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School Newsletter

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We provide children with the skills for learning,
the skills for living, & the confidence to have a go!

Wednesday 2 August 2017

Dear Parents

Welcome to week two at Wallacetown School. We had a really good first week at school the teachers are really pleased with the attitude and behaviour of the students. Long may this continue. This week Room 3 and 4 have their parent interviews. Thank you parents for taking the time to come in and see us. If you weren't able to make it at this time, please be aware you are able to make contact with the school at anytime and discuss your child's progress etc.

Our pie warmer is popular at this time of year. We would ask for some assistance from home please. All food put into the pie warmer needs the student name written on the tin foil. Would you please also put the **child's room number** on it as well. Some lunch times we have many lunches to hand out and it would help a great deal if it had the room number on it as well. We have several children with the same name as it can be difficult to work out whose lunch is whose. The same goes for the lunch ordered from the dairy on Friday. Room number under the name please.

Today day Miss Sandii Marten is working in Room 2. Sandii is going to work as a day release reliever here at Wallacetown School until she has completed all her treatment and returns full time, possibly next term.

This week we have started our Volleyball lessons on Tuesday and Softball lessons on Wednesday. Our students are very lucky to be able to receive such professional training.

Would you like to help us out during Golden Time on Friday? On Friday last week the students were able to choose from learning the recorder, cooking, hot-poker, watch a movie, technology and indoor games. If you have any skill you could come along and take a group. Or you could offer to help supervise a group such as children doing "wheels" (riding their bikes, scooters around the tennis court). We have a policy that everyone who works with the children needs a police check, which is easy to get. If you can help out do let the school office know.

Have you ever wondered why the classrooms get locked up straight after school — well a number of reasons..... if it gets done straight way then its less likely to get forgotten! But the main reason is security. There is a lot of expensive equipment in the school and a number of schools around the country have had people walk in off the street and help themselves. Teachers are often working at school well after 3pm but may be in a meeting or photocopying at the other end of the school. The office entrance is open till the After School Club is finished.

Regards Neville

Sports News

Kia ora all!

Basketball sheets are due today. If you have not returned your slip but intend to play, please see me.

This week for Ripa Rugby the draw is as follows:

Boys 4pm Court 3 Wallacetown Demons vs Southern Zone Vipers
Girls 4.30pm Court 4 Wallacetown Blues vs Ascot Rampage

What an excellent first game of Ripa Rugby! It's very similar to Touch but faster (as you pass the ball when your tag is ripped and play doesn't necessarily stop). Although I like the teams I coach to win (who doesn't!), what is more important is how the students conduct themselves on the sports field. Yet again, I left the venue feeling so proud of our Wallacetown students. They worked together, supported one another and encouraged each other. The children played to the best of their individual abilities, there were no put downs when a ball was accidentally dropped or a child ran out of bounds. It was clear our students respected the referees decision and showed fantastic sportsmanship! This makes me proud! Well done to all students playing!

On a side note, if I am coaching a team and your child requires a ride to the game, please let me know prior to game day, I am always willing to help out. Please ensure your child understands they will be coming with me and are prepared with the right sports equipment and waiting for me at my class after school. Also, please send me a text (not an email) or a note with your child explaining they need a ride PRIOR to the game (I will flick you a call to confirm).

Thanks, Phil McIndoe

Community Notices

Open Day at Southland Girls High School - Thursday, 3 August 2017. School – 3.30 pm to 7.00pm. Hostel – 2.00pm – 4.00pm. All welcome. Closing date for enrolments Fri 1 Sept 2017.

Open Day at Southland Boys High School - Thursday, 3 August 2017. School – 4pm to 7.00pm. Hostel – 2.00pm – 7.00pm. All welcome. School Tours available 7-25 August. Tel 211 3003 to arrange.

Out of School Music: Is your child interested in music. We are running our final Music Awareness class for the year. This is a 6 week course for 5-6 year olds covering rhythm, beat, high/low sounds, soft/loud sounds. A fun way to learn the basics of music. Cost \$30. Saturday 11.30-12.30, beginning 19 August. Classes held at Southland Girls High School. Contact: Deborah tel: (03) 216-5137 (leave a message), email: admin@osmc.co.nz Or facebook:out of school music classes.

Fundraising for Sandii Marten. Sandii's family and friends are running a fundraiser "Cheese Rolls for Sandii": 1doz \$6, 4doz \$20, Money due by Aug 18, Ready for collection Aug 21st, Any enquiries please contact Stacey 021 298 9333



Now might be a good time to look at your child's uniform.

- ⇒ Is it all named?
- ⇒ Have you got in the cupboard someone else top?
- ⇒ We have six unnamed tops in Room 1 at the moment!
- ⇒ Does your child want a school winter beanie? The office has them for sale.

Just a reminder that if you are looking at buying a long sleeve polo fleece to go under the short sleeve shirt only plain coloured ones are allowed.

The Warehouse sells our school uniform and there is a option for a long sleeve shirt which will be a lot warmer than a short summer one.