



Monday 17th September 2018 - Term 3 Week 9

Principal's Report

Hi Parents, Caregivers, Students and Community members.

I hope you had a nice weekend. I thought I was in back in Mossburn with the high winds we experienced on Saturday! Hope you've got over the Silver Ferns and All Black loses... onwards and upwards.

There are a few things to lookout for over the next two weeks. Please ring me if you'd like more info on what's happening etc at WAS.

Have a lovely two weeks away from school routines in two weeks time!

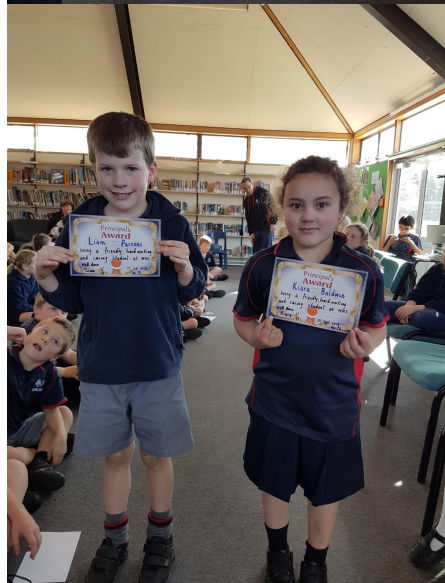
Mike King - It is all go for this Thursday, starting at 6:30pm, in the school hall. The 'Rural Women' are kindly looking after supper for us and WAS will provide the hot drinks. If you could bring a plate for supper that would be outstanding, if not, it's completely fine. A gold coin donation would be very much appreciated. If you're needing transport - then let me know. Students can attend on the night if this makes life easier for you or they'd simply like to come. It is open to anyone. Reminder that the Year 7-14 students will be having a session with Mike and Jessie in the morning on Friday. I look forward to hearing the positive messages from Mike and Jessie.

Reminder Janice Lee and her team from 'Koha Kai' will be in on Thursday night to say a few words about our Term Four initiative by having three cooked lunches a week at WAS and how you can help us. Exciting times.

Cultural night - Mrs Fleming and staff are working on this. We aim to have this on our sleepover night on Thursday 27th Sep - next week. More info will be on our Facebook page and a note will go home. If not this will occur in Term 4.

Sleepover - We are holding the Year 3 and up sleepover on Thursday the 27th Sept. It will be the same format as last time with Year 1 & 2 students either being collected after the cultural arts night has finished or their parent/caregiver staying on with them overnight. Your child will need a sleeping bag, pillow, one blanket, toiletries, towel, PJ's, torch, change of clothes, plate, cutlery, cup, water bottle, a board game (if possible), a tent (if suitable - we'll work this out with the students) and a positive attitude. Thursday will be a normal school day where children can wear mufti. The children will then stay on at school; set-up their sleeping arrangements, do some camp like games, hang out, have a shared dinner etc. Then come Friday we'll have a series of activities which the children can be involved in before they leave at 3pm as per normal. It would be great to have some adult helpers on Thursday night for dinner and even better if some could stay overnight. I'll send a text/note around to gather support. Could all children please bring \$5 to help subsidise the food/other costs thanks.

Jason and Kaylene's Farm visit - Last Friday, at the Bennett's Dairy Farm, was an amazing experience for our primary aged students. A massive thanks to the parents and staff who supported on the day. Also to the Bennett's and crew who welcomed us / provided the students with dairying knowledge. Another fantastic experience for our WAS students.



Riverton Science visit - Thanks again to the our students, parents and staff who made this experience work. Our children enjoyed the experience of reading other students' science projects, and the exhibition itself I hear was brilliant. Congratulations to our students for getting involved - some outstanding projects. As I mentioned to our Room 3 children that the 'process' and discovering/doing the projects 'yourself' is where the real learning happens... it's not about having the perfect outcome being presented. There is a time when presentation can be taught, agreed. However, I'm so pleased that our WAS staff had the experience/wisdom to let our children discover and make the learning process child friendly.



Congrats to our seniors who passed their road code theory test last week. Study does pay off! I'm sure there are many of us who failed the first time with our test! Does it bring back memories?

Tennis - Thanks to Sky our tennis coach for all his training sessions with the children. We'll aim to do more of this next year as the feedback was very positive.

