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Upcoming Events

Thursday 23 February	Small Schools Athletics (postponement date: Friday 24 February)
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

BOT Chairperson's Note

Hi Everyone.

Welcome back everyone as we head into another busy year for our families and school community. It was great to catch up with some of you at the evening cricket match last Friday, and I know the children had a great time.

We had our first BOT meeting last Monday and confirmed "The Charter" for the next three years, which gives the staff, board, and community direction of our school and educating our children. Many thanks Kaz and her staff for all their hard work to draw up this document.

We also made the decision to cancel this year's baleage drive as we felt that it was not appropriate given the challenging weather conditions and how it is affecting our farming community. We have many other funding streams that are well supported and will be sufficient for the year. Again many thanks to our supportive community and I look forward to catching up with you all during the year.

Craig Whiteside

Tēna Koutou e te whānau o Waiwera South

Wowee ,what an unbelievable couple of weeks we have had in little Aotearoa New Zealand. The scenes of devastation we have seen from the East Coast and upper North Island are absolutely unbelievable. On Wednesday, we will hold a “Little Ray of Brightness Day” to raise money to contribute to the relief fund up north. I know the senior students have been talking about ways we may be able to raise funds in the future to support the region as they move forward.

It was fabulous to have a good turn out at the Waiwera South Cricket Ground last Friday - it was a good night to have a bit of a chat and hit a few cricket balls. There has been talk that it may have to become a slightly more regular event. It is events like these that remind us what a good wee community we have here.

It has been a crazy first few weeks at school, but the children have settled back into the routines of learning and are all enthusiastic with their school work. It is great to see them working so collaboratively and supporting each other in all they do. We have an amazing bunch of children at Waiwera South.

We have Small Schools Athletics this Thursday, postponement Friday. This will be held at the bottom field at South Otago High School and the children have all been training really hard for this. This is their chance to be selected to compete at the South Otago Primary School Athletic Championships, which will be held in two weeks time.

It is up to parents to get their own children to South Otago High School - they will need to be at the bottom field on Frances Street by 9.15am and picked up again at 2.15pm. Children are to wear their school sports tops, and blue or black shorts or leggings. They must also have warm clothes - trackies, school polar fleece/hoodie and a waterproof jacket, as well as a sunhat and suncream. Please apply suncream in the morning before you leave home - we will re-apply at lunch time too. The children will also need lunch and a big water bottle. There is **no stall** at Small Schools so the children need to have enough food and drink to last them all day.

We are still in need of helpers for long jump and to accompany children around their events. If you can help please let a staff member know.

As I write this we are waiting in anticipation for the promised rain (it's Tuesday morning) fingers crossed it does arrive and by the time you are reading this we have had steady rain over the last 24 hours. Our poor farms and gardens are crying out for rain!

Heoi anō tāku mō nāianeī, kā manaakitanga
Kaz Bissett

The Senior Class spent Monday using vegetables from our garden to create a recipe for venison sausage rolls and meatballs. In groups they added various vegetables (onions, celery, cabbage, zucchini), flavours and spices to make the best batch they could. They were quite delicious!



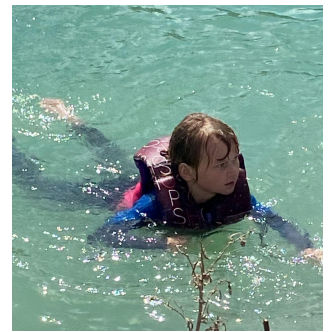
Kaka Point - The Rocky Shores

Our students spent an amazing day exploring the local rocky shores at Kaka Point, learning about its ecosystem, making discoveries and expressing their creativity



Anderson's Quarry - Deep Water Rescue Skills

Thanks to the Anderson family! The children had a great time practising their water safety and deep water skills.



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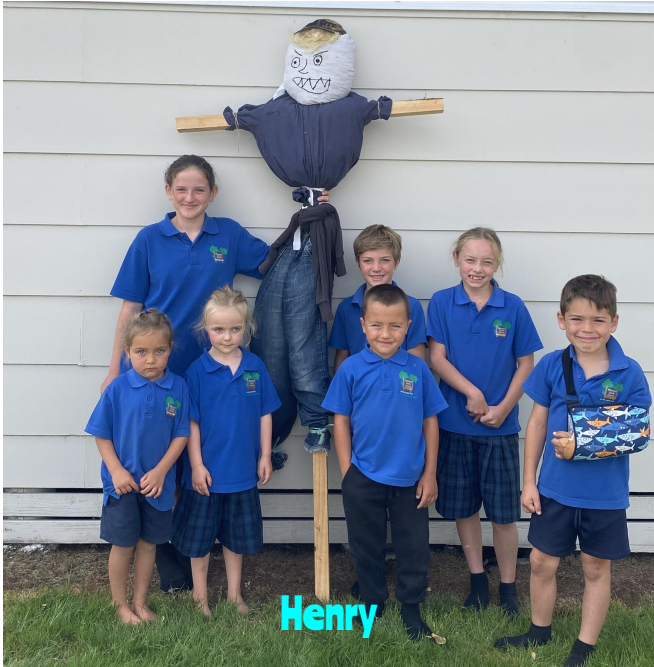
Using Countdown Bricks to learn Maths

