

WAIWERA SOUTH SCHOOL

'Learning for Life'



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Upcoming Events...

Wednesday 1st August
Thursday 2nd August
Friday 3rd August
Tuesday 7th August
Wednesday 8th August
Thursday 9th August
Thursday 9th August

Thursday 9th August Friday 10th August Friday 10th August Monday 13th August

Wednesday 15th August Thursday 16th August Friday 17th August Tuesday 21st August Wednesday 22nd August Thursday 23rd August Friday 24th August

Sat 25th - Sun 26th August

Friday 31st August Friday 31st August Friday 28th September Clued Up Kids - Year 6 students Yr 7-8 Technology at SOHS

Assembly - 2.30pm

Transition to School 11am - 12.30pm Brando (Wild Boy) Whole School Trip Netball Tournament - Year 5-6

Life Education Bus

Scholastic Book Club Orders due Netball Tournament - Year 7-8

Hot Lunch (meat lovers pizza) orders in by 8-8-18

Cross Country

Strike - SCHOOL CLOSEDYr 7-8 Technology at SOHS
Assembly - 2.30pm
Sports Activator

SOPSSA Cross Country Yr 7-8 Technology at SOHS

Hot lunches (sausage & bread) orders in by 22-8-18

Ski Trip

Daffodil Day - Dress up Yellow (gold coin donation)

Transition to School 11am - 12.30pm

Last day of term 3





















Cross Country training is happening daily at school in preparation for the Cross Country held in Clinton on Monday 13th August. We have had some students run 4kms+ which is an amazing effort, hopefully all this training will make the run on the day a lot easier.

Kia Ora Families and Community,

Welcome back to Term 3! What an action packed year we have had so far, it hardly feels that we are into the second half of it.

The weather certainly was fabulous during the holidays - it almost felt like spring for large portions of the break.

This term we are having a focus on the services that are in our community to keep us safe and provide help for us if ever we need it. We have a lot planned and have kicked off already with several visits from Constable Gordon to run the Kia Kaha programme with us. Some of the other people we hope to have in are LandSARS, St Johns Ambulance, NZ Fire Service, Civil Defence and hopefully more!

We have a busy few weeks coming up with Harold in his Life Ed Bus, Netball, Clued up Kids, a session with Brando Yelavich (Wild Boy) and Cross Country. A huge thank you to all of those who have offered transport to these events, it makes life very easy. A list of helpers/transport is on the last page of the newsletter today.

We have a stop work meeting planned for 7am - 7pm on August 15th, the votes from the ballot have just come in and the primary teachers and principals have decided to stop work the for the whole day. The BoT have had discussions and confirmed that school will close for the whole day.

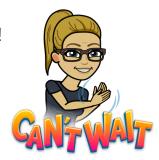
You will have heard discussion on the radio and TV about the strike action and why teacher are striking. An overview about why the primary principals and teachers are taking industrial action is in the newsletter.

We have a lot of fun activities and learning planned for the term - we are going to tell the children first. No doubt they will come home and fill you in on all the goings on as they find out.

The staff have been busy working to develop a new Waiwera South stages of agency format. This is designed to help the children work towards becoming independent learners for life - which is what we want for our Waiwera South graduates. This will be introduced to the students over the next few weeks so they can start to think about how their choices impact their learning and what they can do in order to become effective learners.

Here's to a super fun action packed term!

Ngā mihi nui Kaz Bissett





REMINDER:

Book Club Orders are due THURSDAY 9th AUGUST







YELLOW - DRESS UP DAY for DAFFODIL DAY (please bring a gold coin donation)

Friday 31st August



James Dobbie recently received a Sir Peter Blake Young Leaders Award for being recognised as an amazing leader and role model within Waiwera South. Well done James, you've made WSS proud!

Some images of the Senior Class Genius Hour - works in progress.





Scooter ramps
Puppet theatre upgrade
Planter boxes
Sandpit toy box
Playground games

















A Box for Every Maker

What is MakerBox?

MakerBox is a new initiative focused towards developing new opportunities for children to become creative and innovative. We're helping children to engage within a new form of technology, all about making, rather than consuming!

How to Buy?

Sign-up for a specific period of time and your child will receive a new MakerBox project in the post every month. Visit www.MakerBox.co.nz

What are MakerBoxes?

MakerBoxes are a DIY Box that contain the instructions and materials required to create a specific electronic project. These boxes are designed to encourage creative thinking and experimenting.

Introductory Project Box

The team at MakerBox have developed a fun, creative and innovative project which introduces children to a world of electronics. This box is a great introductory project for children to build knowledge that they can apply to future MakerBox projects.

Special Offer - \$10 (Inc. NZ Postage)

About Us...

MakerBox is a Young Enterprise Business and is run by a team of young entrepreneurs from James Hargest College.

Visit our Website to Find Out More MakerBox.co.nz

CLINTON YOUTH GROUP

(for ages 11-16 or school years 7-10)

Youth group is back for Term 3 with more crazy activities and sweet food!