Building work around WAS - Our Rationalisation Project is all go! The end of C Block has now be demolished and the remains will be taken away. The Film Shed will go next. The gym foyer toilet/shower room is being upgraded and will be compliant. The grass bit on the library/gym corner (where the bike stand is) will become concrete for easier access for vehicles. Along from this, opposite B (Primary) Block there will be a covered area with seating erected. This will be a good space for one to eat their lunch under/watch some sport or/and use for a BBQ area. We are also upgrading (enlarging with boxed seating around and purchasing toys for) our sandpit and are aiming to have a covered area rather than a shade sail for sustainability. The BOT and I will discuss other playground options/equipment and I'll keep you posted! A new security/fire alarm is being installed over the next three months. Exciting times for WAS and before long our students will be benefiting even more from our superb facilities we'll have to offer.

Have a good week. Andrew PB



Student Voice

This is the last newsletter for Term 3 2018. It has been a busy term and all the classes have had lots of fun. The Year 9/10 class have been split into two separate groups, for a health education based programme called 'Travellers.' They participate in this activity for two periods each week and have contributed massively towards sharing their own aspects of life challenges. Because of this, they have been given the opportunity to take part in a sociable activity together, which they have chosen to go into Invercargill and experience some awesome cooperation skills. Waiau strives for students involvement and its things like this that the school love to reward students for! Last week was Maori Language week, and our whole school participated in playing the Maori sport Ki - O - Rahi. It is a traditional sport based on a Maori legend - it has a range of incorporated tactics and involves lots of running, throwing and ripping tags! Everyone really enjoyed learning the new sport, thanks to Mr Bennett for teaching and refereeing us! That's all from us for this term, we hope you have a well deserved holiday and good luck to the parents and caregivers for having to put up with their children for two weeks!



Holly & Tekoa

Wharepukapuka/Library

NEW BOOKS - Keep an eye on the new books rack for books not mentioned here. Be aware not all are on the rack due to lack of space.

Special Adventures Collection by Thea Stilton Recommended for ages 7 – 10

The Journey To Atlantis

At the beach one of the Thea's Sisters discovers a mysterious boy with blue skin washed up on the shore. He speaks an unfamiliar language, so the Thea Sisters call Thea Stilton to help figure out how to communicate with him. It's up to the Thea Sisters to get him home!

The Secret Of The Faries

The Sisters are on an expedition to the fantastical Land of Erin. While searching for a missing friend, they learn that the land itself is in peril! On their journey, they encounter fairies, pixies, and other magical creatures -- some helpful, but some out to trick them! It's an adventure full of mystery and friendship!

The Secret Of The Snow

There's a mystery in the land of the lotus flowers! The Sisters are called to help to an enchanted land! It's a world linked to the legends of Japan, and it is in danger. The realm's special lotus flowers are disappearing, and no one knows why! They must discover the secret of the lotus flowers - but can they trust the strange magical creatures that they meet on their way?

The Cloud Castle

The Sisters have received an urgent message from their friend Will Mystery. The magical Land of Clouds is in danger. Once they enter the kingdom through Mount Everest, the mice meet fairies, elves, and unicorns on their way to the majestic Cloud Castle. But who can the The Sisters count on to help solve the mystery?

The Treasure Of The Sea

The Sisters are needed to help Aquamarina, the magical land of the ocean! The enchanted Music of the Sea has stopped playing, and no one knows why. If it doesn't return soon, the realm will perish! On their mission, they swim through dangerous waters, encounter strange and fantastical creatures, and even reveal an ancient mystery.

For The Love Of Autumn by Patricia Polacco

Miss Parks just loves her new home, new teaching job, and all her new students. But most of all, she loves Autumn, her perfect little kitten. Then one night, during a terrible storm, Autumn runs away. Miss Parks' students band together to search for Autumn, with no luck. Hope is lost until Autumn turns up at Miss Parks' front door with a brand new collar and a bandage on her tail. Someone has been taking care of Autumn! With the help of her students, Miss Parks unravels the mystery of Autumn's disappearance.

Witch's Cat Wanted by Joy H. Davidson

Once there was a very pleasant witch. She looked exactly as a witch should look, except for one small, furry detail ... No cat! And without a cat her spells are useless. She needs a cat who can ride on her broom, stir her cauldron, memorise her spells, but most of all, she wants a cat to be her friend. Will she ever find such a cat?

Moo Dog by David Milgrim

Dog says "moo" instead of "woof!" The other animals laugh at Dog. They don't understand why he is different. Can friends Dog and Bird show the other animals that being different can be fun?

