athletics (NO school lunches)
15	Phoenix Zone cancellation date... (or Assembly: Kia maia - 10.10am)
24	Southland Primary School Athletics Champs
26	Teachers Paid Union Meetings
27	Community hui - 5.30pm
29	Good Friday
Apr 01	Easter Monday
02	Southland Anniversary Day
05	Assembly: Kia manawanui - 10.10am
12	Term 1 ends (3.00pm)
29	Term 2 starts



"For heaven's sake, Murray! ... We're supposed to leave in five minutes and you're not even drawn yet!"

Until next week - ka kite,  
Kerry Hawkins & staff

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**KIDS TRYATHLON - 14 APRIL 2024**



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**Saturday 16 Mar 2024**  
@ILT STADIUM SOUTHLAND 10am - 4pm

An event bringing people together celebrating a whole day of cultural awareness through food and entertainment.

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**Junior OPEN DAY**

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EVENT DATE:  
**SUNDAY MARCH 17**  
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