



Dear Parents, Caregivers and Community Members,

I'm pleased to let you all know, that the Board and Senior Leadership Team (SLT) have been working hard, to get things positively moving forward for WAS. Of late, we have successfully been granted \$10,000 from Meridian Energy, to do up our Hall.

We also have been granted \$1.9 million to do up our school. This includes approximately thirty individual projects. The ultimate goal is to get these thirty projects completed, over the next year and a half. Some of the projects include, a fully upgraded and operational science lab, fully painted (interior and exterior) upgraded hall, carpet and lino upgrade throughout the whole school, toilet upgrades, roof replacement and sunshades, to highlight a few.

Also, we know our rationalisation project is happening. The end of the 'C' block and film room will also be going, this will happen soon. Through this rationalisation we have managed to secure extra funding to have a fire and security alarm throughout the whole school, which has just been approved by the council. All going to plan, come 2020 we will have a modernised/upgraded school, and the Board will be able to maintain our great facilities, without concern.

To continue on about the many things that are happening at WAS, I'm pleased to report on how we are going with our curriculum, assessment school systems and student behaviour. We have a Specialist Intervention Team (SIT) made up of the Ministry, (MOE) New Zealand School Trustees Association, (NZSTA) Learning Support Team, Senior Leadership Team, Education Review Office (ERO) and the Board of Trustees members (BOT.) We all meet on a regular basis, to go through our action plan, which consists of twenty identified areas for improvement. These areas for improvement, are exciting for the school, as we've been getting worthwhile support from the many stakeholders involved with WAS, for example the MOE's and EROs intervention has been outstanding.

We've been all working together, chipping away fine tuning systems and procedures, which ultimately embeds a culture of success where staff and students can succeed. We are all seeing positive signs of accelerated learning from our students, more of a can-do attitude, taking pride in their school and self, and participation & attendance levels are at an all time high; just to

identify some of the main areas. It's fair to say the staff have always had a supportive culture over the years and it's evident that it's getting even stronger.

ERO visits WAS on a regular basis, to monitor progress and to identify areas where we can get even stronger in. We are one of six schools nationally, who is receiving this specialist intervention support, and I'm pleased to say that it's been an absolute pleasure working with the ERO and SIT team.

Next week, we have Alan and Carol from ERO, who will be with us on Monday and Tuesday, if you do see them around please welcome them, and show what our school is made of.

We've also had visits from Senior MOE Managers, who are also taking an invested interest in WAS. As a result of their visits, they've seen the many areas we need additional support in, and are helping us improve on these.

It's timely to thank our staff and BOT for the many hours they are putting in to make WAS an even greater force. Dramatic changes don't happen overnight as we all know, however, our rate of change is very exciting to experience and we will only get better. This positivity has been backed up by Ministry representatives and advisers, who have worked with staff over the last 10 years at WAS, and their feedback towards WAS is immense.

Please feel free to have a catchup with me to discuss any of the above in more detail. Exciting times!

Congratulations to all our wonderful cross country runners who went to Otautau last Friday. It was a great day and superb effort for competing with such a positive and determined attitude. Thank you to Josh and Kataraina for coming along to support our athletes. A massive thanks to you, the parents and caregivers, for providing transport and cheering your son or daughter along. Great effort and this is a great example of the wonderful WAS spirit people have been talking about!

Teachers only Day (TOD) is coming up and is on **Thursday** 28th June. The staff and senior students will be attending an in-house First Aid course throughout the day. Therefore, school will be closed for instruction for the day. We'll make this day up to fulfill our legal obligations of meeting the required days open for instruction.

PB4L - Positive Behaviour for Learning

This is the fifth year that WAS has been a PB4L school, since beginning our journey in 2014. In consultation with students and parents/caregivers, the 'Waiau Way' was created to highlight the values that help develop our students into well-rounded citizens:

**Respect for Self,
Respect for Others,
Respect for Environment.**

Each year, the school participates in an evaluation to see how effectively we are rewarding positive behaviour and discouraging problem behaviours. As part of this annual review, a sample of students and staff are interviewed and the physical environment is evaluated for PB4L displays etc. It is also very important to gauge the opinion of the wider school community, which we will be doing over the next few weeks. We have attached the Concerns and Complaints policy and the Problem Behaviour Flowchart for your information. It would be most appreciated if you have a spare couple of minutes to complete the short PB4L questionnaire and please feel free to contact the school if you would like to talk about anything related to PB4L. Many thanks in advance for supporting the Waiau Way!

