

Kia ora, whanau.

At the risk of sounding like some sort of Game of Thrones tragic: winter is coming - temperatures certainly took a bit of a dive this week. Nevertheless, we had a good turn out for our community hui last night; a very good cross-section of our community. Every single person in the room participated willingly and actively in an enjoyable process designed to make sure our school curriculum focuses first and foremost on what our kids need, and what our community prioritises.



"History is written by the victor" is a phrase often attributed to Sir Winston Churchill, but the fact is, no one actually knows who used it first. In his 1889 biography Sir William Francis Butler wrote of Charles George Gordon saying Clan Gordon's losses in the 1746 Battle of Culloden in Scotland would never be known as "it is the victor who writes the history and counts the dead."

The recording of New Zealand's history has been no different. NZ's history has been very much recorded through a coloniser lens: which is exactly what *Aotearoa New Zealand Histories* (ANZH) sets out to redress. ANZH is an exciting and important upgrade to the NZ Curriculum - now and always.

Consequently, input from our whanau is important in helping us to determine what is important to include in our Waverley Park curriculum: thank you for giving us your time and sharing your thinking last night. Participants - parents and caregivers only (no staff) - provided us with great feedback, and a gold nugget or two as well: thank you for your involvement and commitment. Thanks for a first-class hui go to

- Raitha Johnson for leading the session and her off-sider Wiki Burdon for her support and assistance
- Our Board of Trustees for their support, furniture moving, and catering assistance
- All of the mums, dads, grans, auntsies and uncles who so willingly took part: *he waka eke noa*.

Whatever works for you...

- Phone call, e-mail, text; or any of the Messenger, Skool Loop, Seesaw, MUSAC Edge apps: we don't mind how you keep in touch. They all help our village to turn out great Waverley Park kids.



Haere mai to Nan's Kai...

Lisa Patterson and her team at "Nan's Kai" are our new permanent providers of school lunches. As of next Wednesday (3 April), Nan's Kai will be delivering school lunches to us every day. As with any new system, there will be a bit of a bedding-in period as we come to grips with new processes. One of the changes is that we will be responsible for our own cutlery; Nan's Kai donates it but we wash, store, and look after it. Meals will be provided in disposable containers - so another change will be that we will be able to send home unopened meals to anyone who wants one: thanks Lisa! (See Term 2 menu below).



Girls just wanna have fun...



Fifty of our girls took the opportunity to participate in this great opportunity on Wednesday. *Southland Football, Southland Cricket, Southland Rugby, and Hockey Southland* all pooled their resources to provide fun and positive experience participating in four different sports. Aside from the fun, there were prizes, music, photos, and local heroes to help "inspire the next generation of sportswomen." To a degree, even the weather played its part - must've been a very good day, judging by the abundance of energy, noise, and Mataū flags when they arrived back at school!

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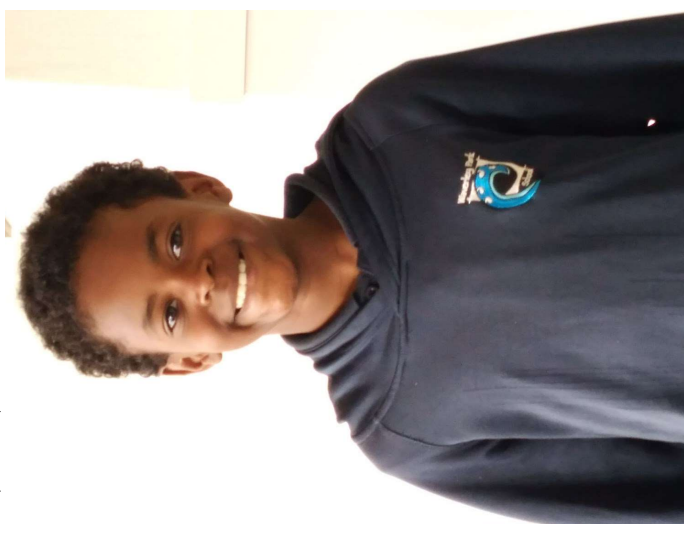
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Run, Gabriel, run! And he did...

Every year, the Southland Primary Schools Athletics is staffed by volunteers from *Athletics Southland*, and a large roster of volunteer teachers (most of whom have been doing it since last century...). One of the worst jobs to get rostered for, is finish-line judge for any of the 60-metre sprint events. The kids at that level are very quick, so they invariably hit the tape *en masse*.

Accurately determining the finishing order is frequently a nightmare. Fortunately, these days, the VAR bunker has the last say: the video replay is a powerful ally; especially when confronted by another runner's mother (after being placed sixth); she having "timed him" - from her seat in the grandstand - "he was easily the second-fastest!"

However, there was no need to trouble the VAR in determining the **2024 eight-year-old boys' 60-metre Southland Champion**; room four's **Gabriel Bermudez**. Gabriel did the same thing to his competitors in the final, that he did in his heat - he simply left them behind. The winner was never in doubt. Humble and gracious in victory, we couldn't ask to be better represented, than by this young man. Thank you, Gabriel - *kia kaha, kia maia, kia manawanui!*



Southland Champion Gabriel Bermudez; a winner - and a grinner too!

