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Calendar

Monday 29th August - Golf @ Belleknowes golf course

Friday 2nd September - Otago Cross Country Champs

Tuesday 6th September - No teachers from 12.30pm

Wednesday 7th September - Parent Teacher interviews

Thursday 8th September - Explorers Club @ 9.30am. Assembly @ 2.30pm. Parent Teacher interviews

Tuesday 13th September - BOT Meeting @ 6.30pm

Thursday 15th September - Art Gallery visit - Juniors

Tuesday 20th September - Road race. Book car



From Jeff...

Tena koutou katoa nga mihi ki te whanau o te Okahau – greetings to all families of Warrington.

The school was abuzz yesterday with the sounds and wonderful smells associated with all of the baking that was going on at the junior end of the school and the harvesting and stir frying of our own grown vegetables from the school gardens under the careful watch and tutelage of Lyn Hastie and Lyn Carlyle. There is nothing like having a hot meal on a cold winters day! The school gardens continue to be an important part of our learning at Warrington School and we are very lucky to have Lyn and Lyn coming in and helping out. Look out for a new project/development in the gardens over the next couple of weeks.





Tuesday 6 September

Due to the Union meeting scheduled on this day, we would appreciate you collecting your children by 12.30 - if you are unable to do so please let Dawn know ASAP so we can arrange cover.

Flower Show

The annual Blueskin Flower Show is to be held at the Waitati Hall on Sunday 25th September. It is open to the public from 10am to 3pm. Entries to the hall on Saturday 24th September from 10am until 1pm (then the hall closes for judging).

Children's sections are: shell creation, sand saucer, decorated flower pot (which will be supplied), vegetable creation. Food: decorated biscuit, marshmallow creation.

Daffodil Day

Daffodil day stall (organised by the Blueskin Garden Club) to be held all day on **Friday 26th August** at the Blueskin General Store. There will be daffodils, baking, jams and pickles, raffles and Cancer Society items for sale. All proceeds to the Cancer Society.



There seems to be plenty of interesting information in the media at the moment about the current changes being considered as part of the current review of the Education Act, from the proposed new 'global funding of schools' to the online learning at home announcement to re distributing funds needed to help support our special needs learners.

On Tuesday 6th September a joint meeting is being held by the two teacher unions, NZEI and the PPTA to discuss the recently released school funding review. All union members are expected to attend this meeting and therefore it will have a significant impact on the running of the school.



We will endeavour to remain open but if you are in a position to collect your child at 12:30 it would be greatly appreciated. I am sorry for the inconvenience, this is the first time since 2012 that both the secondary and primary teacher's unions have called such a meeting. Please let Dawn know if you are unable to collect your child/ren at 12.30 so we can arrange cover.

The meeting is in regard to the outcomes of the Government school funding review which unions are concerned will impact on staffing and the professionalism of teachers. If enacted, Principals and Boards of Trustees would receive funding as a "global budget" and potentially then make trade-offs between employing teaching staff and other operating costs.

Teachers unions NZEI and PPTA are very worried that this global budget would lead to:

- fewer teachers and larger class sizes
- less job security for teachers
- lower quality teaching
- fewer hours for teacher aides and support staff
- more complex financial work for Boards of Trustees

Finally I would like to thank Pip for relieving in the senior class over the last month and we look forward to Mrs Russell returning on Monday from her magical trip away.

As always if you have any question, queries or concerns please don't hesitate to come in and have a chat with myself or any member of the teaching staff.

Sports Notices

The Warrington Bruisers were glad to be back on the turf last week albeit a little rusty from a few weeks with no hockey. They played a good game, keeping the spectators on edge, and coming away with a 7-6 win against the Tainui Tornados. Congratulations to Nicholas on being named player of the day and to Madi for scoring all 7 goals. Last night they had a great end to their 2016 hockey season with an 8-1 win against Outram Yellow. Congratulations to Madi on scoring all 8 goals. The weather was wild: wet, windy and cold but the team took it in their stride! No individual player of the day awarded - everyone deserved it for going out in such nasty weather conditions and playing hard to the final whistle. Well done team!



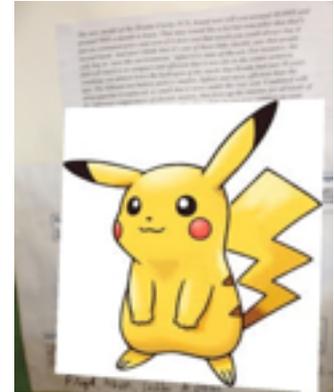
The boys team have had a 4-2 win against South Otago and a 2-2 draw against John McGlashan B. The girls have gone from strength to strength with two convincing wins beating John McGlashan B 4-2 and Kavanagh College 5-1. Good luck to both teams in their final games tomorrow night.

We have entered a Year 5-6 and a Year 7-8 **Futsal** team into the Term 4 competition. Please make sure to register your child as this is now compulsory. If you need details on how to do this, please contact Dawn.

From the Senior Class

CATCHING POKEMON

The senior school had a look at augmented reality, the concept behind the current popular game, Pokemon Go. We used the app Aurasma to create our own trigger pictures around the school and then sent the juniors on a treasure hunt to find the target objects. Examples of ideas included games looking for hidden farm animals and looking for boxes of treasure. It was loads of fun and taught the children that apps such as Pokemon Go, don't happen by magic. How about setting up an augmented reality hunt at your place? The app is free and easy to use.



Kia ora from the Juniors

We have had a busy and fun time the past couple of weeks. We have been focusing on engaging our audience in writing and Room 3 are a truly talented group of authors. We were quite lucky to have had Joshua share his fallow deer antler with the class for inspiration, as well.

We have had some help from the Year 4 students with our question driven statistical inquiries for maths and are starting to work on how to display our data we have collected.

We also have been exploring fractions in maths and this came in handy with our scone making yesterday. These were delicious! We read our recipe, measured our quantities and I was very proud of the sharing and consideration the children showed each other as they made their scones.

The children have learnt to finger knit and are producing some fantastic work to contribute to our class mat, which we will start weaving today.

Room 3 are practicing the song Aotearoa, in sign language, to perform for Mrs. Russell on her return and it is looking great!

Thank you to all the parents and June who have made me feel so welcome in Room 3 whilst Wendy has been away. It has been a wonderful experience and I have had a blast!