Re-starting 27 July

Time: Friday nights from 7pm to 8.30pm

Location: Clinton Presbyterian Church

Free admission and supper provided

Contact Alex Watt 0274 054 772



PARENTS PLUS LUNCH ORDER (Parents Plus Account Number: 02-0918-0035370-00)

Parents Plus Lunch Order
Friday 10th August - Meatlovers Pizza: Harrison / Cleghorn

NAME(s):

QUANTITY:

(\$2 per serving)

Order must be at school before **WEDNESDAY 8th AUGUST** as it needs to be organised. Have a look for the Google Form that was emailed out - This makes the process so easy and you can order & pay for the whole term without any hassle, otherwise please complete this form and return it to the office with payment by 08/08/18.

Waiwerian's out there doing it...



Chase Cambridge, Lincoln Forde, Charlie Anderson, Ryan Cleghorn & Wilfred Morgan. (above)

Clinton Under 9's Rugby played a home game against Toko on Saturday 21st July, this photo is the Waiwera South School players. Absent: Leah-Rose Cambridge.

George Anderson (right) playing for Southwest Otago under 38's on Sunday. Two narrow loses to Central Otago, and Metro Blue from Dunedin.

Please send in any photos and a small blurb about your wee Waiwerian out there doing anything exciting, to Nic via email: office@waiwerasouth.school.nz



GREAT BIG HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES goes to the following special person...

Caitlyn Forde who turns ten next Friday, the 10th of August

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Waiwera South Schools new website is up and running. If you haven't had a chance to check it out have a look. It has useful features like up and coming school dates. Have a spy at the calendar page; netball, speeches, cross country, assemblies, golf etc are all there to plan your term. We are doing our best to update and add to our site regularly. Check the site if you want to know when things are happening.



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We would like to take the opportunity to send a MASSIVE thank you to Paul & Jill Crawford for your commitment to Waiwera South School and for giving us the opportunity to purchase your calves for the school calf rearing scheme. This has been an exceptional fundraiser for the school & we greatly appreciate everything you have done for us over the years.

FIELD DAY

Fertigate N.Z Liquid Fertilisers - Speaker H. Burgess

+ Tow & Fert Machine application with local contractor Dean Lawrence.

FRIDAY 17th August 11am - 2pm Clinton Rugby Club BBQ & Refreshments

Anyone with unwanted IBC's (1000L fert pods) can donate them (for reuse) to Clinton Rugby Club and Fertigate N.Z will donate \$50 per pod pack to the club.





Industrial Action Information - The Whys?

Whetu Cormack, president if NZPF (NZ Principals' Federation) was interviewed on the strike issue on Radio NZ. There were three main parts to his discussion around reasons for industrial action. This is taken from the NZPF Newsletter that was issued during the term break.

"The first is about support, PLD and special needs. It is well acknowledged across our sector and in parliamentary circles that our special education services no longer meet the needs of the growing number of severely challenged young people in our schools. The Minister himself and Associate Minister Martin are each on public record as saying special education does not need a review, it requires an action plan. We do not have sufficient specialists such as psychologists, speech therapists and the like, nor do we have a mechanism to allow teachers to specialise in special needs education. This area, without doubt, needs an injection of both funds and strategic future planning.

The second is about time. The offer of 12.5 minutes a week additional time for teachers to plan, assess and work individually with children is totally inadequate. Our teachers are some of the best in the world and to maintain high quality teaching they need more time to reflect, research and refresh.

The third issue is pay. We know that pay rates are an important factor in recruiting school graduates into teaching, and we know that the profession has not had any significant pay rise in a decade. This translates as under-valuing our profession at a time when we need a commitment to raising the status of the profession."

At the end of the day we are all in this industry for the children, everything we do, we do because we can see that it will have an effect for the children that we are teaching. The teaching profession on the whole, is overworked and possibly feeling a bit under appreciated (not necessarily in our area) so we need to stand together and support each other. The action being taken now is about your children's future. It's about attracting and retaining teachers, having more time to teach and having truly inclusive schools where all children can learn and thrive.

A huge thank you to all of those who have offered help to transport children to the various events in the next few weeks - below is a list of who is transporting how many on what day. If your name is not on the list we would still love you to join us - especially at the sports events.

Wednesday 8th Aug Wild Boy		Thursday 9th Aug Netball Year 5-6		Friday 10th Aug Netball Year 7-8		Monday 13th Aug Cross Country	
Students:	41	Students:	11	Students:	8	Students:	41
		Transition of		1.		Treatment of the	
Madeline	5	Kelly Liggett	4	Leanne	6	Kelly Liggett	4
Tania Dobbie	6	Leanne	4			Madeline	5
Becky Morgan	6	Leif	4	Aleigha & Cooper meet us in Clutha		Dobbie	5
Anna	6				2	John	6
Nic	4					Leanne	4
Sandra	4					Nic	4
Kaz	4					Anna	3
Paige	4					Sandra	4
Amy	3					Kaz	4
						Paige	4
						Amy	2
						Ken	3
Total:	42	Total:	12	Total:	8	Total:	



The most ... powerful addition

I CAN'T + Yet = Perseverance

I DON'T + Yet = Growth Mindset UNDERSTAND

YET.

A very powerful word that we could use more often.