



TERM HAPPENINGS

Thu 22 nd Mar	Māori Families (and anyone else who is keen to share ideas) Consultation – Shared Tea – 6:30pm - WAS Hall.
Fri 23 rd Mar	Grandfriends (current & anyone else keen) - afternoon tea at 4pm - Library
Mon 26 th Mar	WAS Community Meeting - 6:30pm - School Library - All welcome to attend
Fri 30 th Mar	Good Friday - School Closed
01st April	Daylight Saving - Sun 3am back to 2am
Mon 2nd Apr	Easter Monday - School Closed
Tue 3rd Apr	Easter Tuesday/Southland Anniversary Day - School Closed
Wed 4th Apr	Newsletter Distributed BoT Meeting 6:30pm - 9:30pm - All welcome to attend
Thu 5 ^h Apr	Ki O Rahi – Takitimu – Yr 5-8's
Sat 8 th Apr	Southland Primary Athletics
Thu 12 th & Fri 13 th Apr	Overnight stay - WAS – Year 3 upwards
Fri 13 th Apr	Last day of Term 1
Mon 30 th Apr	First day of Term 2
Fri 4th May	Newsletter Deadline – 12pm – Articles to be emailed to newsletters@was.school.nz or dropped in at the office
Mon 7th May	Newsletter Distributed

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Community Members,

Well, before we know it - March will be done and dusted and 'Daylight Saving' will end! That's right



- Sunday 01st April - clocks back by one hour!

Many thanks to you for helping out around the school - many hands make light work as they say. Whether it's swimming, providing transport, dropping off/collecting your child regularly and saying hello, parking in the right (safe) places outside the school, coming in and reading, pulling out a weed or two, replying to texts, returning permission slips, signing your child out/in, lending a hand or whatever - it's very much appreciated and certainly doesn't go unnoticed.

Our Maori families (and anyone else who is keen to come along) consultation is on this Thursday. We'll meet in the school hall for fish & chips and L&P at 6:30pm. This opportunity is to have an informal catch up with you and your children. We'll chat about what the school is currently doing for your child and work together to look at ways to do more. I will send a text out to all families on Tuesday - RSVP for F&C will be required!

Congrats to those **senior students** who attended **Athletics** last Friday at Surrey Park in Invers. The weather was horrible! However, you still gave it your all.

Use of cellphones - we'll be circulating a 'draft' cellphone/technology policy out to you all for feedback, before this term is up. We understand that having a cellphone is part of life for many. We don't mind students having cellphones. Furthermore, like anything else - there is always a time and place. As teachers, we can play a vital role, like parents, where educating our children on appropriate use is necessary. At the moment, we have no problems children using their cellphone in and out of the classroom in an appropriate manner. If this is abused then the teacher simply asks the child to put their cellphone away. If this becomes a problem, then we simply ring the parents concerned and in some cases, the phone at school may not be a good idea moving forward. We also acknowledge that anyone who has a cellphone needs to have a certain level of maturity. If your child is bringing a phone to school then please remind them about making positive choices and when using it.

Buses: Please remind your child that travelling on the school bus is a privilege not a right. Our bus drivers don't get paid huge amounts and they simply just want to drive and get your child from A-B safely. We expect your child to demonstrate good manners on the bus - wear their seatbelt, bags off, saying thank you to the drivers when being dropped off and communicating in a positive manner with whoever that is. Thanks again for chatting with your child/ren about this.

Reminder: If anyone is interested - Rugby Under 14's - Riverton School - practice at 6pm. If needing a ride to contact Al Richards. - 021 079 8839. Trainings will be on Tuesday and Thursday nights. The combined team will be a mixture of Riverton, Waiau, Otautau and Nightcaps players. Training venues will be shared around.

Have a great week, Andrew PB.

Student Voice

We're up to Week 8 already! It feels like we haven't been here for long, but we've accomplished so

much! Last week we had our whole school athletics, along with Hauroko Valley, well done to everyone that participated and gained house points for their team. It was a chilly start, but that didn't stop the mighty Waiau crew from showing what they're made of, and having a fun day. A special well done to Nevaeh Thomason who broke the record from 1991 for throwing a massive 25.25 metres in discus! It was also a very bright and colourful day, as everyone



dressed up in fancy clothes to support their house, especially the older students who went to extreme efforts in representing their colours! The boastful Rowallan team, is running quite a long way ahead with a whopping 722 points, and the wonderful Dean house are quickly catching up with 665 points. Meanwhile, the laid-back Longwood team, are quite a bit behind, and we'll just leave it at that! Also good luck to everyone participating in Southland and Western Athletics! Area Schools is approaching pretty quickly, and we're very excited to host this year's tournament. Hopefully you can come down to watch the sporting events, and see the talent not only our school has, but others. The Duffy Book Club also came in last week and did a performance, which the junior school seemed to enjoy, as well as



the teachers! That's all from us, but of course we have to put in our weekly joke!

'Did you hear about the hungry clock?'

'It went back four seconds!'

Holly & Tekoa

New Students

We welcome **Kacie Evans, Year 2** to WAS and trust her learning experiences here are supportive to her needs and endeavours.

Grand Friend's Afternoon Tea

We would like to invite our existing Grand friends and anyone who would like to join this amazing programme, to an afternoon tea on Friday 23rd of March at 4pm, in the school library with Mrs Cleaver.

