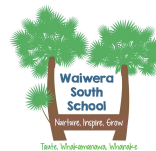


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Upcoming Events

Tuesday 14th December	Modified Prize Giving - no visitors onsite please
Wednesday 15th December	Last Day of Term 4
Saturday 29th January 2022	Parents Plus - Wedding Catering
Monday 31st January 2022	First day of Term 1, 2022

Christmas is in the air!!



Working Bee



Thank you to the crew who helped install our HUGE swing.

An extra big thank you to Darrell and Ashley who spent the weekend getting the swings hung after a measurement mishap (at the suppliers end). The children are all loving the new addition!!



NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Kia ora ra e hoa ma

A massive thank you to all of those who turned out to help make it possible for our children to compete in and enjoy Quadrathon last week, it was a very different event than usual with only Waiwera South children present - not nearly as busy and chaotic, the children all had a great day. The Year 4-8s completed the full course and the year 1-3s a smaller triathlon event. See the photos on page 4-5.

From next year our Bus Run has been tendered out to GoBus, this will begin on the first day of term - for term one the run will be normal stops at the normal times. When I find out who our driver will be I will get the details out to families.

Due to the change to the Covid Protection Framework (traffic light systems) there has been another directed change to our planning for the end of year celebrations. Our prize giving will be an event for only students, staff and Year 8 parents. See the next page to get an understanding of why we have made these decisions. We will be filming the dances, performance items and prize giving that we had planned to share with you and these will be available to school families to view online.

On behalf of everyone at Waiwera South I would like to say a big thank you to Colin Dempster, from Demie contracting for coming out to school and donating to us four great big holes for our swing! Thank you Demie!!! You saved us a lot of digging.

It would be an understatement to say 2021 has been an unusual year - I imagine that we are going to have to continue rolling with the changes and replanning things for quite some time to come yet, we will continue to adapt to each of these changes as they arise and I think you for being so understanding throughout the messy year that it has been!

I thank you all for being so supportive and for the hard work, help and support that everyone has offered Waiwera South School this year, we appreciate all you do for us. We are all super lucky in that Waiwera South School is the heart of such a great community, so please take this as a personal and great big

“Thank you, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!”

Meri Kirihimete me te tau hou hari

Kaz Bissett

WELCOME

A huge welcome to Danyil who has joined the Junior Room. Danyil turned 5 on December 4th and joins his big brother Artem at Waiwera South School. We are looking forward to making a lot of great memories with Danyil.



SCHOOL EVENTS - DECEMBER 2021

A group of South Otago Principals have met to discuss the regulations for events and activities being held in December 2021.

The Ministry of Education Bulletin dated 2 December 2021, advised that curriculum-related events and activities such as assemblies with **students and staff only**, physical education classes including swimming and cultural activities during class time, could continue using alert level guidelines until the end of Term 4 2021.

However, as soon as others including parents and caregivers are brought onsite (who are not receiving or providing education services) for curriculum-related events, we need to follow the relevant rules which apply to all events and activities in our region for our traffic light setting.

Under the Orange setting this means:

- If gatherings are open to the public, including parents and caregivers, we will require all attendees including children over the age of 12 years and 3 months, to have a My Vaccine Pass.
- If no pass is required there can be a maximum of 50 people including all students, in attendance.
- As full primary schools, we have students who are over 12 years and 3 months and do not have a My Vaccine Pass. This will make it challenging to hold large community events.

As a result of the points stated, we cannot go ahead with prize givings and other large community events in their usual format. We understand that this is disappointing for schools, students, and their families but we need to do our part to ensure community safety.

Taking into account the guidelines from the Ministry of Health and Education, our school has decided that **we will only be able have Year 8 parents onsite for our school prize giving**. This decision is not taken lightly but we cannot run an event under the current framework.

Our performances and prize giving will be videoed and a link shared with school families.

**CLUTHA
SQUASH**

**SOCIAL
SQUASH**

Come along to the Clutha Squash Club. Bring along some mates and have a friendly hit of squash. All school-aged children welcome, rackets and balls provided.

