



## NEWSLETTER

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2018 Term 1 Week 4

*Dear Parents, Caregivers and Community Members,*

**Touch Rugby - Otautau:** Starts up next week on Monday 26th March. Mr Paul Burke will be driving the van and managing the team on the day. A new draw goes out each week. Usually the games are around 4pm and 4:30pm. The van will be leaving WAS by 3:15pm and returning roughly around 5:45pm. Players we have are: Sandula, Di-Anne, Ranudi, Emily, Ethan, Alisha, Lachlan, Ashton, Lukcas and Elektra. Plz ring me if you need any further info.



**Super Cricket on Wednesdays - Otautau:** Starts up this week on Wednesday. We have Sandula, Di-Anne and Nicholas who are keen. Players get put into teams as it's more about having fun and learning more about this fine game! Anyone able to transport these children on the day?

**Overnight Stay this coming Thursday has been postponed: April 12 and 13th** are the last two days of this term. So we'll finish the term out in style!! Due to the predicted weather storm coming through it's best we go with another date. A few details to keep you in the loop before I flick out further info. Children come to school in mufti. There will be school and buses running as per normal on both days. The expectation is that all students will be participating in the activities on our overnight stay. The Year 3-14 children are expected to stay the night. The Year 1&2's - it's probably best they get picked up after dinner and then back to school in the morning. However, if you believe they'll be ok to stay and you're prepared to stay with them, then that'll be fine. We will be needing parents and caregivers (police vetted if staying the night) to help out please. A form will go out with all the info soon.

Riley displaying is cabinet which he made in a day with the support from Mr Edgerton. Congrats Riley on a superb effort.

**Swimming Sports:** Thanks for coming along to support - nice to see you all there. The children did themselves proud and it was great to see them giving it ago. We certainly have some very capable swimmers. Results will be out soon. We'll let those concerned know who will be off to Western Schools.

**Parent Interviews:** Thanks again to those who turned up - nice to see a good turn out. Please make contact with your child's teacher if you weren't able to pop in last week. It helps us a lot.

Have a lovely week and hopefully the weather isn't as bad as it's supposed to be.

Regards

Andrew Pardoe-Burnett

We welcome **Isaak and Amber Ballantyne** to WAS and trust his learning experiences here are supportive to his needs and endeavours.

## Student Voice

We have been given the opportunity to inform you about what's happening in and around our school, and share your children's achievements and successes, from a student's point of view.

The school year has started off with a pretty good vibe and everyone seems to have a positive attitude towards learning, which we hope will last all year round.

We have an opinion from one of the new eleven new students, who says that she thoroughly enjoys



Waiau, and everyone has been very welcoming towards her.

According to Riley and Brook, who say they're the slickest students of the school, yet they can't work a barbeque, have so far enjoyed making sheep yards with Mr Edgerton and other seniors, across the road.

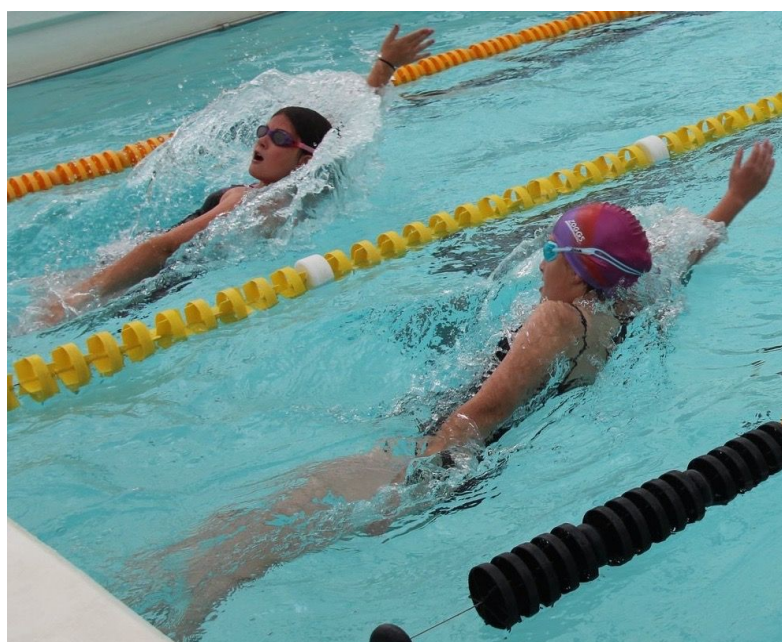
All Year 1 - 10 classes are learning Te Reo Maori with Whaea Hine, who is very informative and makes all the lessons fun. Most of us students enjoy studying the native language of New Zealand, especially with a teacher who speaks Maori fluently.

We are looking forward to preparing for Area Schools this year which is hosted by Waiau, and all of us can't wait to make new memories and take on whatever challenges the year throws at us, this being one of the biggest.

The barbeque on Friday went well. Thank you to everyone who came along and brought the delicious food, it was a great evening.

