WAIWERA SOUTH SCHOOL

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Upcoming Events

Thursday 11th February	Technology yr 7&8's
Friday 12th February	Scholastic Book Club Issue One - Due today FULL SCHOOL trip to Portobello
Monday 15th February	BOT Meeting - 7pm in the Senior Room
Thursday 18th February	Lanterns and Painted Rocks 1.30pm
Friday 19th February	Hot Lunches - American Hotdogs (S.Campbell & Forde) orders due Wed 17th Feb
Monday 22nd February	Small Schools Athletics - SOHS (postponement date: 24th February)
Tuesday 23rd February	Visit to Road Safety Truck - Rec Centre PARENTS PLUS MEETING - 3pm in the staffroom. Everyone welcome
Thursday 25th February	Technology yr 7&8's
Friday 26th February	Hot Lunches - Beef Sliders (Whiteside & Harrison) orders due Wed 24th Feb
Monday 1st - Friday 5th March	Senior Camp - Bannockburn
Thursday 4th - Friday 5th March	Junior Camp - Bannockburn
Sunday 7th March	Weetbix Tryathlon - Dunedin
Monday 8th March	SOPSSA Athletics - SOHS (postponement dates: 10th, 12th & 15th March)
Thursday 11th March	Technology yr 7&8's
Tuesday 16th March	Clutha District Triathlon
Friday 19th March	Hot Lunches - Wraps (M.Anderson & Bielski) orders due Wed 17th March
Monday 22nd March	OTAGO ANNIVERSARY DAY - No school
Thursday 25th March	Technology yr 7&8's
Saturday 27th March	Southland Athletics in Invercargill for qualifying students
Tuesday 30th March	1st event for Top Team - 4pm at the Rec Centre
Friday 2nd - Tuesday 6th April	Easter Weekend - No School
Friday 16th April	Hot Lunches - Sausage & Bread (Cleghorn) orders due Wed 14th April LAST DAY OF TERM 1
Monday 3rd May	TERM 2 STARTS

PARENTS PLUS GROUP

Next meeting...

Tuesday 23rd February 3pm in the staffroom.

All parents welcome it would be great to see some new faces!!!

NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Kia ora i ngā whānau ō Waiwera South

A huge welcome back to Waiwera South School for what is gearing up to be another fun filled action packed year of learning. I trust you all had a good Christmas and New Year and are all geared up for another year - hopefully this one won't throw as many curve balls as 2020.
We have started the year with 24 wonderful enthusiastic learners who we are really excited to be getting back into the swing of things at school. This term we have a whole school focus on "Water" and what a massive theme that is! We are heading off to the Portobello Marine Science Centre and Aquarium on Friday to have a look at what kind of creatures we might find on a sea shore - we will then be able to use this learning around our local stream and up at Lake Dunstan when we are on camp.
Our camp planning is well underway - it will be fabulous to have a big group up at Bannockburn on Thursday and Friday.
During the holidays we have finalised the plans for our school bike track - the construction of this will be getting underway next week, we look forward to working with Demie Contracting and Blackhead Quarries to see this to completion.
Thanks also to Craig Whiteside who organised the digging of our new long jump pit, we have moved this up closer to the classrooms and will be getting the flash new soft sand for this very shortly - a MASSIVE thank you to Blackhead Quarries who have donated the sand and the transport from Dunedin, for our long jump pit.
I would like to welcome 3 new families, the Raes, the Liggett-Jelleys and the Nicolsons to our school and the wider Waiwera South Community, I am confident that they will enjoy being part of our school and community.
We have a lot of events and happenings coming up in the next term - term one always seems to be busy, in the next few weeks we have athletics - a trip to the road safety truck, school camp, technology for the year 7 and 8s, kapa haka and gardening club is starting up again with Mrs Holden. Amongst all that we are busy learning and putting our time in class to good use.
Here's to a fabulous 2021! May it be full of fun and learning.
Kia pai tō wiki.

Kaz Bissett

Book Club

REMINDER...

Issue One

Due:

Fri 12th February

Clinton Squash Club

Social Club Round starting
Monday 22nd February.
New players welcome!!!
Enquiries: please contact Shannon Wells 0279415177.
Or head to our Facebook page to register your interest!

We would like to welcome the following new children and their families to Waiwera South School...

RIGHT: We welcome to the Junior Class Finlay and Maisie Rae who along with their dad Jodie have moved from Middlemarch, Finlay year 1 and Maisie is year 4.

LEFT: Jamie Nicolson started school as a New Entrant on the 1st February. Nau mai haere mai to him and his parents James and Anna as well as his little sister Emily.

RIGHT: Ben Liggett-Jelley is joining the Junior Class as a Year 3, we welcome him along with his parents Trudy and Glen and big sister Jessica

A huge welcome to you all.
We know you will fit right into life at Waiwera South School and to the wider Waiwera South community.

Attendance

As part of our reporting to the BoT we report against attendance, this will also be reported to you in your child's school report. Waiwera South School has a target attendance of 92 % and above. I found this interesting break down when compiling the individual children's attendance rates.
The Ministry of Education outlines attendance rates as follows

Absence Rates across the year:			
Acceptable	95%	=	10 days (2 weeks of school missed across the school year)
A concern	90%	=	20 days (4 weeks of missed school, one month)
Critical concern	85%	=	30 days (6 weeks of missed school, over half a term)
Very serious	80%	=	40 days (8 weeks of missed school, nearly one term)

Another interesting but scary fact - If your child misses one day a fortnight for various reasons, by the time they reach year 10 they will have missed a whole year of schooling.

Absences do have a significant impact on a child's learning, please be mindful of this.

