Kia ora tatou.

Tuesday started cold and "crunchy" (the grass: according to a ten-year-old wannabe weatherman) and everyone piled onto buses and headed to the annual Phoenix zone cross-country races in Bluff. Held in beautiful winter's day sunshine; Bluff School once again provided for a great day out.

From the Waverley Park perspective; we couldn't have asked for more:

- the venue and track were well-set up thanks to Bluff School;
- we were well organised in advance thanks to overseer Brenda Devery and our complete staff;
- transport was free, thanks to the Waverley Park Parents Association;
- our kids had a good day thanks to their willingness to give it a go (especially the ones from my tribe - the "'Drather Avoiders." We're generally not built for it; we're not really interested in it; we don't really enjoy it...although we do feel secretly satisfied and proud of ourselves when we've finally nail it.).

Congratulations to all kids from Bluff, Salford and Waverley Park Schools - you can feel proud of yourselves after another successful Phoenix zone event. Extra accolades to all those who qualified for the Southland Championships being held at Waimumu later this term, those children are:

10yrs: Crystal Weatherall, Leila Prekopa, Rylee Devery, Chloe Rattray, Jevahn Hewer-Marley, Joshua Reynolds.

11yrs: Catie Monaghan, Nicholas Ellenden & Cormac Buchanan (a follow up of place getters for 9 years next week).

After-burners on: competing in the six-year-old boys' event, a very on-the-charge Ngakau blasts past WPS teacher Elizabeth Gerrard (over-25's) as he leaves his Bluff opposition behind.

The power of context...

"Fidget spinners will be destroyed" says Southland School" read the headline...

First thought: "The school didn't say that at all - ***I*** did."

Second thought: "Who's Fidget Spinners?"

Courtesy of the Southland Times (*I know you'll read this newsletter too, Rebecca*): this week, we made the national media. So too did other schools where the principals - all colleagues - had views on fidget spinners different to mine: fair and valid ones at that.

All in all, it's been an entertaining process to watch unfold - particularly the comments section attached to the story on the *Stuff* website. A salutary lesson on the impact of context; a range of human responses were on full display: having a laugh; taking things literally; taking things out of context; it's a good idea; it's a bad idea; it's illegal...

Some respondents understood that the interruption to learning was the actual issue. Some appreciated the tongue-in-cheek nature of the wording of the newsletter; others took it literally. Some people made huge assumptions and judged accordingly. Others understood the usefulness of fidget spinners - kids with tactile needs find them a calming device to fidget with. I was one of those fidgety kids - still am - so I do understand.

Anyway: the comments section grew a whole life of it's own. Comments were variously: well-informed, ill-informed, considered, funny, reminiscent, farcical, political, and just plain nasty - some even taking potshots at each other. So...

Third thought: Why don't people this worked up about the myriad of bigger issues facing mankind?

Final thought: our community - you, the intended audience - read the message for what it was and responded accordingly: thank you for your understanding and commonsense.

Except for that: ***'Fidget Spinners'*** is a great name for a pocket-sized wrestler! The headline could've made more sense..... especially if it was promoting an upcoming bout with '***Southland Schools***'; (potentially) a southern grappler who "*learns his / her (or other preferred pronoun) wrasslin' opponents a down-home thang or two*"... ***then*** it would make sense - y'all).

Mid-year interviews...

Congratulations - now, 143 kids have interviews booked! **To book your time for June 28 or 29:, type in the code cmmsq at https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/ where it says "Enter code."** School will finish at 12.30 on both days.

How to	call us: 217 9332 txt us: 022 3179332 FB message us: http://goo.gl/ljlqac pay us online: 12 3154 0103559 00

What else is happening?

June
14 Marlow pie orders close
16 Canteen 'combo' day
19 BOT meeting - 7.00pm
23 Mid-year progress reports out
27 WPPA - 7.00pm
28 Mid-year progress conversations; 1.15 - 6.30pm
29 Mid-year progress conversations; 1.15 - 6.30pm

July
07 Term 2 ends, 3pm
24 Term 3 begins

WPPA NEWS

Marlow Pies: Orders are due this week - Wednesday 14th June (not 'Friday' as originally misprinted)

Combo Deal: Orders closed today - Sorry late orders cannot be accepted.

Uniform Sale: Wednesday 28th and Thursday 29th June Second-hand uniforms will be for sale for the duration of the mid-year progress conversations. Prices vary based on condition of clothing (cash only)

Cross Country: What a great day to get out for a run! Well done to all the runners - Great effort by everyone in the Phoenix Zone!! Thanks to all the support we receive from our school community we were able to cover the cost of the buses and - purchase some hi-viz vests for our helpers.

Next meeting: Tuesday 27th June - 7.00pm in the staffroom. Everyone welcome - if you're interested in getting involved in a bit of fundraising or just curious about who we are and what we are about - come along and listen in.

- Carley Johnstone (President)

Ordering online...

Entertainment book (also available from our office)
ttps://www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/orderbooks/933v746

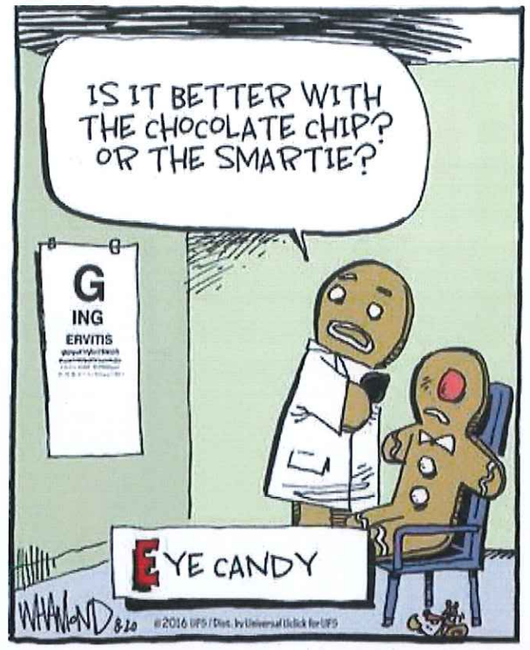
Pita Pit FRIDAYS ONLY: www.lunchonline.co.nz

SUBWAY http://www.subwayexpress.co.nz/School and follow the prompts -MONDAYS ONLY.

Trying someone else's shoes...

Mexicans asked how they felt about Trump's wall, replied that they were quite upset. Juan said that they'd get over it...

Until next week - ka kite ano.
Kerry Hawkins & staff



Rugby Southland

GIRLS ONLY

TACKLE HAVE-A-GO DAY

Rugby Southland are calling all (new or existing) female rugby players from Under-8 to Under-13 interested in playing Rugby to come along for a morning of skills and games.

Girls will learn the key skills required to play Rugby in a controlled, fun environment with Rugby Southland Academy girls running skills and games, including our very own Black Ferns Sevens star Alena Saili.

Black Fern, Alena Saili

THURSDAY 13TH JULY
10 AM - 12.30 PM*
RUGBY PARK STADIUM, INVERCARGILL
**Registrations will take place from 9.30-10 am*

For more information please contact Rugby Southland Women's Rugby Development Officer, Scott Eade; scott@rugbysouthland.co.nz or 03 216 8694

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