Thankfully, no explosions happened so the boy's must have put the barbeque together properly, obviously with the help of Mr Edgerton! The children got a good game of cricket going, and the seniors seemed to enjoy themselves with a game of futsal in the gym. All in all, it was a very good night, and we hope to see you at the next one!

We also had swimming sports on Friday the 16th, everyone swam well and did their house proud, and even received a sausage, off the BBQ, that Mr PB seemed to be cooking. (Most likely burnt then?)



Every Tuesday and Wednesday the Year 7-10 students have the opportunity to take part in the 'Point Of Difference' activities. Two periods out of each day, the students get to choose from a variety of different activities, e.g. Wet and wild, sewing, and hard materials. This is a great chance for us students to get out there and see how life works in the real world!

So that's a quick catch-up on how our week has been going, we'll be back in a couple of weeks to let you know what else has been happening around the school!

**Holly and Tekoa**

**TERM HAPPENINGS**

Wed 21 <sup>st</sup> Feb	Super Cricket – Yr 3-8 – Otautau School – After school competition/programme
<b>Thu 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb</b>	<b>Overnight stay - WAS – Year 3 upwards POSTPONED UNTIL APRIL 12 &amp;13</b>
Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup> Mar	Newsletter Deadline – 12pm – Articles to be emailed to newsletters@was.school.nz or dropped in at the office
Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup> Mar	Western Primary Schools Swimming competition – Riverton
Mon 5 <sup>th</sup> Mar	REAP Swimming Programme Yr 1-8 starts, runs for two weeks
Mon 5 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Newsletter Distributed
Wed 7 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Whole School Athletics with Hauroko at WAS
Wed 14 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Parents Maths Night - TBC
Thu 15 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Duffy Books Show - Duffy and the Cloak Bay Bully
Fri 16 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Southland Secondary Schools Athletics - 8:30am - 6:30pm
Fri 16 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Newsletter Deadline – 12pm – Articles to be emailed to newsletters@was.school.nz or dropped in at the office
Mon 19 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Newsletter Distributed
Thu 22 <sup>nd</sup> Mar	Māori Families (and anyone else who is keen to share ideas) Consultation – Shared Tea – 6:30pm - WAS Hall.
Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup> Mar	Western Southland Primary Schools ‘Wellness Day’ - Riverton
Wed 28 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Newsletter Deadline – 12pm – Articles to be emailed to newsletters@was.school.nz or dropped in at the office
Wed 28 <sup>th</sup> Mar	BoT Meeting 6:30 - 9:30pm
Fri 30 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Good Friday
Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup> Apr	Easter Monday
Tue 3 <sup>rd</sup> Apr	Senior Students Leadership Course - James Cumming Wing - Gore
Tue 3 <sup>rd</sup> Apr	Newsletter Distributed

Thu 5 <sup>h</sup> Apr	Ki O Rahi – Takitimu – Yr 5-8’s
Sat 8 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Southland Primary Athletics
Fri 13 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Last day of Term 1
Mon 30 <sup>th</sup> Apr	First day of Term 2
Fri 4 <sup>th</sup> May	Newsletter Deadline – 12pm – Articles to be emailed to newsletters@was.school.nz or dropped in at the office
Mon 7 <sup>th</sup> May	Newsletter Distributed

**From The Community****Waiau Star Junior Rugby**

Thank you to those of you who have registered to play rugby this season. To those that have not registered yet you can either register online at [www.sporty.co.nz](http://www.sporty.co.nz) or pick up a registration form from the school office and return when completed. Practice dates have now been set. A and B Grade players (ages Under 13 and Under 11) start practice on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> March at 4pm at Otautau. C and D Grade players (ages Under 9 and Under 7) also start on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> March at 3:30pm at Waiau Area School. Any queries please contact Sheryl on 032254404 or 0272894578.

**Tuatapere Plunket Pre-school Water Confidence**

Starts Thursday February 22<sup>nd</sup> for 6 weeks. 6 months – 2 years in big pool with Mum/Dad 1pm. 3-4 years in little pool 1:30pm. Times to be confirmed upon registration. \$10/child. All Welcome. To register contact Kaylene 0274327156 or email [kaylene@beachvalley.co.nz](mailto:kaylene@beachvalley.co.nz)

**Waiau Valley Netball Club - 2018 Trials**

Hi everyone, the 2018 Netball season is fast approaching. If you or your child are interested in playing or learning to play netball, please come along to our trials, dates as follows;

JUNIORS - Yrs 4-8, Wed, 28<sup>th</sup> February, 3.30pm, Waiau Area School netball courts. 2<sup>nd</sup> trial to be confirmed.

SENIORS - Yrs 9 & above, Fri, 2<sup>nd</sup> March 6pm, Waiau Area School. Second trial TBC.

FUTURE FERNS - Yr 3, coming up soon.

If any boarding children are interested in playing, but are unable to make trials please contact Deb - 021 2599 620.