

# Newsletter

Week 3, Term 2  
14<sup>th</sup> May 2024

  
**WOODBURY SCHOOL**

*My Footsteps to the Peaks.  
Every Footstep Counts*

Ko Tarahoa me ona whanau kia whakaruruhau nga tapuwae ki te taumata.  
Ko te tapuwae te hikollanga i te ao.

Kia ora e te whanau,

It has been a settled start to the term at Woodbury School. I have heard many stories from the children about the Aurora in the weekend - what a spectacular event and something they will remember for some time.

As a staff we always enjoy this time of year in terms of teaching and learning - Term 1 has been a chance for students to get to know routines and expectations of the classroom, and for teachers to establish regular systems and understand children's needs. With this in place Term's 2 and 3 are always a really focused and productive time in class.

To mix in with the daily routines, we have a number of exciting activities outside of the classroom. The year 1-3 students enjoyed a fun farm visit last Friday, with a focus on real-world maths. Today the whole school is visiting Carew Peel Forest to see a performance from the New Zealand Playhouse. This is always a entertaining watch for the children! We are staying on to have lunch and a play at their school afterwards.

On Wednesday we have two Year 5/6 Rippa Rugby teams heading to Timaru to compete with other teams around South Canterbury. This group have been training hard for a number of weeks, including some warm-up games against Geraldine Primary last week. Thank you Damien Bromwich for your help in preparing the children for this competition.

Next Wednesday the children participate in our annual cross country at Waihi Gorge, combined with Carew Peel Forest. Please see [this attached link](#) (sent out last week), with details of the day - we look forward to seeing our families there, cheering students along. We deliberately keep the course up there short, as we like to see children still running at the end and we know longer courses can be off-putting. For those top Year 5/6 runners, there will be practices at longer distances heading into the South Canterbury event.



Noho ora mai,  
Mike



## 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!

## REMINDERS

- Scholastic Book Club orders due by 17<sup>th</sup> May

## MATARIKI

Please put in your calendars the evening of Tuesday 25th June, for our annual Matariki Celebration. Parents from a couple of years ago will remember we had the children share a brief performance, then we did a torch-lit walk through the domain and shared some kai. We have plans for something similar again this year, and invite all our families to come along.



## YEAR 1 & 2 PARENT INFORMATION EVENING TUESDAY 21ST MAY, 6.30PM, WOODBURY SCHOOL

As messaged last week via ClassDojo, we are having a parent information evening for parents with students in Year 1 & 2. We understand there is a lot to take on board as your child starts school, and hopefully we can give some extra information around how we operate that parents might find useful.

We hope to get a parent from each family with a child in Year 1 & 2 along. We will present at 6.30pm, but parents are welcome to come along from 6.15pm if they would like to chat and we will have some snacks, tea and coffee available. We will also hear from the teachers around how maths and literacy looks in Year 1 & 2, which parents will hopefully find beneficial. We envisage the evening will take around an hour.

Please [follow this quick survey link](#), to let us know if you are able to come along.

## 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 3 (13 - 17 May)

- Board of Trustees meeting 7.00pm on Monday.
- Playhouse Performance - students will be visiting Carew Peel Forest to view a visiting performer, and join their students for play and lunch.
- Some of our Year 5/6 students will be taking part in a Rippa Rugby tournament in Timaru on Wednesday 15th May.

### Week 4 (20 - 24 May)

- On Tuesday 21st May we are having an information evening at school for Year 1-2 parents.
- We hold our rural cross-country, combined with Carew Peel Forest school, at the Waihi Gorge on Wednesday 22nd May. This starts at 12.30pm.
- On Friday the Year 1-3 students will be heading to C-PLAY in Timaru for a trip.

### Week 5 (27 - 31 May)

- Wednesday 29th May is the Cross Country postponement day
- Rural School Day - Thursday 30th May at Waihi School.
- Friday 31st May is a Ministry-directed Teacher Only Day to work on the curriculum.

### Week 6 (3 - 7 June)

- Monday 3rd June is the King's Birthday holiday

### **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!
- Friday 28th June is the Matariki Holiday

### **Week 10 (1 - 5 July)**

- On Monday and Tuesday of this week we have tentatively planned to take our Year 6 children to the high school, to take part in some team building activities and the ropes course as a part of familiarising themselves with the high school environment.
- Friday 5th July is the last day of Term 2 - mid-year reports also go home at this time

## **PICS FROM JUNIOR FARM TRIP**







**ASHBURTON COLLEGE DRAMA  
FUNDRAISER**

# SCARED SCRIPTLESS

**LIVE COMEDY WITH THE  
COURT THEATRE JESTERS!**

**THURSDAY MAY 23  
7PM  
ASHCOLL AUDITORIUM**

**TICKETS \$20 FROM ASH COLL  
OFFICE 03 308 4193**

**RAISING FUNDS TO TRAVEL TO THE  
NATIONAL FINALS OF THE SHEILAH  
WINN SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL**

*Do you want to try skiing or snowboarding  
this winter?*

*Are you wanting to spend Sundays with  
other children and skiing or boarding?*

*Do you want to be a better skier or  
snowboarder?*



If you want to know more, come  
and hear about the  
**Geraldine Snowsports  
Academy!**

Date: Thursday 23 May

Time: 5.30pm

Where: Geraldine Primary School

Contact - Simon Coleman, 0275666969



19th May 2024 10:30 a.m.



**TE KURA TUARUA  
O RAUKAPUKA**  
GERALDINE HIGH SCHOOL

**OPENDAY.**

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For Parents and Young People

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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 HOOD

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

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