

Kia ora, whanau.

And just like that; term one ends. As is always the case for term one: there has been a lot happening, a lot to do, and a lot to see. In addition, there has been (and there remains) a lot to think about in the world of education. As is the NZ way, education remains a very politicised sector to be in. Policy tends to be more subservient to what politicians want, rather than what kids need.

One of things a parliament and a school have in common is that every adult who works there, is there by choice: no adult is forced to be there. The adults are there because they volunteered to be; the same does not apply for kids. Every one of them is at school because they have to be.

Kids deserve to have their education planned and underpinned by sound research and good teaching practice. They deserve an education system where the “goalposts” are consistent; and don’t get moved or replaced after every election. Education goalposts should only get moved when researched evidence shows they should be. The triennial parliamentary raffle has to stop reducing education to a raffle where the winner of the most parliamentary seats, gets to reclassify their slogans as policy.

Thanks...

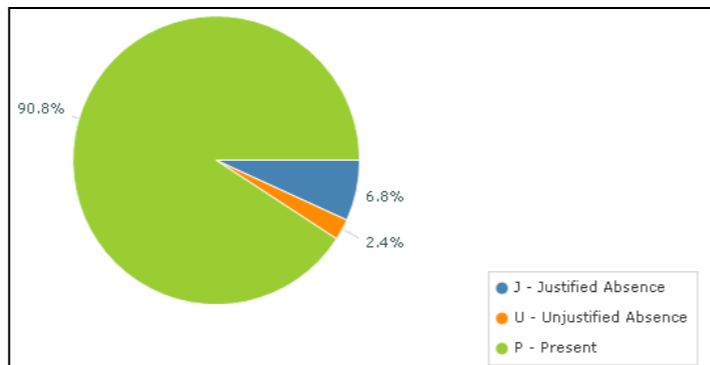
Time and again we refer to the “it takes a village” mantra when talking about raising and educating our kid; and time and again, our parents and caregivers deliver. Sports teams, school trips, assemblies: you guys turn up and make a huge impact on your kids and their learning.

This morning’s assembly was a good example; the kids presenting well-supported by whanau members - the boost to confidence (the kids’) and pride (the folks’) is always noticeable. Thank you, Waverley Park adults; you make a big difference to Waverley Park kids. *Kia kaha!*



Kiera, Amia, Muavae, Thomas - about to be revealed as the mystery man - and Ryker presenting; at assembly this morning.

Attendance for term 1...



This government defines regular attendance as being at school for a minimum of 90% of the time that a school is open for instruction. The government target is for 90% of kids attending regularly. From next term, schools are required to publish their attendance data weekly - not something we have an issue with; we’ve been doing that a couple of times a term anyway. It will be interesting to see what impact the strategy will have.

While our average attendance rate for term one is just a whisker south of 91% - pretty good - there’s still room to improve...

Attendance range (%)	Absence as days/week	Absence as days/term	Number of students
30 - 39	3 - 3½	30 - 35	1
40 - 49	2½ - 3	25 - 30	1
50 - 59	2 - 2½	20 - 25	5
60 - 69	1½ - 2	15 - 20	5
70 - 79	1 - 1½	10 - 15	11
80 - 89	½ - 1	5 - 10	41
90 - 99	0 - ½	0 - 5	121
100	nil!	none!	53!!

Seventy-four percent of Waverley Park kids are meeting the benchmark for regular attendance.

Of the others: all but a couple of the kids with attendance under 70% have genuine reasons for their absence rate; and the same applies to a few in the 70 - 80% range too - sometimes life just gets in the way. However, despite the fact that we’re going into the cooler bit of the year; we still look forward to increasing the numbers “in the green” next term.

Interestingly; last year only two students finished with 100% attendance for the year. So far, this year, fifty-three ākonga are still on track to enter the “one hundred percenter” club for 2024 - hang in there, kids.

School lunches...

If your child doesn’t want to receive a school lunch for term 2, please advise our office email: admin@waverleypark.school.nz (we need confirmation from a parent or caregiver - that way, we know that you know too!) You have until the end of week 1 to advise us, Friday 3 May. The numbers will be kept the same for the term, no opting in and out. All new entrants are included in the numbers to receive a free lunch daily. Thanks!

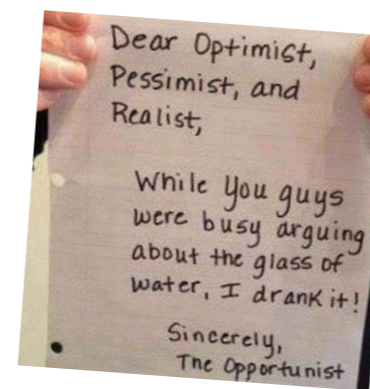
The calendar...

April 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

There’s always another angle...

