

Newsletter

Week 1, Term 2
1 April 2024


WOODBURY SCHOOL

*My Footsteps to the Peaks.
Every Footstep Counts*

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

Kia ora e te whanau,

Welcome back to all our families, for what looks to be an exciting term ahead. In this newsletter we have a breakdown of what is happening this term, plus some “need to know” information for parents.

New Students

We give a very warm welcome to the Olliver family, who join us after moving over from Pitt Island recently. Matiu (Year 6) joins Tarahaoa Tuakana, and Waihua (Year 4) joins Tarahaoa Teina. It has been wonderful seeing how supportive and friendly our tamariki have been towards our new students to help them settle into their new life on the “mainland”!



AFTERNOON ROUTINES

A reminder to all parents to email the office if you have any changes to your afternoon bus / pick-ups for this term. We are aware that with winter sports practices this may have changed from Term 1.

COMMUNICATION METHODS REMINDER

Class Dojo - is our primary means of communication with parents, so needs to be checked regularly. Via this app teachers share what is going on in classes, across the school and we also post our newsletter on here. Parents also have the option to message teachers. At times you may be prompted to pay for a premium version - you DO NOT need to do this, for what we use the app is free.

Email - At times we will also email parents, and parent emails to the office about absences or changes to pick-ups, or any other messages are the preferred means of communication.

Phone - Parents can of course ring the office directly. Any voice messages are checked regularly, including by Ms Baynes at 2.30 prior to the end of school, to check if there are any messages about buses or pick-ups.

HERO - Parents can also download the HERO app (search for HERO Linc-ed). This app allows parents to easily enter absences, and also check finances, so it is handy for parents to download also. When we first used the HERO system for managing our students’ details, we tried using this HERO app for messaging also, but found it didn’t suit our needs (hence the reason we use ClassDojo for messaging).

Facebook - is used occasionally, to share information with our wider community / grandparents, etc... about upcoming events (such as Flower Show), or to get an urgent message out (i.e. school closed due to snow!).

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 1 (29 April - 3 May)

- The first day of Term 2 is Monday 29th April.

Week 2 (6 - 10 May)

- Our Year 1-3 students are heading away on a farm visit

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

MORNING PARKING

Mornings can get a bit congested in the car parks. If you are just dropping children off quickly, please park right next to the sheds, in front of the bus.

If you are planning to stay a bit longer to catchup with the teacher or other parents, please back into a car park.



ANZAC DAY

Well done Year 6's, you did a great job presenting this years' ANZAC service at the end of Term 1. This has become an important part of our calendar, in introducing children to how an ANZAC Service operates and the importance behind this day.

We also had Archie, James, Floss, Maia and Ayla representing Woodbury School at the Woodbury ANZAC Service in the holidays.



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.



BUILDING WORK

These last holidays have been a hive of activity at Woodbury School. We have had our current toilets ripped out, with brand new ones installed for the children. Our archgola cover has been replaced, and new archgola has been added to a section over our new decking. We have had our solar panels repositioned on the office block, and the Hua tekerekere block has been repainted (including the bell and flagpole!).





NEW POOL COVER

A huge thank you to the Woodbury Home and School for your support in purchasing a new pool cover and reel for the school pool. This was a much-needed replacement - many parents would have seen the poor state the old one was in!





OPENDAY.



19th May 2024 10:30 a.m.



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



Boarding and Day Places Available Now!

OPEN DAY SUNDAY MAY 26TH, 10AM

Open Day commences at 10am with the Principal's Address in the Nora Dickie Hall followed by Student Led Tours. For us to run this event smoothly - we encourage you to REGISTER at <https://www.timarugirls.school.nz/open-day>

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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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