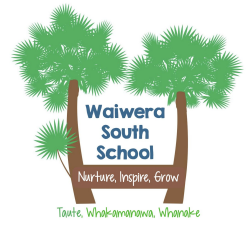


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UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday August 23	Year 7-8 Netball
Thursday August 24	Year 7-8 Technology
Friday August 25	Assembly - 2.30 in the Senior Room
Wednesday August 30	Yr 7-8 PCT Challenge am, Yr 4- 8 Tony Tourell Golf Tournament pm
Friday September 1	Sports Activator
Tuesday September 5	NZSO Year 4-8
Thursday September 21	Year 7-8 Technology
Monday September 11	School Photos
Wednesday September 13	Senior Class - stream testing and planting
Friday September 15	Assembly
Thursday September 21	Year 7-8 Technology



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Millie, Zoe and Ivy represented South Otago in their Year 7 development teams on Sunday. Participating in their second netball tournament they enjoyed the very competitive games against girls from all over the region.

Kei kā kupu mai i te tumuaki

Kia ora koutou,

It has been another busy few weeks at Waiwera South School, we have been so pleased to see the sun out on the few days it has made an appearance, doesn't a good day of sun lift everyone's spirits and mood. The longer days have made such a difference to everything as well, we can feel that spring is on its way!

What an amazing set of results we have had from both Small Schools and South Otago Cross Countries. The children should all be so proud of their performances! From Small Schools we had a wee team qualify for SOPSSA and from SOPSSA Charlie, Tuvia, Ivy, Zoe and Maisie have qualified to compete at the Otago Cross Country Champs in September - Congratulations! The training has paid off!

We are still being quite affected by sickness at school, please do keep your children home if they are unwell. If their cough or cold is lingering, as always we recommend that you get them seen at the doctor. There are several children whose colds have turned to infections which are much harder to fight.

With the lifting of the Covid restrictions we do still ask that you test your children if you think they may have Covid, and keep them at home while they could be contagious, just like we ask you to for any other illness. Remember that good rest while you are sick may improve the speed at which you recover.

We are proud to be supporting the Cancer Society again this Daffodil Day. The Cancer Society provides free support and information, funds lifesaving cancer research, and advocates for cancer prevention policies to reduce the risk of cancer now and for future generations. The Cancer Society relies on the support from schools like ours to continue to provide free transport & accommodation when treatment is far from home, cancer nurses, and counselling for patients and their whānau. If you would like to donate there is a link further on in the newsletter, or the children can bring a donation with them on Friday, Te Rā Daffodil, when we all come to school dressed as daffodilly as we can be.

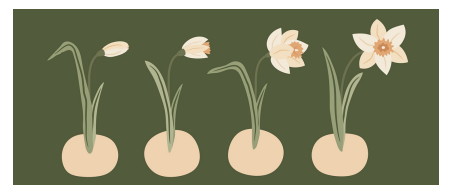
The children have been busy getting the garden ready for our next growing season, the Smiddles gave the veggie garden a good clean up and weed last week, the Senior children have potted on a heap of native seedlings to grow on and plant out down at the Waiwera River next year.

If there is anyone keen to help out with our garden - either on a regular basis with the children or just to help us give the beds a big dig over before we plant them out again, we would love to hear from you.

Don't forget next term is Pet Day Term! Think ahead - pick a cute lamb or calf to rear, train your pig/donkey or duck to do an amazing trick, or simply start brushing your dog so they are as shiny as can be, come pet day! Pet Day is always a day that brings much excitement - so this is just a wee heads up to families that it is just around the corner!

Have a super few weeks. Bring on the sun!
Noho ora mai

Kaz Bissett



VEGETABLE PATCH FIND

The Juniors and Smiddles got busy weeding the vegetable garden last week, getting it up to scratch for our upcoming spring planting.

There was excitement when an old corn cob was found. The juniors decided it would be great to make popcorn with it. Unfortunately it wasn't the big white fluffy popcorn they expected, however it still tasted 'popcorny!'



