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Kia ora, whanau.

Another big week of announcements from the Associate

Minister of Education, the Hon David Seymour. Last week, it was helping with guidance on whether or not kids were well enough to go to school. This week it's school lunches; "woke" foods; and feeding more kids with less (loaves and fishes?).

The helpful people at *The Spinoff* kindly published their "definitive guide" to what foods are "woke" - and which are not. Here's a bit of a taster... Apple = NOT WOKE Avocado = WOKE Avocado, smashed = EVEN WOKER Banana = NOT WOKE Beans, baked = NOT WOKE Beans, non-baked = WOKE Burger = NOT WOKE Cheese, colby, edam, mild, tasty = NOT WOKE Cheese, other = WOKE Cheese roll = NOT WOKE Chickpeas = WOKE Chips, hot = NOT WOKE Chips, packet (ready salted, salt and vinegar or chicken flavour) = NOT WOKE Chips, packet (all other flavours) = WOKE Chocolate, Whittaker's Miraka Kirīmi = WOKE Chocolate. other = NOT WOKE Couscous = WOKE Crackers, rice, "specialty", seeded = WOKE Crackers, Snax, Salada, Meal Mates = NOT WOKE Curry = WOKE

(and, just because the "P" section is pure gold): Pasta, canned (spaghetti) = NOT WOKE Pasta, real (spaghetti) = WOKE Peanut butter, crunchy = WOKE Peanut butter, smooth = NOT WOKE Pesto, basil = WOKE Pesto, basil, wrapped in two or more meats = NOT WOKE Pie = NOT WOKE Pizza, \$3.99 from Pizza Hut = NOT WOKE Pizza, spaghetti-topped = NOT WOKE Pizza, other = WOKE ... for the full list, go to https://thespinoff.co.nz/kai/08-05-2024/a-definitive-list-of-woke-and-non-woke-foods

Scholastic Books orders close next week - 9.00am Tuesday morning. Orders via the school office (cash or eftpos), or: https://www.scholastic.co.nz/parents/book-club-parents/



More advice to parents & caregivers...

Ministry of Ed's updated attendance expectations; taken from: https://parents.education.govt.nz/essential-information/attendance-every-day-matters/

"Parents are legally required to enrol their children and make sure they attend school every day.

Parents play a big role in helping their children do well in school. You can do this by making sure your child goes to school every day and letting the school know if they're sick.

- If your child is unable to attend school you must let the school know the reason why.
- Family holidays or taking time off for extracurricular activities are not acceptable reasons for being absent.
- You are responsible for letting the school know if your children are moving schools and you need to make sure you enrol your children in their next school right away."

"Is my child well enough to go to school?

https://info.health.nz/pregnancy-children/childhood-conditions/knowing-if-your-child-iswell-enough-to-go-to-school-guidance-for-parents/

My child has mild symptoms that are unlikely to be infectious. Should they attend school?

If your child tests negative for COVID-19 and they do not have any of the symptoms of concern outlined below, there are some mild symptoms that could be caused by a condition or reaction rather than an infectious illness - that mean it is okay for your child to still be at school. Examples include a happy energised child who has mild respiratory symptoms (cough, headache or runny nose) with no fever, their usual hay fever and allergy symptoms (sneezing, stuffy nose or an itchy face), or skin problems that are not infectious, such as eczema or insect bites.

"When should I keep my child home from school?

You should keep your child home from school if they:

- are too sick to learn and need time to rest and recover
- _ have symptoms of concern including fever, vomiting, diarrhoea, sore throat, skin infections such as school sores, a new rash or difficulty breathing
- have tested positive for COVID-19
- _ are a household contact of someone with COVID-19, they develop symptoms themselves and they are testing with a rapid antigen test over a 48-hour period to see if they present a positive result during that time
- have an infectious illness and have been advised to stay home by their local public health team or their healthcare provider.

"When should my child return to school?

As soon as they are unlikely to still be infectious and are well enough to join in with school activities. It is important for your child to reconnect with their peers and get back to learning. If your child cannot manage full days initially, eg due to tiredness discuss this with your child's school.

In general, a doctor's certificate or clearance should not have to be provided for your child to go back to their school after being unwell."

Free food - help yourselves...

Nan's Kai, our school lunch provider; has started the term well. As my wife was waving the kids off this morning, I said, "School doesn't start for another week?" Every day, Nan's Kai meals are delivered fresh - prepped and packaged in their kitchen, right here in the neighbourhood. "I know," she said, "I've told them to walk slowly!" Courtesy of absent kids, picky eaters etc; each day there are Anyone got any advice on how to get the price sticker off a always untouched lunches left over: food that is always non-stick pan? nutritional and far too good to waste. So...

From 1.00pm each day, these spare lunches will be made available to whanau and family from our "help yourself table" in the entrance to the school hall. This will be on a first come, first served basis - come in and take what you need.

This opportunity is provided with the knowledge, support, and encouragement of Lisa Patterson and her team at Nan's Kai.

The calendar...

May 16 17 23 27 28 - 30	Phoenix cross-country - Bluff Assembly: Kia kaha - 10.10am Phoenix cross-country: back-up date Board of Trustees: 7.30pm John Parsons - keeping kids safe online
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

Use whichever works best for you...



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or any of the Messenger, Skool Loop, Seesaw, MUSAC Edge apps; we don't mind how you keep in touch

Need to pay us? 12 3154 0103559 00





Friday 10 May 2024.

Three smiles...

"There's only a one in one hundred chance of anything going seriously wrong," the surgeon said. "Besides, I've done ninety-nine of these operations before and they've all been fine."

And two truths...

Nobody is afraid of being alone in the dark. Everyone is afraid of NOT being alone in the dark

If you lose one sense, your other senses are enhanced. That's why, people with no sense of humour, have an increased sense of self importance.

Waverley Park School

Until next week - ka kite, Kerry Hawkins & staff





FREE FLU & COVID VAX NO APPT NEEDED AWARUA WHANAU **SERVICES**

190 Forth St Mondays 'til 27 May 4.00pm - 7.00pm





Download our Skool Loop app to keep up to date with school information. Notices, newsletters, absentee notifications and much more.



Southland Emergency Services Day

Fundraiser for the Westpac **Chopper Appeal 2024 GOLD COIN ENTRY**

Displays from:

- Southern District Police
- Southland Fire and Emergency
- Hato Hone St John Invercargill
- Coast Guard
- Otago Southland Rescue Helicopter (approx landing 11am)



Please bring your change for our donation buckets and the Sausage Sizzle hosted by the Waikiwi Lions.

All funds donated to:



Saturday 11th May **@** Surrey Park 10am - 2pm

Proudly supported by: Westpac Southland & Good Tech Team GOOD TECH

AUT study on anxiety & ADHD

We are currently inviting parents to share their child's experiences with support services for anxiety or ADHD. We have developed an anonymous online survey that should take approximately 10 minutes to complete. Our research aims to provide insight into current practice, and we hope to develop effective and accessible services for children and their whānau in the future.

Click here to participate or learn more



investigating treatments for anxiety and ADHD. Parents (of children aged 5-11, living in NZ, with anxiety and/or ADHD symptoms) are invited to participate in the anonymous online survey.

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Click to particate or learn more: https://aut.au1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_1Cip0TC9wLfElXc