

# Newsletter

Week 7, Term 2  
12<sup>th</sup> June 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,

A lot has been happening at Woodbury School in the last few weeks, it has been hard to get out a newsletter! We have included a few of these exciting activities here, as well as information for the last few weeks of term.

## CROSS COUNTRY

Despite the very chilly weather we saw some competitive and keen students in our combined cross country with Carew Peel Forest. We really enjoy the shorter course, which offers a challenge in terms of terrain (with the occasional cow pat!), but sees the vast majority of students still able to maintain a run or jog by the end.

We also sent a team of Year 5/6 students to Waihi School yesterday to the South Canterbury event, who after a couple of weeks of extra training performed admirably.



## SAVE THE DATE

Our annual family Roundhill/ Tekapo Springs ski or skate day has been confirmed for **30<sup>th</sup> July**, so please keep this day free in your diaries!

Matariki Performance  
**Tuesday, 25th June,**  
5.30PM start



## 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!)



## RIPPA RUGBY

Our Year 5 and 6 students represented the school with pride at the recent Rippa Rugby Tournament in Timaru. Some amazing skills, determination and teamwork on display by the children and another strong and supportive parent turnout.



## ATTENDANCE

School attendance is a top priority for our current government, who have an increased emphasis on trying to ensure students are attending school as often as possible.

This "[Attendance Information Sheet](#)" gives some further information around attendance. "Regular" attendance is classified as missing no more than 5 days per term. Only 54% of New Zealand students managed "Regular" attendance in Term 4 of 2023. As the sheet explains, while 5 days a term doesn't seem much, when looked at over the course of their schooling this equates to an entire year's education.

## WOODBURY HOME AND SCHOOL

The Home and School will be holding a AGM on Wednesday 26th June, 7PM at the Crown Hotel (there is a room off to the side we use). As always - all parents are welcome to come along!

## SEED POTATO FUNDRAISER

There will be order forms going home with children today for a Seed Potato Fundraiser through Home & School. For all those keen gardeners out there, Tracey and Andy McKay (who were the growers for our Woodbury School Fresh Potato Fundraiser), are generously supplying the Highlander Seed Potatoes to our families and community to sell as a fundraiser.

## TERM DATES

Please find a link here to the [Term 2 calendar for 2024](#). Note that most dates are confirmed but there may be some changes.

### Week 7 (10 - 14 June)

- Tuesday 11th June is the South Canterbury Cross Country event at Waihi School, for our top Year 5-6 runners

### Week 8 (17 - 21 June)

- Monday 17th June is a Board of Trustees meeting at 7.00pm

### Week 9 (24 - 28 June)

- Tuesday 25th June we will be having a Matariki evening for students and families. This year we plan on doing some outside activities, so bring some warm clothes! Start time for this even (Woodbury Hall & Domain), will be 5.30PM – more info to come
- Friday 28th June is the Matariki Holiday

### Week 10 (1 - 5 July)

- Friday 5th July is the last day of Term 2 - mid-year reports also go home at this time
- We had a Year 6 High School / ropes day scheduled this week, but this has had to be postponed.

## 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.

Over the next few newsletters we will include profiles of our Board of Trustees members, particularly for newer families who may not be aware of who these people are!

## Tim Saywell

I am originally from a small North Island town in the Wairarapa called Featherston, and shifted south in 1996 and spent my last 2 and half years at GHS.

Family: Wife Gaylene and 3 children Kaitlyn 15 Pippa 13 and Archie 11.

We are involved in farming and live beneath the Four Peaks. We first became involved with Woodbury School when Kaitlyn began in 2014. Pippa left in 2022 and our youngest Archie finishes at the end of this year. I have been involved with the Woodbury BOT since 2019. Some of my interests are trail running, rugby (spectating these days!) curling and spending time with the family following their sport.

I love that Woodbury School has a great small country vibe where the children are respectful and outgoing. Attached is a photo of me at the finish line completing the Old Ghost Road Ultra in Feb an 85km trail run on the West Coast (accompanied over the line with Kaitlyn).



## David Earl

Hi, I am David Earl and I have been on the Woodbury School BOT since 2021.

My wife Maria and I have 3 x Children, Luca (finished at Woodbury School 2022), James (year 6) and Pippa (year 2), we live just on the edge of Woodbury Village. I work as a livestock buyer for a company called Alpine Pastures. Together as a family we enjoy skiing, running, hunting and all the other opportunities that living in South Canterbury provides.

We have loved our time so far being involved with Woodbury School and feel very lucky for the learning environment, wonderful teaching and support staff, and multiple opportunities provided for our children and others at the school.

I feel very proud of all the students at the school when I see them performing, be it Triathlon, Cross-Country, Rippa Rugby, Matariki, Performance, Anzac Day services etc, our students constantly show the "PEAK" values they learn and embrace at School. The School's vision of footsteps to the Peaks is one I believe all of the school embraces and when the children move onto other schools after Woodbury, they will set themselves apart from others with their behaviours.

Woodbury School has a wonderful family feel, and I hope this continues to build and grow into the future.





## Geraldine Hockey League



Wednesday afternoon, term 3, Geraldine Domain Turf

Funsticks for 5-year-olds – 3.15

Junior League games for year 2-6 from 4pm

League games for year 7/8 from 6pm

To register your interest for players/coaches/volunteers please the following form

<https://forms.gle/7LmYHFxRc6DUt5Mo8>

Or contact Hils McCullough [nofrillshils@gmail.com](mailto:nofrillshils@gmail.com)

Book, Music and Lyrics By JIM JACOBS and WARREN CASEY  
BY ARRANGEMENT WITH ORIGINAL THEATRICAL [www.originaltheatrical.com.au](http://www.originaltheatrical.com.au)



**A Geraldine High School Production.  
Thursday 27th June – Saturday 29th June**



Geraldine High School is very excited to announce our production of Grease.

Shows are running over Matariki weekend, 27-29th June.

Tickets are available at the High School Office or online at <https://events.humanitix.com/grease-2024>.




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### 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.

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