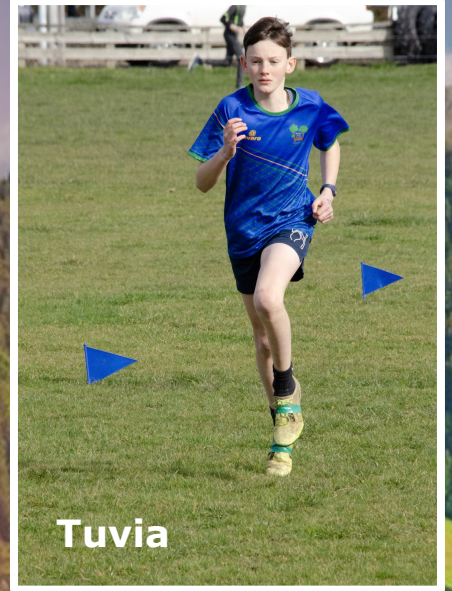
SMALL SCHOOLS CROSS COUNTRY



Millie



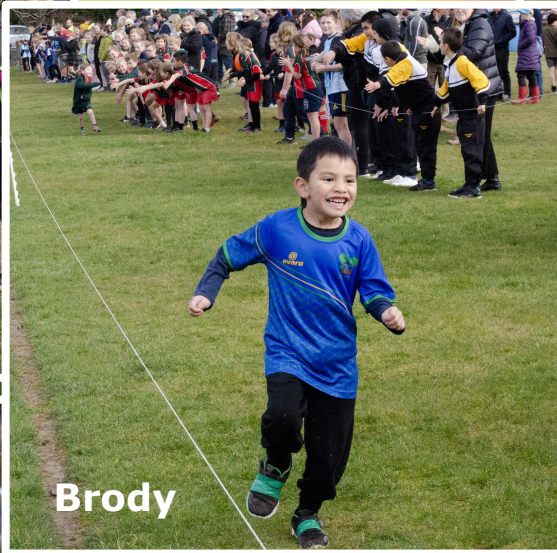
Ben



Tuvia



Ivy



Brody



Danyil



Charlie



Zeke, Jacob, Ben



Sofia, Thea, Eluned, Briar, Ruby



Zeke, Ryan, Beau, Ruby



Beau, Ryan



Thea

GENIUS HOUR

Year 7 & 8's students taking their skills on the power tools to a higher level, by making some stilts for everyone to have some fun with in the near future.



The Senior Class are reading their way around Aotearoa New Zealand, on their way they are learning geography, amazing facts and history, also earning petrol money to continue their journey.

HATTER STRUCK'S GOLD

THE BLACKBALL MINER

The Blackball miners strike once again, the miners want a longer lunch break because they work for 8 hours straight without anything to eat or drink. The strike lasted for about 3 months which made it the longest in New Zealand's history, the miners eventually won and got what they wanted.

CLARKE CREEK!

A little boy named Eric may started gold mining at Clarke Creek on Thursday, he stood up his gold pan then started sifting out all the big rocks and mud. About 5 minutes later he was finished, he got some water and washed it around. He had hit the jackpot of gold, there was atleast 1 MILLION dollars of gold.

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WANTED
Reward \$100,000

These three men need to be found because they have been throwing bombs in trenches and shooting people. Now there name or even there faces but they know no are really tall and the last one is smaller. Last seen throwing things into trenches at Waihi.



TUATARA SPHENODON PUNCTATUS

HENRY

TUATARA ARE BORN WITH A LITTLE TOOTH ON THEIR NOSE TO HELP THEM GET OUT OF THEIR EGGS. THEY HAVE NO EARS OR EARDRUMS.

BEFORE HUMANS ARRIVED, THE ONLY PREDATORS OF THE TUATARA WERE LARGE BIRDS OF PREY. AS TUATARA CAN REACH LENGTHS OF UP TO 15 CM THE YOUNG THAT ARE MOST AT RISK FROM INTRODUCED PREDATORS SUCH AS CATS, DOGS, FERRETS, STOUTS, RATS AND POSSUMS.

TUATARA ARE DESCENDANTS OF DINOSAURS. TUATARA IN PARKS ARE KEPT AWAY FROM THEIR BABIES BECAUSE THEY MIGHT EAT THEM.

