

WAIWERA SOUTH SCHOOL

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Upcoming Events

Wednesday 8 February	Kaka Point School Trip
Thursday 9 February	Y7&8 Technology
Friday 10 February	Community Event: Waterside, Cricket and BBQ!
Monday 13 February	BOT Meeting
Thursday 16 February	Hot Lunch - American Hot Dogs (M Anderson). Orders due Tuesday 14 February
Friday 17 February	Teacher Only Day - NO SCHOOL
Wednesday 22 February	Small Schools Athletics (postponement date: Friday 24 February)
Thursday 23 February	Y7&8 Technology
Tuesday 28 February	SOPSSA Swim Meet
Friday 3 March	Top Team Hot Lunch - Nachos (Miller). Orders due Wednesday 1 March
Monday 6 March	SOPSSA Athletics (postponement dates: 8 March, 10 March, 13 March)
Thursday 9 March	Y7&8 Technology
Tuesday 14 March	South West Otago Triathlon
Friday 17 March	HPV Vaccination - Yr 8s Hot Lunch - Wraps (Campbell). Orders due Wednesday 15 March
Monday 20 March	Otago Anniversary Day
Monday 20 March - Friday 24 March	Senior Camp (Yr 5-8) at Stewart Island
Saturday 25 March	Southland Athletics
Sunday 26 March	Otago Swim Championships
Tuesday 28 March - Wednesday 29 March	Parent-Teacher Interviews 3-5pm
Thursday 30 March	Otago Triathlon
Friday 31 March	Hot Lunch - Wraps (K Anderson). Orders due Wednesday 29 March
Monday 3 April	Grip Leadership Conference - Gore, Yr 7&8
Tuesday 4 April	Football (Yr 3-6)
Thursday 6 April	Y7&8 Technology Last Day of Term 1
Friday 7 April	Good Friday



In Term 1, SCHOOL HATS must be worn while outside. We are a Sunsmart school, and they are a part of our school uniform.



We have school bucket hats available for purchase at the school office for \$15.

Kia ora e te whānau o Waiwera South,

I would like to welcome you all back to another year of sharing our learning with us. We are excited to start 2023 and look forward to all that it brings for us. Our school vision is Taute, Whakamanawa, Whanake - Nurture, Inspire, Grow. I am confident that our strong community and amazing staff will again aspire to do everything they can to live this vision for our tamariki.

It is crazy to think we have been back at school for over a week - the time is flying past already. It has been wonderful seeing all the children back at school buzzing to catch up with their friends and share all their news with each other. The staff have spent quite a bit of time at school during the break, and I can hand on heart say it is so much better with the children's energy lighting it up!

As I write this we are getting set to head off to Kaka Point tomorrow. The whole school is off to for what will be a great igniter for this term's inquiry, which will be based around the local rocky shore environment focussing on life in the inter-tidal zone and the effect of human activity. We look forward to sharing our learning with you as the term progresses.

We have a lot of amazing learning experiences planned for 2023, so watch this space to keep up with what we are getting up to. The Senior Class has begun planning for their postponed camp to Stewart Island - they have a very full week planned on the Island in March. Notices will be going home this week to the Year 5-8s to get the ball rolling.

We have had a brilliant summer - too good from some people's perspective. It was very nice to finally get a little bit of rain last weekend, I know that there are many paddocks, gardens and water tanks out there that are crying out for moisture.

Over the summer break an amazing group of people came together to regrass our back field. A massive thank you to Warren Copland, John Whiteside, Craig Whiteside and Callum Wilson for all the hours of time and energy, and donations of machinery and expertise that you have gifted to our school to get our back field refurbished. Unfortunately the weather didn't come to the party and the grass has taken a wee bit longer to strike - but it is looking amazing, The children are so looking forward to getting out there and playing on their lush new grass. on a level playing field! So kā mihi nui ki a koutou! - big thanks to you all.

We are looking forward to a fun game of cricket at the Waiwera South Cricket pitch on Friday night, bring along your best game and your barbecue food. It is going to be a good community night out and we look forward to seeing some of you there.

Finally, we send our best wishes and good thoughts to those in the North Island who are struggling after the terrible weather they had last week, they will continue to be in our thoughts as they navigate what will most likely be a very long clean up process as they try to return to normal.

Heoi anō tāku mō nāianeī, kā manaakitanga
Kaz Bissett

Book Club



REMINDER...

