

# Newsletter

Week 9, Term 3, 16<sup>th</sup> September 2024

**WOODBURY SCHOOL**

*My Footsteps to the Peaks,  
Every Footstep Counts*

Ko Tarahoa me ona whānau kia whakarunghau nga tapuwae ki te taumata.  
Ko te tapuwae te hikoatanga i te ao.

Kia ora koutou,

With our Production on it is a very exciting week ahead for students, and no doubt parents and family who will be looking forward to seeing their children on stage. Please check last weeks note home with important timings (this has been attached again, [via this link](#) ). As of today the night-time shows are effectively sold out, which re-emphasises the need to have 3 night time shows to allow all our families to attend!

There are so many positive learning experiences for our tamariki through being part of production. This includes their literacy skills (script and song reading), oral language skills, dance and movement, and developing their confidence in front of a group of people. It is an amazing opportunity for those children with a keen interest or skill in the performing arts to showcase their talents and develop their skills. Further learning is through the messaging to the children of the Production theme itself, that everyone has their part to play in ensuring our environment is looked after for future generations. Our children are fortunate to live in an area where the environment is valued and cared for, but unfortunately in their lives they will travel or live in areas where this is not the case. Our social studies curriculum supports students to be aware of our environment and, where required, try to make a positive change.

Ngā mihi,

Mike



We have a mountain of lost property which has been left over during the term! If you are in for school drop-offs/pickups please pop in and take a look!

## WHEELS EVENT

On Thursday of Week 10 (26th September), we are encouraging as many children as possible to bring along their "wheels" - this could be a bike, roller skates, scooters, skateboards, etc...

Classes will send students out in small groups, as part of a relay-style events around a course, so that at least a couple of class members are on the course at all times. As mentioned earlier in the term, this is in support of Year 5 student Zoe Ellery's fundraising efforts for muscular dystrophy - if families choose they are welcome to bring a donation or follow this online link to support the cause:

<https://www.milesformuscles.org.nz/zoe-ellery>





## FARMING TRIP

The Year 1-3's followed up the visit by the "Wool in Schools" container, with a trip to a local farm. This was a chance to see a working farm in action, and to see the origins of wool and the important part our local farmers play in the economy and in producing high quality products. The children got to see sheep working their way through the pens, working dogs in action and a sheep being shorn. Thanks to the Blair family, Staz Roberts and Justin Carlton for sharing your knowledge with us!





## PEAK VALUES AWARDS

Well done to our PEAK award winners from our last assembly. These awards cover Perseverance (Manawanui), Empathy (Aroha), Acceptance (Whanaungatanga), and Knowledge (Mātauranga).



## ARCHGOLA

We are pleased to let families know that in January we will be having an Archgola constructed, covering the length of our decking area. This will create a fantastic all-weather space, allowing students the ability to work outside, while also eliminating the danger of a slippery deck. In time we plan to install bi-fold doors to open out from the classrooms, to make the area even more accessible.

As is the case with most Ministry of Education builds, this has taken a while to come about. A huge thank you to the Woodbury Home and School for once again contributing a significant amount to this build, adding to other external grants we have secured along with money set aside by the Board of Trustees. Thank you also to local installer Brent Patterson, who managed to talk Archgola head office into significantly reducing the price in order for this project to go ahead - your support is much appreciated.



## SWIMMING

We are very lucky to have Clare Connolly returning this year with after school swimming lessons in our school pool. For those of you new to this, Clare runs lessons over four weeks; two lessons per week on Tuesdays and Thursdays, starting Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October. Children are grouped according to their swimming abilities, with 25min lessons. If you are interested in this, please see Enrolment form below.

[After School Swimming Enrolment 2024](#)

Parents please note this swimming is different from the in-school lessons which will be occurring later in the term, which are funded by the school and focus on water safety skills.

If you would like to contact Clare directly, her email is [clare.connolly@xtra.co.nz](mailto:clare.connolly@xtra.co.nz)

## SOCIAL WORKER TRUST BULB FUNDRAISER

Once again the Social Worker Trust is holding their annual Bulb Fundraiser. This raises funds to support the incredible work that Deana Avrill (our Social Worker, based at Geraldine Primary School) is able to carry out with our students and whānau. Attached link [Geraldine Children Social Work Trust - Lilly Fundraiser](#). We can send hard copies home if requested.

## SAUSAGE SIZZLE

Last Sausage sizzle for T3 is Friday this week. Orders need to be in by Wednesday morning before Friday's sausage sizzle. Please see below link to make your orders. [T3 Sausage Sizzle Order Form](#)

## TERM DATES

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

### **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
- We have a wheels event this week, in support of Muscular Dystrophy
- Last day of Term 3 - Friday 27th September

### **Term 4**

Please find [here the Term 4](#) calendar link. There are a few things to note on this calendar.

- We have no Pet Day this year. After consultation late last year around the busy-ness of our Term 4 calendar we decided to make the Pet Day every second year. Flower Show continues to be every year.
- We have a Ministry Directed Teacher Only Day, Friday 25th October. This is to work on aspects of the new curriculum.
- After School Swimming will again be on, and starts in Week 2 for four weeks.



WOODBURY  
**BIG NIGHT OUT**  
SCHOOL FUNDRAISER

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

LIVE MUSIC with  
Simon Robinson & *Devil's Handbrake*

TICKET SALES @ EventFinda

Cash Bar - Courtesy Bus - Food - Raffles

Woodbury School presents  
the biannual production

# Ours to Save

17<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> September | 6.30pm  
Matinee performance  
17<sup>th</sup> September | 10.30am

Woodbury Hall  
Tickets \$5

Tickets are limited to 6 per whānau over the four shows. Wait list available. Contact the school office to secure your tickets.

A stylized illustration of a young girl with long, flowing green hair, wearing a green dress, hugging a glowing green and blue Earth globe. The background is a soft, teal-green wash with faint silhouettes of birds and leaves.

<https://www.eventfinda.co.nz/2024/woodbury-big-night-out-fundraiser/geraldine/tickets>



## TERM FOUR

Starting 21st October

# YOUTH DRAMA CLASSES

SPEECH. IMPROV. CONFIDENCE.  
DESIGN. WRITING. DEVSING.  
TEAMWORK. THEATRE STUDIES.  
AUDITION PREP. LEADERSHIP.

Ages 10 - 18

Junior & Senior Youth Classes  
Term four class times TBD

Enrolments are open now!  
To save your place, or for further  
information please email  
[preamillar@yahoo.co.nz](mailto:preamillar@yahoo.co.nz)

📍 17 Beswick Street, Aidan Theatre, Timaru

## Geraldine Athletics Club



Calling all old and new Athletes!

The new season is almost here!

Athletics training is a fun way to maintain fitness for winter sports, have great fun and meet new friends on our warm summer evenings.

Our 2024/25 season will begin on 16th October, 5.45pm Geraldine Domain Oval.

Training nights will be Wednesday nights from 5.45pm at the Geraldine Domain on Hislop St.

Athletes welcome to register from age 6 - 100+ years (as at 31st Dec 24)

### Have you thought about Coaching?

We are always on the lookout for new coaches to support our Athletes. If you would like to join the team in any way please contact the Club Secretary Jo Hewson 021 2211234, or message us on Facebook

For more information on our Club visit:

W:<http://www.sporty.co.nz/geraldineathletics> F: <https://www.facebook.com/geraldineathletics>

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## FIVE WAYS TO WELLBEING



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

Mental Health Foundation  
mauri tu, mauri ora  
[www.mentalhealth.org.nz](http://www.mentalhealth.org.nz)

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