5pm - 6pm, every
Tuesday in term 4

For more info email Zoe at zoetaylor1811@gmail.com

TRY IT. PLAY IT. LOVE IT.



**Waiwera South School
POOL IS NOW OPEN
for the 2021/2022 season**

Touch base with the office
if you are interested in purchasing a
key for the season

*ONCE YOUR INVOICE HAS
BEEN PAID IN FULL
your key will be issued*

\$25.00 for the season



Quadrathon



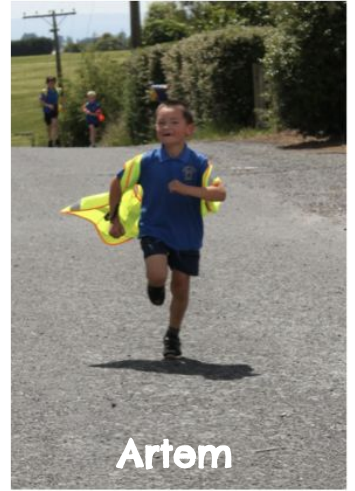
Libby



Dante



Hayden



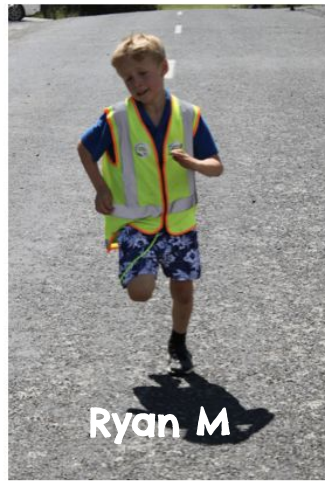
Artem



Tuvia



Ryan



Ryan M



Riz



Zoe



Maisie



Zoe, Lj, Luke



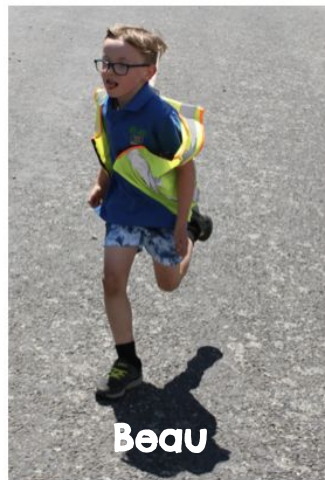
Ryan M, Storm



Charleigh



Luke, Lj, Ryan, Charlie



Beau



Ivy

Photos

Congratulations to Ryan Cleghorn - fastest boy 21:56:08
And Libby Campbell - fastest girl 25:32:12



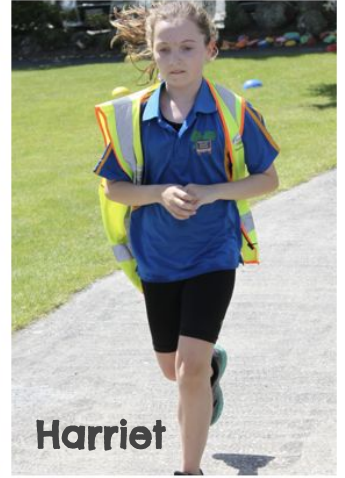
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Finlay



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Harriet



Charlie, Hayden



Zeke



Ryan, Jacob, Zeke



Ben



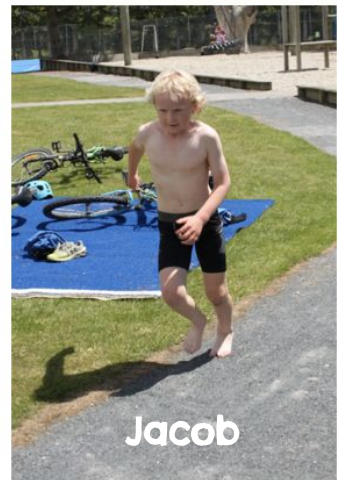
Libby



Emily



Florence



Jacob



Freya



Daniel



Taylor



Danyil

SMIDDLE ROOM

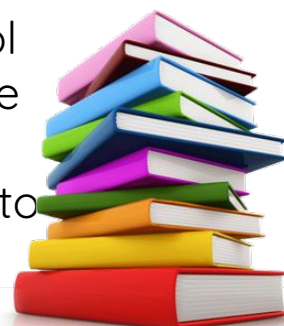
The SMiddles followed an Elf Drawing tutorial with Mrs Anderson and came up with these bright and varied elves.