A Toddler's Ride On Bike

Plastic yellow bike with red handles was left behind by someone after our WAS athletics day. If it's yours, please collect it from the office.

HELP !!! AREA SCHOOLS !!! HELP

As part of the Area Schools tournament we are required to feed all staff and helpers during the three days. We would love if people could please donate the following items:

- **Apples/ fruit for stewing**
- **Baked goods that can be frozen**
- **Venison for the BBQ**

If you are able to support us with any of these items please either contact Mr Bennett, Miss Quinn or the school office (03) 2266 285.

From The Community

Community worker support trust, quiz night fundraiser. Thursday 22nd March. Waiau Hotel, 7:20pm.

Bring something for the raffle table. \$8 for a team of four or \$2 each. Raffles on sale though the night. Pizza's on sale from 5.30-9 pm, \$10 each, so come make a night of it.

We are fundraising for a laptop for our Community worker and a community Hangi project. Please come along and enjoy a great night with friends.

Does your child want to learn to code?

Code Club Aotearoa has free coding projects for kids age 9-13! We can help you set up a club or find you a club in your area. Whether you are a parent, teacher, student, or volunteer, getting involved is easy! Drop us a line at team@codeclub.nz or visit our website: codeclub.nz

Aparima & Western Districts Community Meeting

Please join us at the upcoming community meeting as we find out about what is happening in your area, provide an update on recent granting and investing activity and hear from local community organisations about recent projects. Karyn Owen, Te Hikoi Museum Ewen Matheson, Riverton Community Charitable Trust. Thursday 22nd March, 5pm Te Hikoi Museum 172 Palmerston Street, Riverton.

Please RSVP by Thursday 15th March e: ngaire@ctos.org.nz, p: 0800 500 185, www.ctos.org.nz.

Hockey Players Wanted

Central Hockey Club still has places available for players of all abilities in our teams for 2018. Men's Division 2 & Boys Year 10 up play Sunday afternoons. Women's Division 2 & all Girls and boys up to Year 10 play Saturday's. Division 4 & Boys and Girls in Years 7 & 8 play Sunday mornings. All competitions start the weekend of Friday 6th April.

Club hockey is a great way to develop hockey skills and make new friends. Central Hockey Club offers a supportive, family friendly environment, where members can enjoy the benefits of playing an exciting sport with good quality coaching and regular club social events. Colin Keyse, M: 027 240 7688, colin@selectoruniforms.co.nz. Or come along to a practice, Wednesday's 6.30pm on Turf 2.

10th Annual Riverton Heritage Festival

Saturday 25th and Sunday 26th March. 10am – 4:30pm, Aparima College Hall, Leader Street Riverton.

Competitions: *Children* – Make a creature out of fruit & vegetables, make a garland of harvest flowers. *Everyone* – Bring the best of your harvest to display, show off your preserving prowess, bring your chutneys, relishes, jams, jelly and pickles to display. *Harvest Champion* – Fill a basket or plate with something you have grown and something you have preserved or cooked. Winner is crowned & receives the Harvest trophy & a rimu chopping board. Bring your entry to the hall after 3pm Friday & fill in the entry form. Collect your entry Sunday afternoon.

Harvest Feast: Saturday, 7pm. Pot luck meal & music, Flecks Hall, Palmerston Street. Bring a plate of food to share & and something you like to drink. \$5pp to cover hall hire & nibbles.

The Harvest Café: Open for heritage style morning tea, lunch & afternoon tea. Local healthy good food in the festivals hall.

For more information www.sces.org.nz or office@sces.org.nz.

Civil Defence Public Meeting

Emergency Management Southland is responsible for Civil Defence in Southland, and this means we want to have resilient communities as they are there on the first day of a disastrous event and are still there long after and because of this we are holding a public meeting.

Come along and find out how you, your family and your community can be ready for a Civil Defence Emergency. We will be talking about the identified hazards for your community, how you can make sure you are ready and ways you can work together as a community to help make sure everyone is ok.

It's also a great way for us to hear from the community about what you think the biggest vulnerabilities, challenges and resources may be in the community.

So have your say, join the discussion on planning for a Civil Defence Emergency. RSA Rooms, Main St, Tuatapere. Tuesday 10th April, 7pm.

I have attached the meeting notice, so if you can send this to community, business and plaster it around, and put it into any newsletter and Facebook page you may have.

If you have any questions please contact Jayne McAllister, Community Advisor, 0800 768 845, 027 2176 390.

Waiau Swimming Club

Hello everybody, some dates for you to add to your calendar. Please bring all trophies back by 22nd March thanks. Dale will collect these.

We are having our Club Champs on Friday 23rd March. Warm up at 4.30 starting at 5pm. During the night there will be a sausage and bread. These will be run under swimming clubs rules and regulations. I will be looking for timekeepers on the day. If you can help please let me know. Make sure your children have a drink, snacks and warm clothes. All club members need to have membership fees paid in full by this date.

Last club night is Thursday 29th March. This will be a fun night. We will be starting at 4pm finishing at 5pm. We will have games all together. There will be an Easter treat.

Any questions please contact Anne-Marie
027 6885 828 - Waiau
Swimming Club
President.