TUATARA ARE NEW ZEALAND'S LARGEST REPTILE. ADULT MALES ARE ABOUT 0.5 METRES IN LENGTH, AND WEIGH UP TO 1.5 KG WHEN FULLY GROWN. THE MALE HAS A DISTINCTIVE CREST OF SPINES RUNNING ALONG THE NECK AND DOWN THE BACK. HE CAN EJECT THESE SPINES TO ATTRACT FEMALES OR WHEN FIGHTING WITH OTHER MALES.

THE TUATARA HAS A THIRD EYE ON THE TOP OF ITS HEAD CALLED THE PINEAL EYE. THE EYE HAS A RETINA, LENS, AND NERVE TISSUES. YET IT IS NOT USED FOR SEEING. IT IS VISIBLE UNDER YOUNG TUATARAS' SKIN BUT BECOMES COVERED WITH SCALES AND PIGMENT IN A FEW MONTHS, MAKING IT HARD TO SEE.

WANTED DEAD OR ALIVE

NAME MR COCKLE SHELL
REWARD \$10,000,000
DESCRIPTION WHITE, BUMPY, SHELLY

WANTED FOR DISAPPEARING FROM THE BEACH AND MAKING PEOPLE LOOK FOR HIM EVERY THREE YEARS.

ALL THE NEW ZEALANDERS KNOW that little island in the South Pacific Ocean was once a land of peace and beauty. The people who lived there were the Maori, a noble and brave people who had a rich and varied culture. They were the first to settle in New Zealand, and they lived there for centuries. Their lives were a mix of hard work and joy, and they were proud of their land and their people. Today, the Maori are still an important part of New Zealand's culture, and their traditions are still celebrated. We should all be proud of the Maori and their contribution to our country.

READING EVERY DAY GOES A VERY LONG WAY

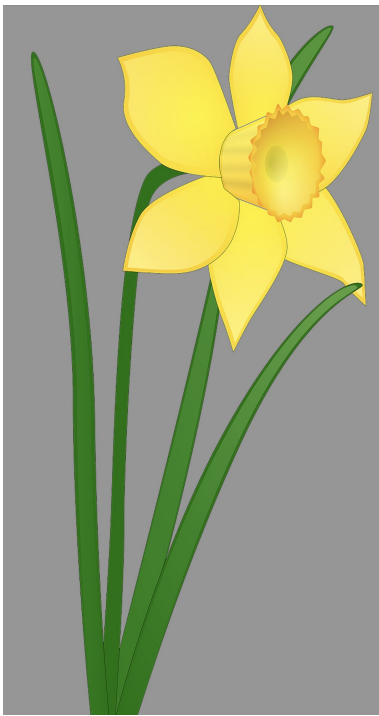
STUDENT "A" READS
20 minutes per day
3,600 minutes per school year
1,800,000 words per year

STUDENT "B" READS
5 minutes per day
900 minutes per school year
282,000 words per year

STUDENT "C" READS
1 minute per day
180 minutes per school year
8,000 words per year



WANT TO BE A BETTER READER? READ MORE!



Our school is proudly supporting the Cancer Society this

Daffodil Day

Kei te tautoko whakahi tō mātou kura Te Kāhui Matepukupuku i tēnei Rā Daffodil

Find out more at daffodilday.org.nz

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Cancer Society Daffodil Day Te Rā Daffodil

CLINTON LIONS CLUB

Serving our community

The Clinton Lions are looking for Applications for Funds that we have raised from our Brassica Competition.

We invite Local Community Groups within our service area, to email clintonlionsnz@gmail.com , and apply for a funding application.

Alternatively you can contact Benji on 0274713017 to get an application form.

APPLICATIONS CLOSE 2nd OCTOBER

HOT LUNCHES - Term 3

Date	Lunch	Rostered
Friday 25 August	Sausage & Bread	John Cleghorn
Friday 8 September	Spaghetti Bun	A.Whiteside/Sarah Currie

ALL HOT LUNCH ORDERS WILL BE DONE THROUGH GOOGLE FORMS
 You should have now received the email to order the hot lunches for the term.
 Please let the office know if you have not received this email.

All payments go directly to the **PARENTS PLUS Account**.
 Details will be in the email.

If you are unable to do your rostered duty please organise to swap with someone else.