Health Curriculum Community Consultation

Thank you very much to all those who responded to the Health Consultation survey in the last newsletter. A draft Curriculum Statement will now be developed and will be distributed and further comments will be invited before a Final Draft will be published towards the start of Term 3.

WAS House Cross Country

On Tuesday 12th June, Waiau students from every year level braved the cold and ran their hearts out in the House Cross Country. Congratulations to all participants; you each earned your House 10 participation points! Huge congratulations to those finishing in the top 3 for your age group as you earned extra points for your House - 60 points for 1st, 40 points for 2nd, 20 points for 3rd.

Special mention goes to **Bruin Roe** for setting a blistering pace in the 4.5km course and breaking the Senior Boys record in a time of 21.25!

Cross Country Champions 2018:

Senior Girls = 1st Amanda Baldwin, Angela Pierce, Moon Roe

Senior Boys - Bruin Roe (New Record: 21.25)

Y9/10 Girls - Holly Hammond

Y9/10 Boys - Liam Pierce

Y7/8 Girls - Nevaeh Thomason

Y7/8 Boys - Peter Devery

Y5/6 Girls - Alisha Parsons

Y5/6 Boys - Lachlan Parsons

Y3/4 Girls - Sofie Templeton

Y3/4 Boys - Luckas Byron

Y1/2 Girls - Amelia McPherson

Y1/2 Boys - Zeke Erskine

Thank you to all parents/caregivers and supporters for helping out on the day and well done to all competitors.

Cross Country House Points:

Dean 810

Longwood 440

Rowallan 580

2018 TOTAL HOUSE POINTS:

HOUSE COMP	DEAN	LONGWOOD	ROWALLAN
Term 1 Gotchyas	971	729	942
Athletics	665	554	722
Swimming	280	141	144
X Country	810	440	580
Current TOTAL	2726	1864	2388

Duffy Books in Homes

The Duffy Books in Homes programme was developed to inspire a love of reading in children. The idea behind the programme came from NZ author Alan.

Duffy Books in Homes provides books to children from low-decile schools across New Zealand. It gives these children the opportunity to choose and own their very own books.

The programme has since expanded into Australia and the United States and given over 10,000,000 books away since it started.

Three times a year a box of books and catalogue are delivered to each school on the programme. There are approximately 80 titles per book offer and these titles are different from one offer to the next.

Our students Year 1 to 6 get to choose the books of their choice, which are then ordered and sent to us.

Duffy Coordinators, principals and children at Book Selection meetings conducted by Duffy Books in Homes choose the titles. All books for Books Offers One, Two and Three are supplied by Scholastic NZ. Each book has a sticky label which has the child's name, as well as the name of the school and sponsor who gave the book. Each child receives five book offer books a year.

The philosophy behind this programme is simple – to break the cycle of “booklessness”. Students who can't read become adults who can't communicate and that's a serious disadvantage in a world that operates on the written word.

This Friday, WAS will be having a mufti day and

BBQ to raise funds for Sativa Dean's sister Sintayah who will be going into surgery soon. Please provide some money for your child to support Lana by donating a gold coin for mufti day and sausages will be \$2 each.

Have a lovely week.

Andrew PB

Student Voice

Week 8 already! The holidays are nearly here once again, and we will be sending our seven students away to Christchurch for the National Area Schools Tournament! First of all, we would like to say a huge thank you to Nigel and Jo Ward for providing the barbeque for our whole school cross country. They fundraised \$287.00 for going towards a fish tank filter in Room 4! Speaking of cross country, on Tuesday 12th June we had our whole school compete and it was a great success! It was also a great thing to see our school not only competing, but cheering everyone on as they came to the finish line. Showing the Waiau way as always! The quiz night fundraiser for the National athletes, was on Monday night and they made a whopping amount of \$371.00! Thank you to Murray Dowling for hosting us at the Highway 99 complex. There is another quiz night at the Waiau Hotel on Monday 25th June, feel free to come along and support us! We also have a bake sale coming up, which we're still sorting out dates for, but we'll keep you posted! There is also a Year 1-8 social next Friday, \$5 will include lollies and a drink, but there will be more for sale as well. Our Year 9/10 class were lucky enough to go to the Hay Day and look at all the ...

Holly & Tekoa

Whare Pukapuka/Library

NEW BOOKS

Keep an eye on the new books rack as only some are mentioned here.