Issue One

**Due: Monday 13th
February**



SMiddle Self Portraits

Eve



Harlem



Millie



Ben



Zealan



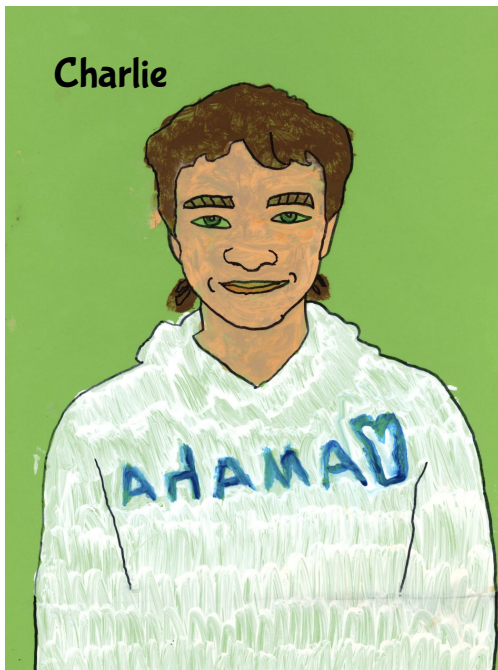
Charleigh



Ivy



Charlie



Maisie



Cooling off and Learning Swimming Skills



Senior Class 100 words writing

I watch Emily anxiously as she runs, jumps off the iceberg and hits the deep dark water with a loud splash. I walk shakily onto the ledge and look down at Emily but she's not there. I panic, she should be up by now. I search the water then seeing that she's already coming back up again I take a deep breath and look out to the hills. I imagine myself walking over to them and sitting on the top and looking down at Cromwell below, then I fall it's not long until I hit the water with a humongous splash. - **Zoe**

Running down a hill, grass cutting my legs and prickles stabbing into me. Finally we get to the river, splashing through the water getting to the other side. Me and my brother laying down looking up at some big stags eating a crop of kale, George gets ready to shoot a stag I block my ears thinking the gun is going to make a big noise. "BANG" the gun went off. George passed me the gun I aimed at the stag "BOOM". The stag dropped to the ground. I was so thrilled to shoot my first velvet stag! - **Charlie**

CONTACTING WAIWERA SOUTH SCHOOL!

There are numerous ways you can keep in contact with us 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



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!



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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

This is a community newsletter that we print every fortnight, it keeps you up to date with what is happening at school and in the wider community. It is delivered to your letterbox via Rural Delivery. Previous issues can be found on our website.

If you would like anything published or advertised please email the school office.

Reminder - Please let either the office or your class teacher know by 9am if your child is going to be absent or late. We need to know this for our school roll and also to ensure all children are safe.

BUS: if your child/children are not going to be on the bus in the afternoon, please text your classroom teacher to let them know. If we do not hear from you they will go on the bus. Please also let the school office know if it is a recurring event (e.g. Rugby practice).

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

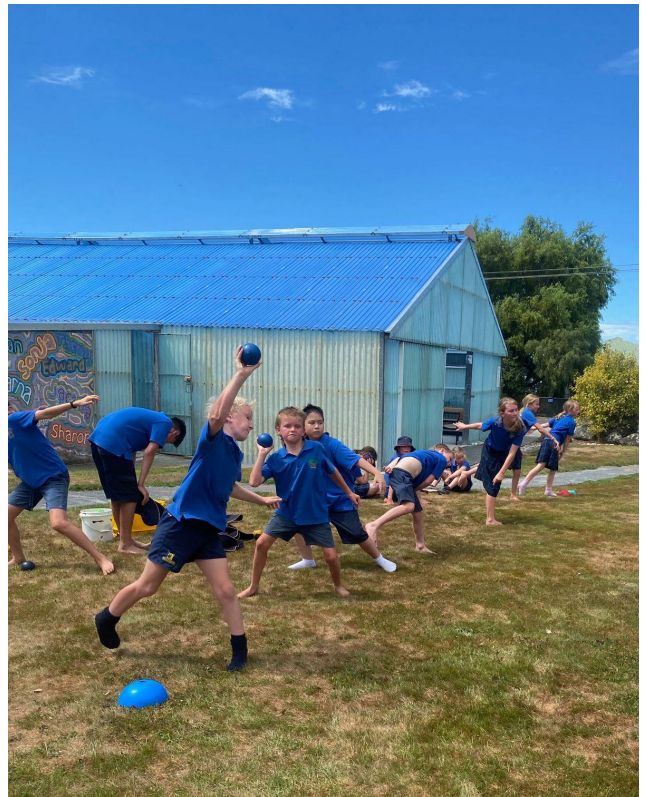
Absence Rates across the year:			
Acceptable	95%	=	10 days (2 weeks of school missed across the school year)
A concern	90%	=	20 days (4 weeks of missed school, one month)
Critical concern	85%	=	30 days (6 weeks of missed school, over half a term)
Very serious	80%	=	40 days (8 weeks of missed school,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

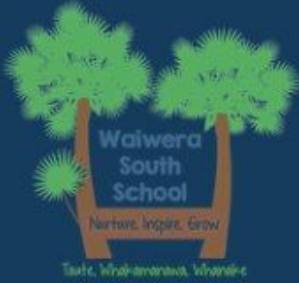
Another interesting but scary fact - If your child misses one day a fortnight for various reasons, by the time they reach year 10 they will have missed a whole year of schooling.

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

Athletics Training

Summer is time for athletics! Our students are practising hard for the various events.





