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## **Wednesday 3rd July, 2024**

Kia ora koutou,

Last week of Term 2, which has proved again to be a busy and productive one for our students.

Our *Matariki Celebration* had over 200 family members in attendance and was a wonderful night. It was a culmination of the hard work of students and teachers over the term - the artwork on display, the lanterns the children created, the waiata and haka, and the students presenting were all to a high standard. As always, we are incredibly proud of our tamariki and their efforts.

Next term we have another opportunity to celebrate our students through our bi-annual *School Production*. Once again Mrs Talbot-Van Beers has created an imaginative and entertaining script that all children across the school will have the opportunity to be part of.

*Mid-year reports* go out on Friday. This year we have switched formats, and are sending out a more detailed report, with the end of year report now being more of a summary (previously we had these the other way around). The mid-year report is designed to give parents an idea of where students are tracking with regards to reading, writing and maths, and a general curriculum comment. In addition we identify where students fare in relation to our PEAK values, and their effort, attitude and social progress in the teacher comment section. Thank you teachers for the numerous hours you have spent preparing these reports - I am certain parents will note from these reports the depth and understanding our teachers have of the learners in their classrooms.

Reports are timed so that they can be followed up with any parent questions, at the *parent-teacher interviews* early next term. A document will go out in Week 1 that enables parents to book times for these interviews.

Ngā mihi,

Mike

### **Ski / Skate Day**

Thank you to whānau for completing the recent ski / skate day survey, we had a large number take part which gives us a really good representative sample across the school.

This survey has informed us that:

- The vast majority of families support us continuing with both the ski and the skate option each year.
- While over half of parents believed an alternative option (such as a swim locally) was a good idea, only a couple indicated they would do this. So we will not have this as an option (at least, not this year).
- Some of the comments also point to annual leave needing to be used for some families - a reminder for this that if parents are unable to attend, any child can attend the skating option and they will be supervised by staff.
- From some comments also, some parents believed school was closed on the day. It remains open, with staff to supervise any children who come along.
- At the ski day, it would be nice for our parents to congregate in the same place. Some were unsure of who other families were, where they were sitting, etc... We will take up the school gazebo to erect in an area where all families can see, so they know who the Woodbury families are. We also encourage those who have been before to look out for and invite new families over to join them.

To help save with transport costs, the school bus will be taken to the skating trip. We have 22 seats for this. We will take children needing a ride, and any parents who would like a ride (first in, first served!). Please indicate on the return form or contact the office, if you would like a ride.

A reminder also that if required we have some funding available from the Community Trust, to support half the costs of students to attend, which can be accessed via the school office.

### **Power Outage**

Local families will be aware of the power outage on Wednesday 24th July, the first week back. This does not affect us, as Alpine Energy supply us with a generator for the day.

### **Home and School**

Congratulations, and a big thank you, to those parents who have put their hands up and been elected for roles within our Home and School group. Staz Roberts (Chairperson), Karina Hammond and Kate Campbell (who share the secretary role) and Gaylene Saywell (treasurer). We are still seeking a deputy treasurer to take over from Gaylene in the near future, please make contact if you are interested.

It was impressive listening at last week's meeting to the activities already carried out, the activities planned and interest that parents show in our school community. The seed potatoes is a current fundraiser being carried out, information around this will have already gone home. For new parents and those who haven't, make sure you join the [Home and School Facebook page](#), with updates for parents about what is happening around the school.

### **Future Enrolments**

We have a large number of out of zone parents, keen to enrol their new entrants in 2025.

To help us plan ahead, if you know of any IN-ZONE families with students starting in 2025, 2026 or 2027 please encourage them to email the office and let us know. Being aware of these numbers informs us, as to how many out of zone students we ballot for.

This link shows our school details, and if you click on "Show Zoning" below the map you will be able to see our zone.

<https://www.educationcounts.govt.nz/find-school/school/profile?school=3599&district=64&region=13>

### **Sausage Sizzle**

The sausage sizzle returns next term, on every Friday. A note will go out on ClassDojo for parents to fill in to order these.



### **Class Dojo**

Just a reminder - if ClassDojo ask you to subscribe to premium, you DO NOT need to do this. It functions perfectly fine without needing to go premium.

A reminder also this is our primary source of communication, please ensure you check the app regularly.

### **PEAK Awards**

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

- **P**erseverance
- **E**mpathy
- **A**cceptance (Respect)
- **K**nowledge

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



## **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!

### **Kirstin Ross**

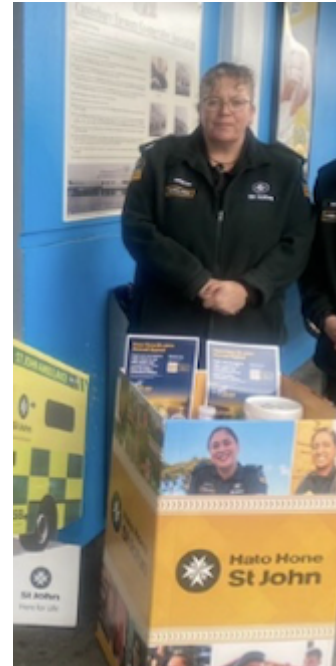
Hi, I'm Kirstin Ross and I have been on the Woodbury school BOT since 2019.

I live in Geraldine with my partner Joe and our two children Cian (13yrs) and Bree (11yrs). I'm a former pupil of Woodbury school and I'm proud to say our children also went to Woodbury school. They currently attend GHS.

I'm a volunteer for St John Ambulance, Geraldine station. I'm also a paid casual for South Canterbury area.

I love how Woodbury school is a unique rural school. It's great to see the children taking part in activities, sport events along side Carew Peel Forest school in cross country and athletics. Participating in tournaments with other local schools in Ripa rugby, South Canterbury cross country etc. School productions and Concerts that the Woodbury and Geraldine Community love to support and watch.

I recently went and watched the Matariki concert, it was great to see all the hard work and passion the children had put into the songs and Haka. Well done to you all!



### **Term Dates**

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

#### **Week 1 (22 - 26 July)**

- We have the Life Education Van visiting school on the first 3 days of Term 3.

#### **Week 2 (30 July - 2 August)**

- The ski / skate trip is on Tuesday 30th July.

#### **Week 3 (5 - 9 August)**

- Parent-teacher interviews are the afternoon / evenings of Tuesday 6th and Wednesday 7th August.

#### **Week 4 (12 - 16 August)**

- BOT meeting Monday 12 August, 7.00pm.

#### **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