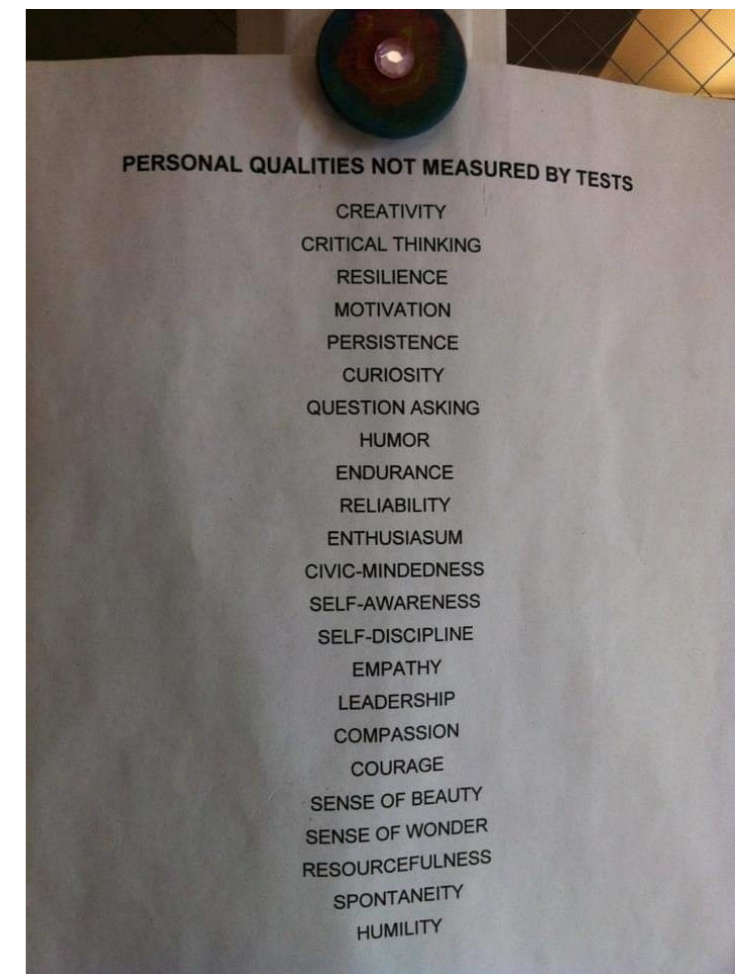
While the optimist says that the glass is half-full; and the pessimist argues that it is half-empty...

The engineer says that the glass is simply two times bigger than it needs to be. The politician is yelling that the glass would even emptier if the opposition was in charge; and the total fanatic is insisting that *it is full* - even though it’s very obvious that it isn’t!



Meantime: while the IT support person is loudly explaining to the whole pub that you could always try emptying the glass and then refilling it... the old guy at the end of the bar has just quietly removed and walked off with the rest of the bottle. See - there’s *always* another glass...

Until next term - enjoy some whanau time with your kids. Kerry Hawkins & staff



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Term 2 AUTUMN MENU

Ka Ora Ka Ako Programme

MONDAY

WEEKS 1, 3, 5, 7, 9:
Roast Chicken with Mash,
Gravy and Vege Medley

WEEKS 2, 4, 6, 8, 10:
Southern Chicken with Mash,
Gravy and Coleslaw

WEDNESDAY

WEEKS 1, 3, 5, 7, 9:
Nacho Jacket Potato

WEEKS 2, 4, 6, 8, 10:
Spaghetti Bolognese

FRIDAY

WEEKS 1, 3, 5, 7, 9:
Nan's Cheeky Cheeseburger
with Wedges

WEEKS 2, 4, 6, 8, 10:
Nan's BBQ Pulled Roll
with Zesty Slaw

TUESDAY

WEEKS 1, 3, 5, 7, 9:
Ham & Cheese Sammy
with Muffin & Autumn Vege Snack

WEEKS 2, 4, 6, 8, 10:
Ham & Egg Sammy
& Fruit Yoghurt

THURSDAY

WEEKS 1, 3, 5, 7, 9:
BBQ Chicken Bento Bowl

WEEKS 2, 4, 6, 8, 10:
Chicken Sushi Bento Bowl

SPECIAL DIETS

All special diets are provided as
per individual needs.

It is important that all ākonga are
included alongside their peers in
Ka Ora, Ka Ako

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TAPUTAPU MĀTUA

Parenting Programme
at 74 Don Street Invercargill
in 2024

A 5-week programme aimed to connect parents with
information, advice and services.

How to refer? You can self-refer, or referrals can be made by other agencies

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📍 92 Spey Street, Invercargill



What is it?

Taputapu Mātua is a FREE parenting programme aimed at co-parenting and understanding your partners' needs when parenting together. Over the 5 weeks Taputapu Mātua looks at parenting together and understanding each other's parenting styles. This knowledge will provide the support you need to work together to parent your tamariki confidently and consistently.

You will learn

- Practical skills
- Problem solving skills
- Learning about each other in a positive way
- Goal setting that is obtainable
- Sharing life experiences
- Connecting with other parents sharing similar issues
- Working together

At the end of the five weeks the goal of Taputapu Mātua is that you will have gained new tools, skills and knowledge, to put in your parenting kete.

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Nutrition Programme

A 5-week programme aimed to connect whānau with cost
effective and healthy nutritional recipes and ideas,
budgeting, how to cook and an understanding of Māori kai.

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A free nutrition program aimed at:

- Gaining knowledge around cooking kai.
- Learning where Māori Kai comes from and where it can be accessed.
- Understanding the nutrition in food - What is healthy.
- Support with budgeting.
- Ingredients are supplied to take home to cook with your whānau.

You will learn

- Practical cooking skills.
- Gain knowledge.
- Cooking with other people.

Guest speakers will discuss the rainbow plate, healthier living, building



NETBALL READY

\$50

HOLIDAY SESSION

Wednesday 24th April

Year 3 - 6: 9:am - 3pm

Register on the INC website

Fun skills based program to help
with netball for the season

- Fun games
- 6V6 games
- Ball skills



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