Friday 10th February
5.30pm onwards

Cricket & Water Slide



Community Event

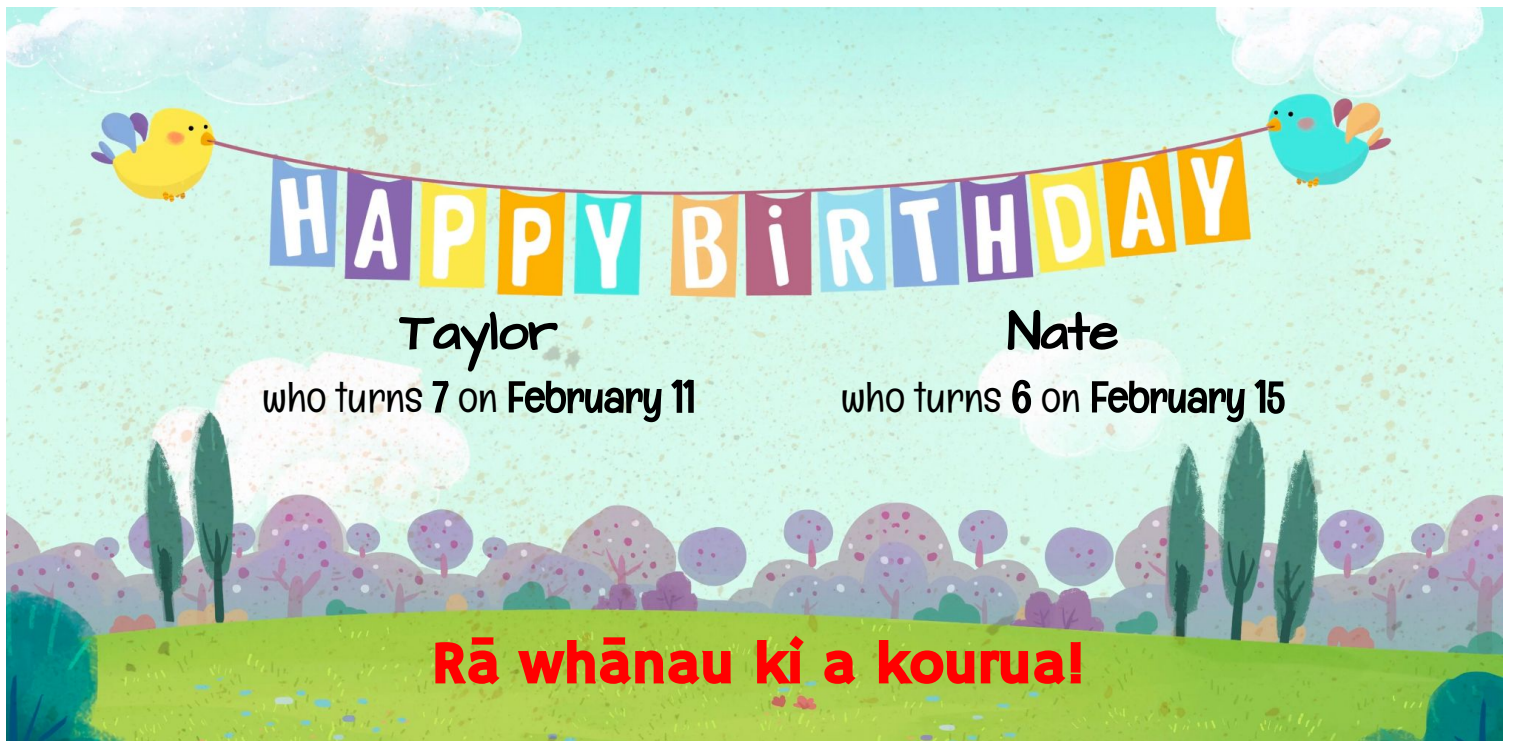
The Inaugural Waiwera South Community Cricket Match and Waterslide

Come and join us at the old Waiwera South Cricket Pitch for a night of community fun. We will dust off the cricket bats and wickets, set up a waterslide and crank up the barbecue for community night out.

Bring your own food, drink, and picnic basket (plates, utensils etc).

We will have the school barbecue set to cook.



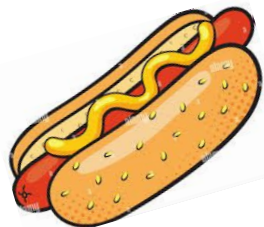


Rā whānau ki a kourua!

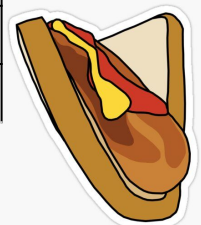
South Otago Grain Co is looking for a keen and enthusiastic person to assist in the day to day running of their stock food factory. Hours will be between 20-40 hours per week.

Contact Cory at 0274181257 or sograin@xtra.co.nz for more information.

HOT LUNCHES - Term 1



Date	Lunch	Rostered
Thursday 16 February	American Hot Dogs	M Anderson
Friday 3 March	Nachos	Miller
Friday 17 March	Wraps	Campbell
Friday 31 March	Sausage in Bread	K Anderson



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.