Simply getting into a championship final is a big deal; one that automatically means an athlete is one of the top eight in the province for that event.

So, congratulations to **Harper McMillan** (5th 10 yr girls 200m) and **Manata Unahi** 4th 9 yr boys shot put: both just centimetres from a podium finish. Well done kids - we are hugely proud of you too.

The calendar...

March 29	Good Friday
April 01	Easter Monday
02	Southland Anniversary Day
12	Assembly: Kia manawanui: 10.10am (Wed 5 April)
	Term 1 ends (3.00pm)
29	Term 2 starts
May 16	Phoenix cross-country - Bluff
17	Assembly: Kia kaha - 10.10am
23	Phoenix cross-country: back-up date
27	Board of Trustees: 7.30pm
28 - 30	John Parsons - keeping kids safe online
31	Teachers Only Day
June 01 - 03	King's Birthday weekend
07	Assembly: Kia maia - 10.10am
14	Southland X-country championships
28 - 30	Matariki weekend
July 05	Assembly: Kia manawanui - 10.10am
	Mid-year reports out
	Term 2 ends: 3.00pm
22	Term 3 starts: 8.50am
29	Mid-year progress interviews week

Too good not to share...

World's Most Accurate Pie Chart



Until next week - ka kite, Kerry Hawkins and staff.

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Term 2 AUTUMN MENU

Ka Ora Ka Aka Programme

MONDAY
WEEKS 1, 3, 5, 7, 9:
Roast Chicken with Mash,
Gravy and Veggie Medley
WEEKS 2, 4, 6, 8, 10:
Southern Chicken with Mash,
Gravy and Coliflower

TUESDAY
WEEKS 1, 3, 5, 7, 9:
Ham & Cheese Sarny
with Muffin & Autumn Veggie Snack
WEEKS 2, 4, 6, 8, 10:
Ham & Egg Sarny
& Fruit Yoghurt

WEDNESDAY
WEEKS 1, 3, 5, 7, 9:
Nachos Jacket Potato
WEEKS 2, 4, 6, 8, 10:
Spaghetti Bolognese

THURSDAY
WEEKS 1, 3, 5, 7, 9:
BBQ Chicken Bento Bowl
WEEKS 2, 4, 6, 8, 10:
Chicken Sushi Bento Bowl

FRIDAY
WEEKS 1, 3, 5, 7, 9:
Nurs' Cheesy Cheeseburger
with Wedges
WEEKS 2, 4, 6, 8, 10:
Nurs' BBQ Pulled Roll
with Zesty Slaw

SPECIAL DIETS
All special diets are provided as
per individual needs.
It is important that all allergens are
included alongside their peers in
Ka Ora, Ka Aka

Lisa Doherty Limited

Please keep checking your child for head lice. You can receive treatment for FREE from, Glengarry and South City Pharmacy



MURIHIKU MARAE COMMUNITY DAY

Waihopai Rūnaka welcomes you to

Sunday 7th April,
12pm-4pm

**KAPA HAKA
WEAVING
DIY POI**

Performing Acts include:
Ngā Haka e Whā Kapa
Haka, Hamiora Tuari,
Michaela Kuresa,
Secondary Schools Kapa
Haka and more

**FOOD TRUCKS, BOUNCY
CASTLES, TAONGA MĀORI
and more**

RSVP is not necessary; this event is FREE and open to everyone. Money required for food trucks and stalls.

NAU MAI, HAERE MAI
408 Tramway Road, Invercargill
Weather dependent postponement date 23 April



**INVERCARGILL BLUES JUNIOR RUGBY
2024
REGISTER NOW**

Come down and see us for our Junior Open Nights 20th and 27th of March from 5pm

boot swaps and used boots for those wanting to have a go

**AGES 4+
SEASON STARTS 11/5
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Kidzart April 15-17 2024

For more info go to <https://bookwhire.com/foodtrucks-sub-2024-04-15-17-00000>

All classes \$16 per child except Cake Decorating which is \$20 per child as they bring a small decorated cake home

MONDAY 15 APRIL 10am-12 pm Flexagon Fun (Origami) AGES 5-7 Cake Decorating AGES 8+	TUESDAY 16 APRIL 10am-12 pm Smooth Painting AGES 8+ Under Sea Adventures AGES 5-7	WEDNESDAY 17 APRIL 10am-12 pm Animal Antics AGES 5-7 Cake Decorating AGES 5+
1-3 pm Cake Decorating AGES 5-7 Imagination Location AGES 5-7	1-3 pm Bird Feeders AGES 8+ Finger Print Trees AGES 5-7	1-3 pm Get Wreath AGES 8+ Cake Decorating AGES 5-7

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Maximum 100 items per pack - 1000 items and over
Minimum 10 items - 1000 items and over

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James Hargest Senior, School Hall

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