LEGO – The Joker's Big Break

Ha Ha Ha! I'm the Joker, the Clown Prince of Crime. But I don't need to introduce myself, do I? Everyone knows me. I'm the greatest villain Batman has ever faced! Speaking of Batman... this is the story of how I outsmarted him with my genius plan to take over Gotham City. If you want to find out how I did it, read on!

Recommended for 3 to 6-year olds

Country Calendar Homestead Baking by Allyson Grogton

Allyson as she visits New Zealand's high-country and rural homesteads, bringing their stories, recipes and baking secrets together in a new book based on programmes from the iconic Country Calendar television series, which celebrated its 50th year in 2016. Country Calendar Homestead Baking is packed with recipes from past and present, glorious photographs and stories of a variety of farmsteads and their families. This is a companion volume to the best-selling Country Calendar Cookbook.

The Puppy Palace - Gizo by Ellen Miles

Welcome to the Puppy Place. Charles and Lizzie Peterson love puppies. Their family fosters these young dogs, giving them love and proper care, until they can find the perfect forever home.

Charles meets Gizmo, a sheltie puppy with a lot of energy. Aunt Amanda suggest an agility class for the little doggy to burn off his extra energy. But at the class, Gizmo hardly does any of the tricks. Can Charlie find a way to help this pup out?

Nic's Lunchbox by Nicholas Brockelbank

Nic's Lunchbox has great recipes for lunches; good for school, home, picnics and parties. They're quick and easy and really tasty.

Recommended for 6 to 10-year olds.

Star Wars - Every Darth Has His Day

Darth Vader has it all—an imperial fleet under his command, loads of evil Sith power... not to mention an awesome costume.

But today he's running late for attach training near the ice planet Hoth, and a Rebel X-Wing has just attached. When Han Solo and Luke Skywalker appear, Darth's day is set to go from bad to worse!

Recommended for 5 to 10-year olds.

Piggy Pasta and More Food With Attitude by Rebecca Woolfall and Suzi Tait-Bradly

You want a **boring** breakfast, **same-old** snack and a **dull-as-dishwasher** dinner, then **DO NOT BUY THIS BOOK!** If you do, there'll be a rowdy riot in your kitchen for sure. Ideas will fly and ordinary meals will become extraordinary!

Recommended for 7 to 12-year olds.

The Lettering Book by Noelene Morris

Decorate your world with funky fonts and super styles! Make this book your best bud and

personalise everything you create.

◆ Hundreds of different styles of hand-drawn lettering. ◆ Tips on how to plan projects and posters, arrange headings and pictures. ◆ Alphabets of popular fonts. ◆ Presentation and design ideas. ◆ Glossary of technical ideas.

Mon 23rd July

First Day Term Three

TERM HAPPENINGS

Mon 18th June	Senior Futsal - Invercargill - 3pm onwards - most Mondays from now on
Tues 19 th June	Girls in Hi-Vis - Year 9-13 Girls - Manapouri
Weds 20th June	Young Einsteins - 10am-4pm
Thurs 21st June	Netball Southland Visit - Years 1 - 10 students
Fri 22nd June	Mufti day (gold coin donation) and BBQ (\$2) - raising money for Sintayah (Sativa's sister)
Fri 22nd June	Primary Southland Cross-country - Waimumu
Fri 22nd June	DARE - Yr7&8 - with Fenton
Fri 22nd June	Social - Yr 1-8 - 5:30-7:30pm
Mon 25th June	Nationals Quiz - Waiau Hotel - 7pm
Mon 25th & Tues 26th June	ERO Visit - Alan & Carol with a visit on Mon only from Lesley Patterson who is the Deputy Chief Review Officer for the Southern region.
Tues 26th June	BOT Hui - 6:30pm
Tues 26th June	Sports Workshop - Senior students
Thurs 28 th June	First Aid Course - WAS Library 8:30am - 5:30pm -
Thur 28th June	Teacher Only Day
Fri 29th June	DARE - Year 9&10 - with Fenton
Mon 02nd July	Whole School Assembly - 10:20am - Library
Weds 04th July	Primary students PALs training with Tony - 11:30am
Fri 06th July	House Day - Fun activities from 11:20-3pm
Fri 06th July	Last Day Term Two

New Students

We welcome the following students to WAS and trust their learning experiences here are supportive to their needs and endeavours.

Amethyst Kaal - Year 6, Phoenix Kaal - Year 5, Satevah Kaal and Kassadee Scott - Year 8. The Kaal's have come from Edendale and are dairying here. They intend to make Tui their home. It was lovely to meet such a happy and connected family - all the best with work and living in a caring community.

Students Of The Week

From The Community