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Kia ora, whanau.

**Somehow, the "short" weeks seem busier... maybe they actually are.** Maybe because people try and jam into three work-days, what they'd normally do in five. Speaking of busy: spare a thought for the team at *Nan's Kai* - our new lunch providers - who had a really tough start to their working week.

Wednesday was their first day delivering to schools; planning to ease into the role with a deliberately simple menu: freshly made sandwiches and a muffin. However, no one foresaw late bread deliveries into Invercargill that day... the stress level in the kitchen can only be imagined...

Nevertheless a fresh, full-sized ham and slaw club sandwich - and a muffin arrived - for everyone who wanted one. Shona Hoffman's new entrants fairly hoovered them down: the kids loved them - no picky eaters in room 5 then! [And they were fresh - I checked ... thoroughly...] Thanks Nan's Kai - despite the unexpected "interference" - you delivered: well done and thanks.

As from next week, any spare (<u>untouched</u>) lunches will be offered to the kids to bring home. Both the Ministry of Education and Nan's Kai are happy for us to share the leftovers with families and whanau: the food is fresh *and* healthy; why wouldn't we?

If your child doesn't want to receive a school lunch, please advise our office (we need confirmation from a parent or caregiver - that way, we know that you know too!) Thanks.

#### **Vaccination offer...**

For the past few winters, our BOT has paid for the flu jab for any staff who wanted one. The theory being, for the cost of the equivalent of a couple of reliever days - we could save on often expensive reliever costs during the winter illness seasons. (And we did - quite considerably)

Yesterday, we went through the exercise again; at no cost, thanks to Awarua Whanau Services (Forth St in the former Ministry of Education office building). AWS has a government contract to provide the influenza vaccination to the community - <a href="mailto:anyone">anyone</a> can walk in and get one - there is no need to pre-book. Vaccination is available from 2.00pm - 6.30pm on Wednesdays. While you're there, why not get the latest Covid jab (that's free too)? Thanks Awarua Whanau Services - a simple and relatively painless exercise

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#### This week...

An Education Review Office report said: "Ninety per cent of teachers are enjoying the new history curriculum and so are more than half of their pupils."

The related headline on Stuff said: "New history curriculum: Schools face difficulties in first year, despite enjoyment."

Education Minister Erica Stanford said: "The report showed the curriculum needed to be clearer. It also showed history had crowded out other social science subjects like geography."

Associate Education Minister David Seymour said: "We'll restore balance to the New Zealand history curriculum."

The Oxford Dictionary definition of "restore": bring back or re-establish (a previous right, practice, or situation)."

The New Zealand Aotearoa Histories overview says:

### Aotearoa New Zealand's Histories within the refreshed Social Sciences learning area

<b>Understand</b> Big ideas	<b>Know</b> Contexts	<b>Do</b> Practices
Māori history is the foundational and continuous history of Aotearoa New Zealand*	Culture and collective identity*	Asking rich questions to guide worthy investigations.
Colonisation and settlement have been central to Aotearoa New Zealand's histories for the past 200 years*	Sovereignty, organisation, and government*	Thinking conceptually.
People's lived experiences have been shaped by the use and misuse of power*	Place and environment*	Collecting, analysing, and using sources.
People hold different perspectives on the world depending on their values, traditions, and experiences.	Economic activity*	Identifying values and perspectives.
People participate in communities by acting on their beliefs and through the roles they hold.		Thinking critically about the past*
Interactions change societies and environments*		Communicating arguments and ideas using social science conventions.
*Also used in Ac Zealand's Histo		Analysing decisions and takir social action.

As for Waverley Park School - we'll be sticking to what the ANZH Curriculum actually requires.

Meantime: have we reached the stage where the NZ curriculum changes every time there is a change of government: those holding the purse strings, specifying which versions of [insert subject here] kids are to be taught? Education policy by election slogan - butchering the basics brilliantly - in one 'foul' swoop.

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#### The calendar...

April 12 29	Assembly: Kia manawanui: 10.10am (was 5 April Term 1 ends (3.00pm) 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
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	Term 2 ends: 3.00pm
22	Term 3 starts: 8.50am
29	Mid-year progress interviews week
	Time your progress interviews work

#### Ki o rahi success...



This is our Ki o Rahi team, after the season's last game on Thursday. Amia is holding the trophy because... *every* other kid in this pic is hiding sausages they had just collected from the BBQ - count the hands; *just look* at those faces - butter wouldn't melt...

Our heartfelt thanks to...

- Stu Brown for the coaching clinics here at school;
- The parents and whanau who regularly supported the kids;
- Ka Taoka Trust and Active Southland for organizing the the inaugural Ki o Rahi schools competition (and for providing the obviously popular after-match BBQ - nga mihi mo te kai!).

#### 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.

#### **Enterprising!**

Little Joey decided to ask Santa for a new bike; so he wrote a letter. Then he looked at it and thought,

"Nah - I'll skip Santa. He hardly ever gives me what I want so I'll go straight to Jesus!" Instead, he wrote:

"Dear Jesus, I have been a very good boy, would you please send me a bike for Christmas?"

Not being completely satisfied, he rewrote it:

"Dear Jesus, I have been a very good boy for most of the year, would you please send me a bike for Christmas?"

Still not happy with it, he tried again:

"Dear Jesus, I am no angel but I do my best, would you please send me a bike for Christmas?"

On the way to post it, Little Joey walked past a garden where he saw a small statue of Mary. In a flash, he jumped over the fence, shoved the statue inside his shirt, and bolted for home. He ran inside and stuffed the statue under his bed. Then, on a fresh sheet of paper, he wrote the final version:

"Dear Jesus, if you want to see your Mother again, send me a bike this Christmas."

Until next week - ka kite, Kerry Hawkins & staff

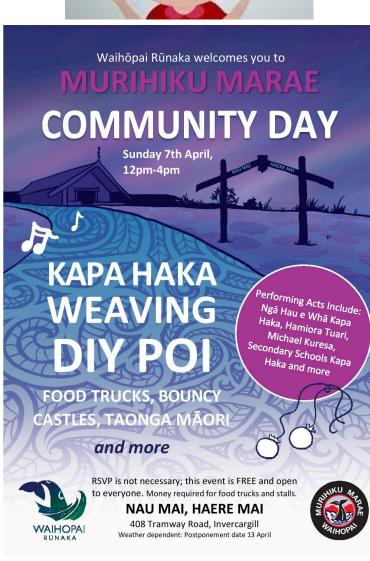
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## April 15-17

10am-12 pm

**Animal Antics** 

AGES 5-7

AGES 8+

Flexagon fun (Origami AGES 5-7 Cake Decorating

1-3 pm **Cake Decorating** AGES 5-7

Imagination Location

**Smoosh Painting** 

1-3 pm

**Bird Feeders** 

AGES 8+ Under Sea Adventure **Cake Decorating** AGES 5-7

> 1-3 pm Get Wired! AGES 8+

Cake Decorating **Finger Print Trees** AGES 5-7

Southland Education - 100 Esk Street, INV Ph 03 2188 180 wea south@xtra.co

HILLZONE - 12 noon - 1pm -- \$5 per child BYO LO





For parents of children aged 0 - 18 years

Wednesdays from May 8 (8 sessions) 9.30am - 11.30am

Family Works, 183 Spey St, Invercargill

For more information phone Nicole on 03 211 8272 or email pp@familyworkssld.nz

