

Newsletter

Week 3, Term 3

7 August 2024

WOODBURY SCHOOL

*My Footsteps to the Peaks,
Every Footstep Counts*

Ko Tarahāoa me ōna whānau kia whakaruruhau ngā tapuwae ki te taumata.
Ko te tapuwae te hikoiānga i te ao.

Kia ora koutou,

After a wintry blast it has been lovely to have some sun and warmth back, to allow the children to get outside and play!

Thank you parents for taking the time to attend parent-teacher interviews these last couple of days. Teachers have a wealth of knowledge around the learning and progress of our students, and interviews are obviously an excellent opportunity to share this information and strengthen the relationship between home and school. We always remind parents as well, that you do not need to wait until interviews to talk with the teacher - feel free to make contact and we will always make time to meet with parents.

Ngā mihi,

Mike



REMINDERS

Book Club

Today we will be sending home Book Club catalogues. Last day to order online will be Friday, 9 August

NZ CURRICULUM

We have seen a few announcements in the education space over the past few weeks. Parents may be curious as to what this may look like at school - until more information is shared, so are we!

The Ministry of Education is guiding schools to use certain assessments in literacy and maths, twice yearly. We do this anyway, using the same tools they are asking schools to use. So for this, we have no change.

This week the government announced plans to try and address the low results that can be seen in Year 8 students in maths. Our current New Zealand maths system sees learning outcomes that are the same across all primary schools, but schools are able to achieve these outcomes using methods and systems which they believe are best suited to their school and students. The government are intending to take a more streamlined approach, with teacher and student workbooks in the same format across the country, so that all schools will be effectively teaching in the same way. Currently schools are unsure of what this will look like, but we are interested to see what develops in this space in coming weeks. The government has promised funding for both resources and teacher development.

COMMUNITY DENTAL VAN

It is great news that we have been able to confirm that the Community Dental Van will be visiting us towards the end of Term 3, approximately week 7 or 8. Please find attached Info Sheet from CDS.

[Community Dental Service Info Sheet](#)

COMMUNITY
dental service



Te Whatu Ora
Health New Zealand
Waitaha Canterbury

SECURITY CAMERAS

We are in the process of having security cameras installed at various external access points around the school. These are for the purpose of a) deterring any vandalism or criminal activity onsite, and b) to give us video footage, should there be an incident.

This is not in response to anything at school, other than a damaged drinking fountain we have not had any recorded instances of damage or theft. We have been aware though of several incidents in rural schools over the past few years, and the board believe it prudent to have these installed as a security measure.

SECURITY NOTICE



**SECURITY
CAMERAS
IN OPERATION**

GARDENING

Tena koutou katoa,

Our school has great plans for upgrading some of the garden areas and would love your input. We have been collecting ideas from the school community (and always welcome more), the children and staff.

After consulting with children and gently explaining that a fishpond for duck shooting, a can-am and a shooting range may not be possible immediately, they still came up with some wonderful ideas (that will be possible!). If you have skills, gear, plants or people-power we would be so grateful of your support. I aim to get to the gardens (or plantings if wet) most discovery days (Fridays). Anyone is always welcome to join us-the children love learning from others gardening experiences! We also welcome wider family such as grandparents.

Could you please contact Jud at: jud@woodbury.school.nz and I will collate names and start an action plan. I look forward to hearing from you and seeing our tamariki's gardening visions be

realised.

Kind regards, Jud.



PEAK AWARDS

Every assembly, teachers award students certificates based on our PEAK values:

- Perseverance
- Empathy
- Acceptance (Respect)
- Knowledge



Well done to these children who were presented with their awards last week - mahi tika ana (great work!)

FAREWELL

We are sad to say farewell to the McLaren-Smith family, who are heading away to sunny Queensland. Freya (Year 2) and Adam (Year 4) will be very much missed by the students and staff at Woodbury School. At assembly last week the children were presented with leaving certificates, and their classes held a shared lunch on Tuesday. We wish Adam, Freya and the McLaren-Smith family all the best for their big move.



TERM DATES

Please find [here a link](#) to the parent calendar for Term 3, 2024

Week 4 (12 - 16 August)

- BOT meeting Monday 12 August, 7.00pm.

Week 6 (26 - 30 August)

- Friday 30th August we are encouraging children to wear yellow and bring a donation in support of the Cancer Society's annual Daffodil Day fundraiser

Week 8 (9 - 13 September)

- BOT meeting Monday 9 September, 7.00pm.
- Production dress rehearsal Friday 13th

Week 9 (16 - 20 September)

- Production week. Evening performances on 17th, 18th and 19th.

