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Upcoming Events

Thursday 23rd May	Parents Plus Catering Prep - Clinton Hall at 7pm
Friday 24th May	Community Consultation and Disco - 6.30pm at School
Friday 24th May	Hot Lunches - Spaghetti Buns (Dobbie & Wendelgelst)
Friday 24th May	NO ASSEMBLY TODAY or the following fortnight. Next one will be 21/06
Tuesday 28th May	Rippa Tournament yr 3-8 - Postponement date Thursday 30th May
Wednesday 29th May	NZEI/PPTA Teachers and Principals Mega Strike - No School
Friday 31st May	Yr 7-8 Technology
Monday 3rd June	QUEENS BIRTHDAY - NO SCHOOL
Monday 10th June	Transition to School 11am - 12.30pm
Thursday 20th June	MUSIC FESTIVAL at 6pm in Balclutha
Friday 21st June	Assembly 2.30pm
Thursday 27th June	Year 7 & 8 Open Night at SOHS - Save the date
Friday 28th June	Transition to School 11am - 12.30pm

WE WORE PINK for PINK SHIRT DAY!!!

Last Friday was Pink Shirt Day & we certainly had a sea of pink at school. Pink Shirt Day started in Canada in 2007 & has now spread globally. The day aims to create schools, communities & workplaces where all people feel safe, valued & respected.



Tēnā tātou i te whanau o Waiwera South,

The weather has certainly changed in the last two weeks! I am not sure that I am convinced it is for the better, although as the boys did point out 'Winter is way cooler 'coz there's so much mud!' I guess it all depends on the way you look at things! I know our mud is now fully rehydrated!

You will have heard through the media that Primary and Secondary schools will be striking on Wednesday, 29th May. Primary teachers are very passionate about fighting to make a difference in Education. While no teacher is happy to be going on strike, we do have concerns about the future of Education in New Zealand.

We greatly appreciate the community support that we have already received during the negotiations so far.

The decision to take further strike action was not taken lightly by any of us. For the first time, both primary and secondary teachers are striking together because the crisis in education hits us all very hard and we need the Government to understand how serious it is.

Schools are grappling with the fallout of a 40% nosedive in the number of people training to be teachers between 2010 and 2016, even while the population grew by 400,000. While the situation improved a little last year and the Government has announced an urgent \$95m package to recruit teachers, this is not sufficient to address the crisis. Schools struggle daily to find enough teachers to meet their relief teacher needs and this will worsen as winter approaches. There is also a desperate need for more support for children with additional learning needs. Behaviours and learning conditions have increased the stress and workload for teachers hugely. The support available to us isn't enough. The fact is that teaching is no longer considered an attractive profession due to long-term under-funding of the education sector. A significant pay jolt is part of the solution, alongside significant improvements to our heavy workloads. Otherwise our schools will end up with larger class sizes and more teachers leaving.

On Wednesday, 29th May the school will be closed and the bus will not be running, we will be marching in Dunedin from 12.00pm. We would love to see you and your children standing with us - together we are a community and we can make a difference.

We are sorry for the inconvenience to our families and we hope that you understand the importance of the stance our Teachers/Principal are reluctantly taking.

On another note I look forward to seeing a good turnout at our Community Consultation evening on Friday - we welcome members of the wider community too. We pride ourselves on being the hub of our wee rural community and would love feedback and input from members of the wider community in our consultation process. There will be a disco running for the children of parents attending the consultation.

I am away to the Rural and Teaching Principals conference in Nelson next week, this is usually a great conference with a lot of learning for me. I look forward to finding out about what similar schools are doing around New Zealand/Aotearoa.

Thank you to all those who responded to our call for help with Rippa next week - a separate note is coming home regarding this.

Have a fabulous few weeks
Hei kōna mai,

Kaz Bissett

Sports Day

A day of multisport sessions and other fun activities. For ages 5 – 12

Wednesday 29 May

8:30am – 3:00pm

\$30.00 per child

Register at www.crossrecreationcentre.co.nz – under the 'registration forms' tab

Registrations close: Sunday 26 May

Enquiries to Bryony 027 368 0320 or info@crossrecreationcentre.co.nz



IN SEARCH OF...



Tree guards

Do you have anything lying around home that the Waiwera Watercare Group could use for protecting the trees they plan on planting in our district.

The group is farmer led and aim to improve water quality in our district. Waiwera South School hopes to work alongside the group helping with planting and propagation.