Please return all school resources

Thank you to all of you who have returned their school resources (books, sports gear, sports tops), if you have any at home we are still welcoming them back.

We will be sending out final invoices for monies owed to school very soon. We would really appreciate if all money owed could be tidied up before the end of the year.



Goodbye Nic.

We would like to take this opportunity to farewell and thank Nic Forde, Nic has been working in the school office since 2017 and has been an integral part of the school team. We thank you Nic for all you have done for Waiwera South School in your time here, and wish you well as you move on to your next big thing, you will be missed around school!

and Thank you

Friends of the School

Unfortunately due to the Covid Protection Framework regulations we are unable to go ahead with our Friends of the School Morning Tea this year, we hope we are able to do something in the New Year to thank all our ongoing supporters.

?? MISSING ??

Does anyone have the school gazebo?? Last seen at Quadrathon 2020. Have you borrowed it for an event/field day on farm and filed it away carefully in your shed?? We would love to have it back.



Happy Birthday to . . .

Danyil Nitsak

who turned 5 on Dec 4th.

And . . . Libby Campbell

who turns 12
on December 14th

Charleigh Campbell

who turns 10
on January 10th

Freya Whiteside

who turns 12
on January 17th

And

Ryan Cleghorn

who turns 12
on January 29th



SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

Ready, set, read ...

- All ages
- Prizes
- Enter at your library
- or online

Scan to sign up



Clutha District Libraries

1 December 2021 - 31 January 2022

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Christmas Sports Day

NEED MORE TIME TO DO THAT CHRISTMAS SHOPPING?
REGISTER YOUR CHILD FOR A DAY FULL OF GAMES, FUN ACTIVITIES AND PLAY

Thursday 16th December

8:30am - 3:00pm



Contact Bryony: 027 368 0320
info@crossrecreationcentre.co.nz



Fishing Competition

South Otago Police and Blue Light are hosting

"Take a Kid Fishing"

for all children and young people up to 18 years old

on Sunday 12th December 2021

Registration is at the Balclutha Soccer Club from 9 am on the day, or collect an early entry from the Balclutha Police Station, those entries must be delivered to the Police Station, or email to kathryn.bartlett@police.govt.nz by 4pm on Friday the 10th Dec.

The weigh in is between 1.00-2.30 pm with prize giving at 2.30pm at the Soccer Club. No fishing licence required for the day, and 40 rods available to loan from Fish and Game. There are great prizes to be won along with some super spot prizes.



Children under 14 must be accompanied by an adult while fishing, and you must be entered to be eligible for prizes.

Take a Kid Fishing December 12th 2021

Due to working within Covid Level 2 restrictions, we have had to reformat our day slightly to ensure that the day still goes ahead. We won't be able to have our big sausage sizzle and prize giving due to the number restrictions.

You are still welcome to register on the day but will be required to scan in and wear a face mask if aged over 12 years.

If you require a fishing rod and a lesson, please come along and meet us at the Soccer Club and someone will be there to help you out.

When you bring your fish into the Soccer Club to be weighed you will be given a bag of treats, and your fish to take home.

You are welcome to come in and grab your bag of treats even if you don't have any luck catching a fish.

The prize winners for the fishing competition, and spot prizes will be notified and arrangements for prizes to be uplifted or delivered will be made.

This year we are allowing anyone to fish from their boats if they wish, this is totally the responsibility of the adult supervising that boating safety regulations are followed.

We have had so many wonderful prizes donated from our amazing community that are up for grabs.

COME ALONG AND HAVE A GREAT DAY FISHING

When you do your Christmas shopping this year please think about the small community businesses that have supported our competition and support them back by shopping locally.

