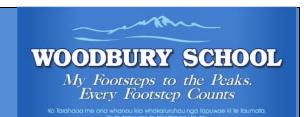
Newsletter

Week 7, Term 3, 3rd September 2024



Kia ora koutou,

Next Friday we have our first **Production** Dress Rehearsal, followed by performances the following week. This is an exciting time for the children, and a busy one. While classes for the most part continue as per usual every morning (with reading, writing and maths), we have more parts of afternoons being used for practicing lines and songs, for those specific children involved. Next week will see some children out of class in the mornings to practice certain parts.

We also know it can be a busy time for parents - thank you for your support in sorting out costumes for your child, and thank you in advance for transporting your child to and from the shows. We are aware this will be a change in night-time routine for your child, and understand if children arrive a little later to school following performances (please just let Penny know). Any questions about Production, please ask your teacher. All information regarding times to have children to school for performances will be on ClassDojo. A reminder to email the office for tickets - we still have about 20 families who have not contacted us to get tickets.

A reminder that these are limited to 6 tickets per family, people can go on the waitlist to purchase more (please do this if you want more, as it looks like we should be able to accommodate). From next Thursday (12th Sept) those on the waitlist will be contacted and will be able to get extra tickets.

This week we farewell (for the time being) **Miss Bridget Patrick**, who is heading away on maternity leave. We wish Bridget, partner Scott (to whom she has recently become engaged to!) and daughter Poppy all the best as they welcome a new addition to the family. From next week Mrs Bromwich, who currently teaches in Pekapeka on Thursdays and Fridays, will be teaching Monday to Thursday, with Mrs Harley teaching on Fridays. We are very fortunate to be in a situation where a class transition will be so seamless, with experienced teachers who are well-known to the children filling the roles. Miss Patrick will be returning to Woodbury School later in Term 1, 2025.

Ngā mihi,

Mike





Book Club (Issue 6) - deadline for orders online is Monday, 9th September

Over the last month we have handed out a lot of spare pants and tops to children who have needed them. Our stocks are now low, so if they could be returned as soon as possible we would be grateful.



The overall theme of the production is around looking after the environment for ourselves, for future generations, and for the flora and fauna we share this world with. Our message to children is a positive one around the work of those in the primary industries in our community, who we know are doing everything they can to care for and enhance our environment through sustainable farming and forestry practices. While at the same time cautioning children about the long term damage of those dumping rubbish, polluting waterways and needlessly clearing forested areas without a sustainable plan in place. This is an important message to share in our efforts to grow children's understanding of the world around them and as part of the New Zealand Social Sciences Curriculum.

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 <u>Geraldine Children Social Work Trust - Lilly Fundraiser</u>. We can send hard copies home if requested.

SAUSAGE SIZZLE

3 weeks of sausage sizzles left for this term. Orders need to be in by Wednesday morning before Friday's sausage sizzle. Please see below link to make your orders. <u>T3 Sausage Sizzle Order Form</u>

DENTAL VAN

We are very pleased to advise parents that the dental van will be arriving to see children either this Friday or Monday. Once your child has been seen, they will bring a card home indicating if they need any further treatment.

TERM DATES

Please find here a link to the parent calendar for Term 3, 2024

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
- 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.















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