

# WOODBURY SCHOOL

## Newsletter

1<sup>st</sup> November 2022, Term 4 Week 3

## From the Principal's Desk

Kia ora e te whanau,

A huge thank you to our judges for giving up their time on **Pet Day** last week, it was great to hear the children share their knowledge about their pet, and see them lead (or attempt to lead!) their animals. It is always wonderful to welcome parents, grandparents and other family members along to school events, as a chance to catch-up as a school community and share in the children's learning. We were very fortunate also to have World Champion Blade-Shearer Allan Oldfield join us and share his skills and knowledge. On the Friday morning we had to make a late call to move the event to school, as the domain grounds were very wet following overnight rain. We had never actually considered holding the event at school due to size, but it ran really well and we had a lot of positive feedback from parents regarding this as our venue, so we are considering holding it at school next year. With more time to prepare and plan, we would have the school grounds in better condition and have more time to plan out areas for animals. All inside pets and children's projects would be in the classrooms, making it far easier for everyone to get around and see everything.

It was great fun taking part in the **Woodbury School Golf Tournament** hosted by Grand Vue on Sunday. Mrs Patrick and her crew did a huge amount of work organising all aspects of the day. We had a big turnout of parents on the day to ensure the event ran smoothly, and it was great to see a large number of our parents competing as well. Thank you to all those families who contributed in any way, through donations or supporting at the event. Close to \$2,500 was raised for the WSSG, which will then go towards some exciting playground equipment or resources for the children of Woodbury School to use. We would also like to thank the following businesses for the very generous donations on the day. This list demonstrates not only all the hard work carried out obtaining sponsors, but the willingness of our local businesses to support the school and other local ventures:

***FreshChoice Geraldine, Geraldine Butchery, Barkers, Geraldine Pharmacy, NPD Geraldine, Geraldine Cheese, Hammer Hardware, ITM, PGG Wrightson, Quality Tyres, Meridian, Hobbs & Banks, Grandpa's Toys, Peter Young, Norwex, Tigercat, Heartland Potato Chips, Patterson Plumbing***

We have a few **staffing announcements** to make, starting in 2023. Mrs Rachelle Nelson and Mrs Becky Talbot-van Beers were sharing a role this year in Tarahaoa Teina (Year 4/5) in a fixed-term position. We are delighted to have Rachelle appointed in this position full-time from 2023. With a new baby on the way and despite being busy with 2 children at home from March, Becky has assured us she will be available to help around school, particularly with events such as Matariki, and we look forward to her continued involvement with Woodbury School. In Pekapeka (new entrants), Ms Bridget Patrick has been appointed in a teaching position on Mondays and Tuesday, with Mrs Maureen Bromwich continuing on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.



## Term 4 Calendar

[See attached](#) (Note this is subject to change)

### **Week 3 (31 October - 4 November)**

- Board of Trustees meeting Monday, 7.00pm
- After School Swimming starts each Tuesday and Thursday, for the next 4 weeks (final lesson Thursday 24th November).
- WSSG Halloween Party at Woodbury Hall (evening)

### **Week 4 (7 - 11 November)**

- Monday - Year 1-2 swimming lessons from CBAY instructors starts (at school, during class time)
- Tuesday - School photos
- Thursday - Top Teams event (lots of fun team-building activities) for Year 3-6
- Friday - South Canterbury Anniversary Holiday observed

### **Week 5 (14 - 18 November)**

- On Wednesday to Friday the Year 1-2 students will head to the Geraldine Pool for the last 3 days of lessons from the CBAY instructors.
- The Year 4/5/6 students will be visiting Opihi College on Thursday for the "Science Roadshow"

Bridget comes with a wealth of experience not only as a classroom teacher but also in leadership (around literacy in particular) and we are sure will prove a wonderful addition. Even if it is slightly confusing having two “B Patrick’s” now on staff (the nicknames B1 and B2 have been suggested!). Mrs Harley, who was teaching in Pekapeka one day per week, will continue teaching at school in different roles. We also welcome Mrs Mikayla Scott in a teacher aide role, who will be supporting one of our students when they start next year. Again, we are sure Mikayla will be a wonderful fit with our current staff, students and families.

We can also announce that Tim Saywell has now taken on the role of **Board of Trustees Chairperson** at Woodbury School. Tim has a long association with the school and the area, and is a passionate advocate for the students, staff and families here.

Nga mihi,

Mike de Joux  
Tumuaki / Principal

## Woodbury School Support Group

This Friday the WSSG is putting on a **“Halloween” Disco** in the Woodbury Hall. This will run from 5.30pm to 6.30pm. This is a free activity provided to students by the WSSG. If you are able to help set-up at 1.00pm on Friday lunchtime please come along to the hall, and help tidying up afterwards is also appreciated. There is a “Halloween” fancy dress theme, with prizes for the children, so it should be a fun night. An adult will need to stay with your child while they are at the disco.