Lots of HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES for TRISTAN LUGATIMAN who turns eleven on the 23rd May.

We hope you enjoy your special day!



----- HONEY FOR SALE -----

Interested in purchasing some local honey?

\$10.00 each (500g)

This will be an ongoing fundraiser for Waiwera South School

Please contact the school office if you are wanting to buy some 4157 973

CLINTON YOUTH GROUP

Come along for some sweet winter fun: movie night, bonfires, target shooting and heaps more!

Free Admission and supper provided

Ages: 11-16

Time: 7pm - 8.30pm

FRIDAY'S from 10th May

**Location:
Clinton Presbyterian Church**

Contact: Alex Watt 0274054772

SERGEANT DAN PALLETS

Thank you so much to all the past support from the community with this great fundraiser. The Parent Plus group will be collecting these pallets again in the coming year. If you have any pallets that you would prefer out of the way and gone, we would be happy to take them off your hands.

We would really appreciate our school families and anyone else to drop them off at Anna & Craig Whiteside's but if you can't get them there yourselves we can arrange come get them.

Please contact...

Julie Wendelgest 0276694023 or **Anna Whiteside 0274157194**
to make the arrangements.



Waiwerian's out there doing it...



South Otago Barrel Racing held a Clinic & Jackpot event last weekend. **Caitlyn Forde and her horse Breeze (left)** had a training session with New Zealand's 2018/2019 Champion Barrel Racer, Rhondine Long. Once the clinic was finished they held the jackpot event where you get to race 3 rounds of barrels. Caitlyn rode really well & took out first place in the juniors (10-16 years).

If you have a horse and are keen to learn more and come along to these events, check out their facebook page... **South Otago Barrel Racing**

Please send in any photos and a small blurb about a Waiwerian out there doing anything exciting. We are also encouraging the kids to put forward the excitement too - You may have to help them email it through. Please send information to Nic, via email: office@waiwerasouth.school.nz



SOUTH OTAGO HIGH SCHOOL

Our Open Night for Year 7 and 8 students will be held Thursday 27th June. More details will be sent out later in the term.

If you are interested in heading along - Please **SAVE THE DATE!**



Waiwera South School

Community Consultation and Disco

The Waiwera South School Board of Trustees would like to invite you to a Community Consultation evening.

In our next stage of planning we are looking to find out what direction the local community wants for its school. To do this we need your input.

On Friday May 24th we will be holding a consultation evening for the adults and a disco for the children.

It will be a very low key discussion where we hope to gauge some thoughts and ideas moving forward.

We would love to see all families represented as we plan for our school's future.

Friday May 24th
6.30pm



CONGRATULATIONS!!!

Congratulations to Sophia Cambridge, Courtney Jelley and Harriet Anderson who received the values awards at assembly last Friday.

Sophia and Harriet received their awards for Responsibility. Courtney received her award for Using Language, Symbols and Text.

Well done girls, super effort!



WAIWERA WEE ONES - FRIDAY 31st MAY

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.