Term Happenings

Tues 18th Sept	Duffy Books - Alistair McIntyre 'Mr Mac' visiting - 9:30am - Library
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Thurs 20th Sept	Mike King & Jessie Kendall Community Night - 6:30-8:30pm - WAS Hall - gold coin entry - all welcome
Fri 21st Sept	Mike King with Y7-13 students 9 -11am - Library
Weds 26th Sept	BoT Meeting - 6:30pm - All Welcome
Thurs 27th Sept	School Sleepover Cultural - Arts Night / Shared dinner - 6:30pm - Hall
Fri 28th Sept	Last Day of Term 3
Mon 15th Oct	First Day of Term 4
Tues 16th Oct	Primary Schools Cricket - Otautau
Tues 16th Oct	Internet Safety Course for Students - Ascot Park, Invercargill
Fri 9th Nov	Jennifer Somervill - Tales from the Farm author workshops with Year 1 - 8
Sun 11th Nov	Armistice Day Commemorations - Waiau T&C - 11am
Thurs 15th - Fri 16th Nov	Art REAP - Year 4 - 8 - WAS
Tue 20th - Thurs 22nd Nov	Year 5 - 10 Camp Borland Lodge - TBC
Mon 26th Nov	Community Meeting - 6:30 pm - WAS Library
Tues 11th Dec	Whole School Prize Giving - 7pm - WAS Hall

Students of the Week

Hannah May Clark - For her enthusiasm and thought provoking ideas during class and group discussions. Way to go Hannah May!

Taimania Wensor - For settling very well into school. Taimania is enjoying learning to read and can point to all the words already. We are very impressed with the way you are willing to give everything a go. - Well done Taimania - keep it up!

Brooke Vanderply - For working independently and powering through the reading levels. - Awesome work Brooke!

Tyler Kennedy - For working hard in class and progressing quickly in reading. - Amazing effort Tyler!

Luca Unahi - For working independently throughout the term. You demonstrate the Waiau Way and are a great role model for others. Well done Luca!

Ashton Edgerton - For making positive choices in all that he does. You are trying hard and developing your confidence. Keep it up Ashton!

Kirsty Rutland - For being kind and considerate to your class friends. You demonstrate the Waiau Way by respecting self, respecting others and respecting the environment. Top effort Kirsty!

Portia Byron - For showing the Waiau Way of respecting others. You came in after school to put in extra work for the science display. Well done Portia!

Peter Devery - For showing the Waiau Way of respecting others. You co-operated well and achieved excellent results in first aid. Top stuff Peter!

Jasmin Hutchby - back-to-back champion for the 50m and 100m backstroke at the Southland Shortcourse Championships. Amazing stuff Jasmin and you are looking sharp in the suit that the Tuatapere Lions helped you to fund!

Notices

FUNDRAISER FOR WAIIAU AREA SCHOOL SPICECRAFT FUNDRAISER- If your interested in tasty yummy meals, you'll be keen on this! Turn boring meat and vege meals into fantastic family favourites with these spices, salts and meat rubs. Perfect for BBQs, casseroles and vege dishes. Gift Packs available, perfect for Christmas. See the attached brochure and order form. Orders to be completed and to the school office by 28th September along with cash payment - approx delivery will be the first week of Term 4.. Funds raised to go towards the upgrade of our playground equipment. Any queries phone Vicki Unahi 0272270082 or Helen Hammond 0210629698.



Spark are offering a discounted internet access for families that currently do not have access, this program is called Spark Jump through Spark Foundation (please see attached info). If you think families may be interested in finding out more about this then please contact Raewyn Patton at Southland District Council who could come to the schools and provide a presentation about this to families and get families signed up to the program. For further information, Raewyn Patton can be contacted on 0800 732732 or

raewyn.patton@southlanddc.govt.nz

They also offer some basic computing programmes please see attached.

<https://www.sparknz.co.nz/what-matters/spark-jump/>

Waiau Swimming Club - the AGM is on Monday 1st October 2018 7:30pm at Highway 99. Anyone wishing to be a coach please contact Kaylene Bennett (0274327156) or Anne-Marie Erskine (0276885828). The Waiau Swimming Club starts back in term 4 2018. Turn up at 4pm Thursday 18th October to be sorted into groups and we will go from there. Like us on Facebook for any updates. "All Welcome".

Winton Football Summer League Registrations are now being called for mixed senior teams (college students upwards), and mixed junior teams (div 1, years 6 – 8 and div 2, years 1 – 5). For some fun and exercise with friends and family this summer form a team and enter. Dates: Thursdays Oct 18 – Dec 13 Times: kick offs – junior 5.30pm and 6.00pm; seniors 6.30pm and 7.10pm. Place: Moore's Reserve, Winton Cost: seniors \$100 per team; juniors \$10 per player. Enquiries to: Bronwyn 027 243 6979 Registrations to: Wendy 5aside.wintonfootball@gmail.com Closing date 30 September 2018.

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Why their early experiences are so important

Understand
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Learn
What factors can help or hinder their brain development

Value
The vital role you play in helping them on this journey

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www.brainwave.org.nz

You MUST register for this FREE session, to do so please phone Southern REAP on 0800 111 117 or email enquiries@reap.co.nz

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