## Swimming Pool

After School swimming starts this afternoon, for those parents who have enrolled their children. A reminder to parents that they need an adult to supervise their child at the lesson. From 3.10pm we do not have staff members on duty, so children cannot be left at school by themselves while waiting for their lesson. We do have After School Care operating, so if parents require this (for example, if you wanted your child to stay at school until a 4.00PM lesson) please contact Penny to find out how this works and the cost.



Thank you to those parents who have offered to help monitor the **school pool** over the holiday period, we now have enough to enable us to give out keys to school families. These are \$50 and available via the school office, and are available from now until the middle of Term 1.

## School Photos

We have school photos in the morning of Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> November. Please make sure children are neat and tidy in blue school polo top and blue shorts. If you wish to bring along pre-schoolers or other siblings for a family photo, please be at school for 9.00AM. *Please note: there will be NO morning school swimming on this day.*

### **Week 6 (21 - 25 November)**

- Year 5-6 Korfball Tournament in Timaru (possible - yet to be confirmed if going ahead)
- On Tuesday some Year 5/6 students will be representing the school at the South Canterbury relay races at Caroline Bay.
- On Friday we have our combined athletics event with Carew Peel Forest.

### **Week 7 (28 November - 3 December)**

- The Year 4-6 children in Tarahaoa will be hosting a “Christmas Market”

### **Week 8 (5 - 9 December)**

- On Monday we have our BOT meeting at 7.00pm
- On Tuesday we will send a number of students along to the South Canterbury Athletics event in Timaru.

### **Week 9 (12 - 16 December)**

- On Monday we are taking the whole school to the movies, then lunch, then the Geraldine Pool. This proved popular last year, parents are welcome to join us.
- On Thursday end of year reports go home, and in the evening we will have our annual Prizegiving at the Woodbury Hall.
- Friday 16th December is the last day of school for 2022.



- Schoolastic Book Club –Closing date for online orders is 04th November.
- Containers which families sent food in for the Golf Fundraiser have now been returned to the school. They are in the staffroom if you wish to collect.







# Community NEWS



## Woodbury Harvest Gala Potato in a bucket competition

Entry \$10

Register and collect 9am - 12pm this Saturday 5th November  
36 Talbot Street

(previously The Lucky Club Parade)

Great family competition

Judging at Woodbury Harvest Gala Saturday 18 March, 2023  
or email [info@woodburyhall.co.nz](mailto:info@woodburyhall.co.nz)

Free webinar series

## What's Going On for My Child or Teen?



Do you want to help your child or teen who may be exhibiting  
challenging behaviours or experiencing distress?

Join us for this series of free webinars, presented by expert facilitators to learn strategies to support your child or teen. Parents, caregivers, teachers, and those working with children can gain the confidence and tools to address a range of issues that may affect children and teens.

Attend the entire series or choose which webinars you'd like to attend.

### 1 The Importance of Self-Care and Self-Regulation

Wednesday 19 October, 7.00pm - 8.30pm

Gain an understanding of the importance of looking after yourself first, and learn tips and tools for self-care. Facilitated by Mel Johns.

### 2 Strategies for Challenging Behaviour

Tuesday 25 October, 7.00pm - 8.30pm

Explore what might drive challenging behaviour, and develop strategies that can be used when this behaviour arises. Facilitated by Catherine Gallagher.

### 3 Anxiety in Children and Teens

Tuesday 1 November, 7.00pm - 8.30pm

Develop your knowledge and understanding of anxiety in children and learn ways you can support them. Facilitated by Catherine Gallagher.

### 4 School Avoidance

Tuesday 8 November, 7.00pm - 8.30pm

Explore the issue of children avoiding school, discover how this is often linked to anxiety, and gain tools to address school avoidance. Facilitated by Catherine Gallagher. (It is highly recommended that you also attend the session on anxiety as this is often a key driver of school avoidance).

### 5 Supporting Children and Teens Through Big Emotions

Wednesday 16 November, 7.00pm - 8.30pm

Gain an understanding of how you can support your child or teen who may be experiencing intense feelings. Facilitated by Sarah Drummond.

### 6 The Importance of Healthy Sleep Habits

Wednesday 23 November, 7.00pm - 8.30pm

Explore the importance of sleep habits and learn ways to establish healthy routines. Facilitated by Ruth Troughton.

### 7 Supporting Children and Teens in a Digital World

Wednesday 30 November, 7.00pm - 8.30pm

Consider the effects on children and teens living in a digital world and explore tools and strategies which can be used to have discussions about wellbeing and safety online. Facilitated by NetSafe.

Register at [mhrc.org.nz](http://mhrc.org.nz)

For more information contact [education@mhrc.org.nz](mailto:education@mhrc.org.nz) or 0800 424 399



## FIVE WAYS TO WELLBEING



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BE THERE,  
FEEL CONNECTED



Your time,  
your words,  
your presence



REMEMBER  
THE SIMPLE  
THINGS THAT  
GIVE YOU JOY



EMBRACE NEW  
EXPERIENCES,  
SEE OPPORTUNITIES,  
SURPRISE YOURSELF



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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