Week 10 (23 - 27 September)

- South Canterbury Anniversary Holiday on the Monday
- Last day of Term 3 - Friday 27th September

SAUSAGE SIZZLE

Our Friday sausage sizzle has returned this term. You are welcome to place one off orders rather than for the whole term (these need to be submitted by the Wednesday prior to Sausage Sizzle). Please see below link to make your orders;

[**T3 Sausage Sizzle Order Form**](#)

WOODBURY SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Woodbury School Board of Trustees is made up of 5 elected parent representatives - Tim Saywell (Chair), Kirstin Ross, Jolene Lewis, Ricki Nelson and David Earl. Plus staff representative Sarah Greenslade, principal Mike de Joux and secretary Penny Gurr.

This group was elected in 2022, and new elections for any interested parents will be held in the middle of 2025.

This is the last of our profiles of our Board of Trustees members, particularly for newer families who may not be aware of who these people are!

Ricki Nelson



My name is Ricki Nelson. My wife Louise and I have two children who attend Woodbury School, Elliot and Willow. I did my primary school years at Hilton Primary. Having experienced a rural schooling, we wanted the same for our children. Woodbury ticks all the boxes, a friendly small community with great teachers and teacher support, along with strong core values of the Four Peaks.

I am a Carpenter by trade, and with this, I like to think I bring a strong understanding and knowledge of practical property matters to the Woodbury school board. If I haven't met you around the school or community yet, please come and introduce yourself.





[Order you Woodbury Big Night Out Tickets Here](#)

WOODBURY
BIG NIGHT OUT
SCHOOL FUNDRAISER

9TH NOV 2024
6pm to 11pm @ WOODBURY HALL

LIVE MUSIC with
Simon Robinson & *Drinks & Handbrake*

TICKET SALES @ EventFinda

Cash Bar - Courtesy Bus - Food - Raffles

The poster has a black background with gold musical notes and a string of warm white lights. At the bottom, there is a circular logo for 'Drinks & Handbrake' featuring a flame.

FAIRLIE PRIMARY SCHOOL
SUPPORTING THE JOURNEY - DISCOVERING THE POTENTIAL

SKI RACE

SEPTEMBER 13TH
2024

Entry Fee
\$20

(BOYS & GIRLS)

- YEAR 3/4
- YEAR 5/6
- YEAR 7/8

Sausage sizzle

FOR ENTRY FORM AND FURTHER
DETAILS PLEASE VISIT
www.fairlie.school.nz

MT DOBSON SKI AND
SNOWBOARD CLUB
EST. 1982

MT DOBSON
SKI-RIDE-PLAY-TEE-AGE

The poster features a green and blue color scheme with a mountain range silhouette at the top. It includes a photo of a skier in a red suit racing down a snowy slope. Logos for the Mt Dobson Ski and Snowboard Club and the school are also present.



Join ST JOHN YOUTH



Young people developing their potential through leadership, hauora and engaging in their communities.

St John Youth is for all young people aged 5 to 18 years, so come and learn, connect and grow with us.

Four Peaks Division



Tuesday



6:15pm - 7:30pm



Geraldine St John Rooms
124 Talbot Street, Geraldine

youth@stjohn.org.nz | 0800 ST JOHN | youth.stjohn.org.nz



GERALDINE SCOUT GRP DISCO NIGHT



BAYLEYS

the Good Team

COMMUNITY EVENT



FOR PRIMARY AGE CHILDREN

6-7.30PM

FRI 16

AUG

ENTRY
GOLD COIN
DONATION

FOR SALE
SNACKS, DRINKS

GLOW IN THE DARK TREASURES



GERALDINE PRESCHOOL PRESENTS

BEATS BY BINGO

NZ's best musical bingo show!

SATURDAY 19TH

OCTOBER 7PM

GERALDINE PRIMARY SCHOOL HALL

ALMIGHTY MEAT

RAW + WILD PET FOOD



Winchester Masonic
Lodge



SAVE THE
DATE!!
Tickets on sale
2nd Sept

TICKETS \$40

INCLUDES 5 MUSICAL BINGO
CARDS & SUPPER! GRAB YOUR
FRIENDS AND BOOK A TABLE!

(Table bookings 8ppl)

CASH/EFTPOS BAR AVAILABLE



Enquiries to geraldinepreschool@xtra.co.nz




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ALL ISSUES ALL AGES | **0800 568 856**

FIVE WAYS TO WELLBEING

- CONNECT**
TALK & LISTEN,
BE THERE,
FEEL CONNECTED
- Give**
Your time,
your words,
your presence
- TAKE NOTICE**
REMEMBER
THE SIMPLE
THINGS THAT
GIVE YOU JOY
- KEEP LEARNING**
EMBRACE NEW
EXPERIENCES,
SEE OPPORTUNITIES,
SURPRISE YOURSELF
- BE ACTIVE**
DO WHAT YOU CAN,
ENJOY WHAT YOU DO,
MOVE YOUR MOOD

INTRODUCE THESE FIVE SIMPLE STRATEGIES INTO YOUR LIFE AND YOU WILL FEEL THE BENEFITS.

Mental Health Foundation
 mauri iā, mauri eke
www.mentalhealth.org.nz

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