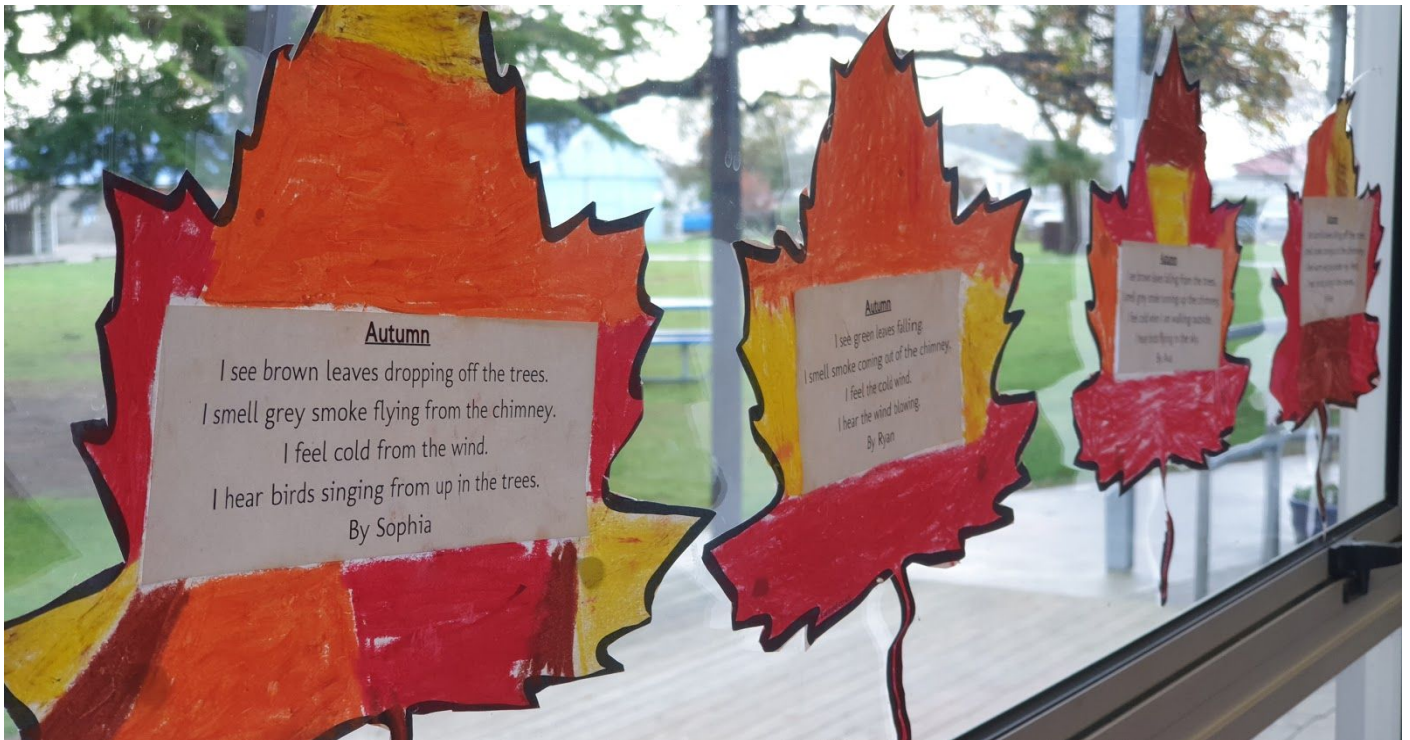
10am - 12pm

Come along to keep this group going!!!

Please contact Madeline Anderson ☎ 027 4626 184 for further information.

JUNIOR ROOM

In the Junior Room the children went for an Autumn walk and wrote about what they could see, hear, smell and feel. The children also collected fallen leaves and created pictures of animals from these leaves.



LEAF ART



Waiwera South School would like to welcome to the Junior Room - Ryan Miller

Ryan turned five on the 10th May & started school last week. He has settled in easily and is an absolute pleasure to have in the junior class with Miss Holden.

We wish you many happy years at Waiwera South!



Pathways for School WORKSHOP WITH MOVING SMART

How Children Learn the ABCs and 123s

Getting ready for school is the natural journey from physical/tangible exploration to symbolic/abstract thinking. Strategies and best practices to develop children's pre-academic skill suites through movement, including: language skills visual and auditory development, memory, and social/emotional development.

Gore Parents Centre is excited to host

Pathways for School 3-7 years

Wednesday 22nd May

7:00pm – 9:00pm

At the Gore Kids Hub Parents Centre

13 Wayland St, Gore

Private Facebook or email

gore@parentscentre.org.nz

Members \$25 Non Members \$35



This session is for adults only, please make alternative arrangements for your children.

WENDY PERERA

Get Ready For School and Preschool Movement Expert, MOVING SMART

Mum, Teacher, Parent Educator, Early Childhood Educator, Teacher Training Facilitator

Wendy is a mother of two busy children, a qualified teacher and runs a very successful parent education business called Teeny Tiny. She is a popular presenter for Parents' Centre nationwide as well as other organisations and brings her wonderful knowledge of how and why children move to Moving Smart.

Wendy has been involved in the Early Childhood industry since 1998, teaching in a variety of settings both in New Zealand and offshore. She has a passion for child development and learning and is specialising in Get Ready for School workshops as well as offering Moving Smart Movement programs to Auckland ECE's.

Wendy can be contacted at wendy.perera@movingsmart.co.nz.



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SENIOR ROOM

The Senior Room have written ANZAC pangrams.

Pangram - a sentence that contains all of the letters of the alphabet.

ANZAC also known as Australia, New Zealand, Army, Corps.

The brave men have suffered quite extreme conditions at these horrible wars just years ago.

By Bree

Many brave New Zealand soldiers suffered greatly and were injured because of the extremely squalid conditions in the trenches in parts of Turkey.

By Emily