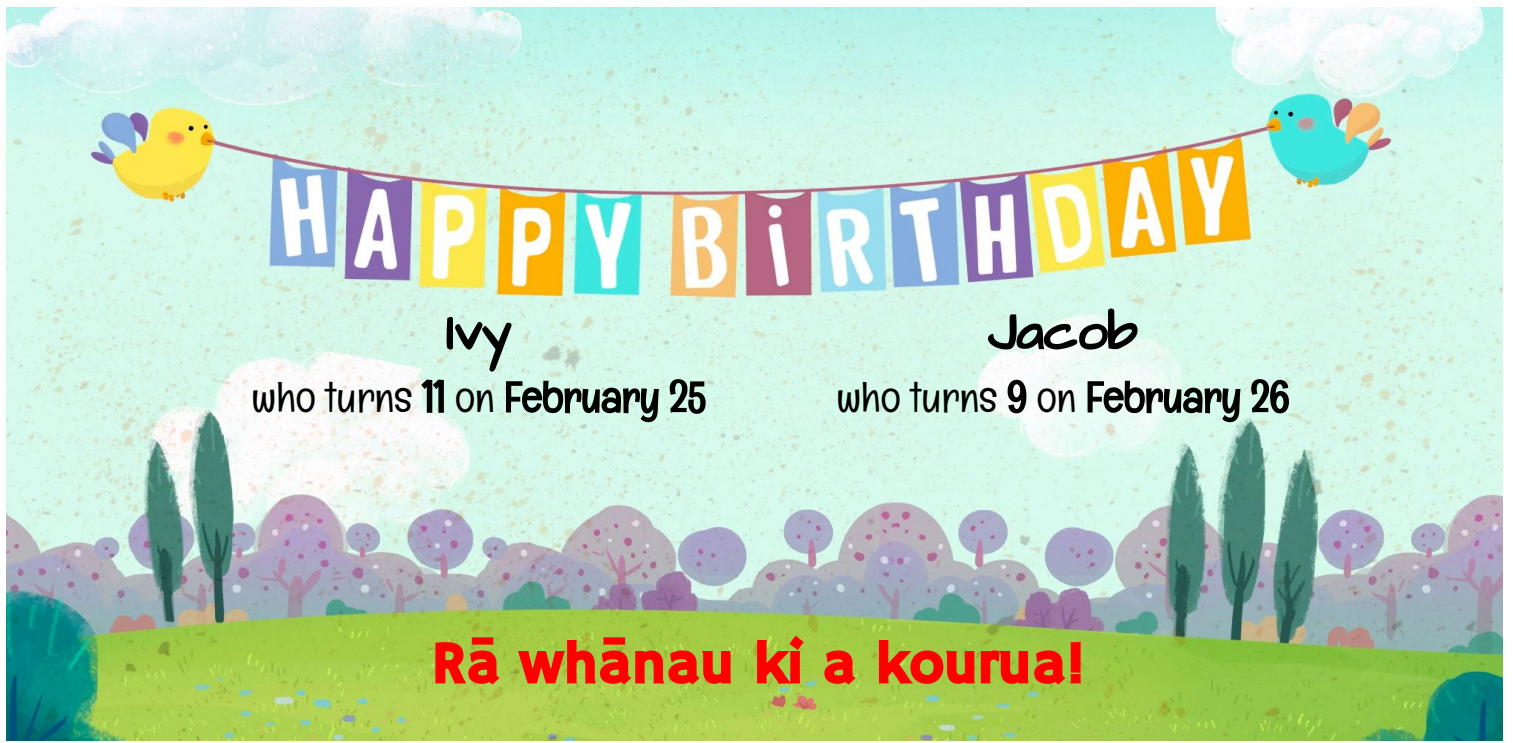


Creating Scarecrows

Our students used their DIY skills and creativity to make their entries for the Clinton Scarecrow competition. We think that the results look fabulous.

Jennifer took out 3rd place at the School level competition and Niall won the spotprize. Congratulations everyone!





Ivy
who turns 11 on February 25

Jacob
who turns 9 on February 26

Rā whānau ki a kourua!

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PRE-SCHOOL
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STARTING UP AGAIN IN 2023!
FRIDAY 24 FEBRUARY
and
FRIDAY 10 MARCH

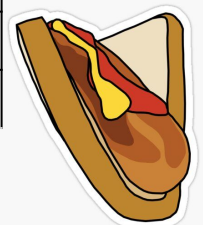
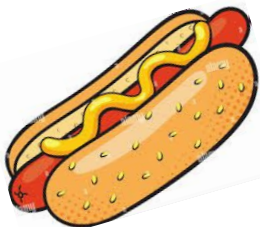
Come for a casual morning to meet new parents in the area with preschoolers, there are fun things for the kids to participate in, no matter what age.
Waiwera South School - Old Church Building
10am - 12pm
Come along to keep this group going!!!

Please contact Sarah Currie ☎ 027 366 2595 for further information.



HOT LUNCHES - Term 1

Date	Lunch	Rostered
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.