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Kids Canyoning is back with Canyoning New Zealand!

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Available every weekend till Friday 30th April 2021.

Suitable for 10 years +
$69 per child.
Minimum 6 pax / Maximum 8 per group
Departs 9am and 2pm – 4 hours return

Includes:
* Home address pick up and drop off
* Full supervision
* Lunch
* Equipment, guides and canyoning
* The opportunity to learn and enjoy water and ropes skills through the adventure of canyoning

To book - call or email us with your child's details
03 428 0071
info@canyoningnewzealand.co.nz

HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES

go to the following special people, here at school in **FEBRUARY...**

Harriet Anderson
Turned eleven on the 7th

Ivy Whiteside
will be turning nine on the 25th

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SPORT OTAGO
STRIDE RIDE & SLIDE
YAMAHA Revs Your Heart

SPORT CLUTHA
GETTING PEOPLE ACTIVE

TWO EVENTS!

2021 CLUTHA STRIDE RIDE & SLIDES

Multi-sport for BIG little kids aged 2-6!

21 FEBRUARY | $5
10.30 AM | BALCLUTHA A&P SHOWGROUNDS
3.00PM | BLUE MOUNTAIN COLLEGE GROUNDS TAPANUI

Enter your mini-triathlete online at
www.sportotago.co.nz

Balclutha Tapanui

HOLIDAY PROGRAMME 2021

THREE DAYS - EACH TERM BREAK
FUN ACTIVITES AND GAMES TO KEEP CHILDREN PHYSICALLY ACTIVE AND ENTERTAINED.

Dates:
Tuesday - Thursday 20-22th April
Tuesday - Thursday 13-15th July
Tuesday - Thursday 5th-7th October

Costs:
School Day session - 8:30am - 3pm
$30.00 per child per day
$20.00 per extra child per day

Morning Session 8:30am - 12noon
$20.00 per child per morning
$15.00 per extra chil per morning

Enquires:
Please contact Sophie,
Ph:0278273215
Em:info@crossrecreationcentre.co.nz

Cross Recreation Centre
home of recreation & sport

We have begun our future focused learning project, funded by the Otago Community Trust, and are looking for ways for **business**, **community groups**, and the **education** sector to connect.

Contact with businesses and community groups is beneficial for schools. It gives an opportunity to connect with experts and to examples of real world problem solving.

For you, it is an opportunity for community outreach as well as a chance to seek ideas for your own projects that take in a youthful approach. The connection can be as little or as much as you wish it to be.

It would make us really happy if you could please join us at **Rosebank Lodge on Tuesday, February 16th from 4-6pm** to connect with South Otago educators. We will share some of the work we are doing in schools around future-focused thinking and the ways we would like to be able to engage with businesses.

You can just join us for a chat or you can set up a stand for your business to showcase what you do.

Light nibbles provided.

Please RSVP to angela@milton.school.nz by Tuesday, February 9th as to whether you can attend.

South Otago Principals' Association - Future Focused Learning Project

OUR DIGITAL SCHOOL!

There are numerous ways you can keep in contact with what our school is all about and what we are doing. These include:

SCHOOL WEBSITE

Our website is an excellent source of information. Make sure you tell all your families and friends about our website too!
www.waiwerasouth.school.nz

SKOOL LOOP

Follow us on the Skool Loop App! Download the Skool Loop App on your mobile phone and keep updated with information that we share. Search Waiwera South Primary School once downloaded.

FACEBOOK PAGE

Follow our school on Facebook! Search Waiwera South Primary School, like us and keep in the loop with happenings that involve our school!

STAFF EMAIL ADDRESSES

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JUNIOR ROOM - ALL ABOUT ME ART

Jamie Maisie Ben

Finlay Finn Artem

Florence Ryan M Ryan C Beau

Clinton/Kaiwera Trail Bike Ride

When: **Saturday 13th February 2021**
Where:1929 Slopedown Road, Clinton.
(Sign posted from Clinton Township & Old Coach Road)

Registrations from 8am, Tracks close at 3pm
Loop 1: approx. 40km suitable for juniors/intermediate riders and ATVs
Loop 2: approx. 40km suitable juniors/intermediate and ATVs
Expert sections off both loops, which are not for ATVs.

Pee Wee Track (unsupervised)

Helmets compulsory, bring your own fuel and warm wet weather gear. Bikes must be mechanically safe and sound, bikes also must be ***clean*** *due to caution around mycoplasma bovis.* ***Bikes must be fitted with spark arrestors****, no passengers and no under 16s on ATVs. Under 15 must be accompanied by an adult.*

Bacon Butties available for purchase from 8am

Food shop available all day (cash only)
One meal ticket per rider, included in entry fee, to use for lunch.

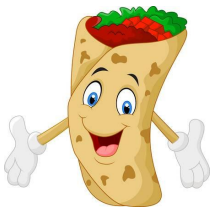
Prices
Seniors $50.00
Juniors 15 years & under $25
Pee Wee Track (unsupervised) $10

Enquiries: Bevan 027 6873007 / Matt 027 6958828
Clinton School B.O.T Fundraiser

www.myrides.co.nz

TERM ONE - HOT LUNCH ROSTER & ORDERS

Date	Lunch	Rostered
19th February	American Hotdogs	S.Campbell & Forde
26th February	Beef Sliders	Harrison & Whiteside
19th March	Wraps	Bielski & M.Anderson
16th April	Sausage & Bread	Cleghorn



ALL HOT LUNCH ORDERS WILL BE DONE THROUGH GOOGLE FORMS
Keep your eyes peeled for the email to order for the term. This saves paper and cash coming to the office.

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