

Newsletter

Thursday, 23rd January 2025

WOODBURY SCHOOL

*My Footsteps to the Peaks,
Every Footstep Counts*

Ko Tarahoa me ona whanau kia whakarunghau nga tapuwae ki te taumata.
Ko te tapuwae te hikoitanga i te ao.

Kia ora e te whanau,

I hope that families have all managed a relaxing and enjoyable school holiday period so far.

We are all looking forward to seeing the children back at school and I am sure they will be excited to get back into school to see their friends.

This email gives a heads-up for a few things prior to school starts on Monday 3rd February.

There may also be communication from your class teacher via ClassDojo. Please don't hesitate to contact either myself (principal@woodbury.school.nz) or Penny (office@woodbury.school.nz) if you have any school-related questions.

Ngā mihi,

Mike



STAFFING AND CLASSES

Pekapeka (Year 1) - We begin the year as we end 2024, with Mrs Maureen Bromwich (maureen@woodbury.school.nz) Monday-Thursday and Mrs Emma Harley (emma@woodbury.school.nz) on Fridays.

Ms Bridget Patrick (bridget@woodbury.school.nz) returns from maternity leave at the start of March, and at that point will be teaching on Monday-Wednesday, with Mrs Bromwich Thursday-Friday.

Huatekerekere B (Year 1-2) - Ms Jud Baynes (jud@woodbury.school.nz).

Huatekerekere P (Year 2-3) - Mrs Bronwyn Patrick (bronwyn@woodbury.school.nz).

Tarahaoa (Year 4-6) - Tarahaoa will be operating slightly differently to previous years. We have staffing to be able to split our Year 4-6 students into their year groups in the mornings (9.00-12.30), for reading / writing / maths. This means 3 classes of 18-20 students during these sessions.

Year 4 will be with Mrs Rachelle Nelson (rachelle@woodbury.school.nz) Monday-Wednesday, with Mrs Becky Talbot-Van Beers (becky@woodbury.school.nz) Thursday - Friday.

Year 5 will be with Mrs Anna Veaux (annav@woodbury.school.nz) and be based in the Awa, which has been converted to a classroom space.

Year 6 will be with Miss Sarah Greenslade (sarah@woodbury.school.nz)

In the afternoons, Tarahaoa largely work together, across their teaching spaces. More detailed information around how this operates has been emailed out previously to the Year 5 parents.

COMMUNICATION

As in previous years, we communicate primarily through ClassDojo so please check this regularly for any messages, including for newsletters which generally come out every second week. A reminder that if you are prompted to pay for the "Premium" option, you do not need to do this.

Staff can also be contacted via email or phoning the school. We also at times post notices on Facebook if something quick needs to get out, or if it is around something that wider family members or the community are interested in (i.e. events, cancellations, etc...).

We are still using HERO for Family accounts & invoicing, which are sent to you via email directly from HERO. You will also receive a notification on your HERO App.

STATIONERY

This can be purchased through Qizzle (www.schoolpacks.co.nz) or the Page and Post Bookshop in Geraldine who have pre-made stationery packs available.

There is also a cost charged to each student of \$25 which covers students for all the pens, pencils, rulers, glue sticks, etc... they will need for the year (and means parents do not need to bother with replacing these).

BUSES

All of these will continue on the same as the end of 2024.

Please contact the office if you have any changes at all to your child's normal routine. The Ritchies Bus leaves George Street again at 8.35am, but please be there at least 5 minutes prior. It will leave school in the afternoons approximately 2.40pm. There will be a 10% increase in the cost per pupil for this service this year, which is what Ritchies have increased our charges by. Continuing from last year, children are able to select the seat they sit in.

Rural bus runs also remain the same.

Bus Vests and bus safety are a priority for us, to ensure children are visible when getting to and from the bus. We have some strategies to try and positively encourage children to remember to bring and wear these. We hope not to get to the point where children are not allowed on the bus (and require collection by parents) for repeatedly not wearing their vest. If your child requires a new vest because they have outgrown their old one, please contact the office. Thank you to Hayden Mackenzie Contracting, who have generously provided these vests for our children.

AFTER SCHOOL SWIMMING

Please send your child along to school with their togs and towel every day, even though your child may not get in the pool that day.

After School swimming begins Tuesday 18th February, occurring every Tuesday and Thursday until the final session on Thursday 13th March. Please contact Clare Connolly (clare.connolly@xtra.co.nz) for more information if you are interested in enrolling your child.

Enrolment form attached at the end of the newsletter.

INVOICES

Invoices for stationery and Ritchies Bus will be sent out over the next couple of weeks, so keep an eye out for notification emails from HERO alerting you to new charges to your school accounts.

SUSHI

This proved popular during Term 4, so we will continue for Thursday lunchtimes, beginning in Week 3 or 4.

Note there is no sausage sizzle in Term 1

HATS, DRINK BOTTLES, SUNSCREEN

At this very sunny (hopefully!) time of year we remind parents that children need their drink bottles, hats, and sunscreen EVERY DAY.

For those children not wearing hats, they will play in the shaded area by the office, or in the shaded plantation area. It is fun to be out on the fields and playgrounds though, so we encourage children to bring them!



BUILDING UPDATES

We have had a number of building works going on, or coming up, which families will notice.

Archgola

The council have been a little difficult around consent for the archgola that is spanning the decking area. This delay means we won't get this built in January as first planned, but hopefully now completed at the end of Term 1 holidays..

Library / Office area

This area is being re-developed, to create separate spaces for teachers to work on planning or 1-1 / small group work, and also to convert our library space into a room that feels more like a library, and less of an all-purpose space

TERM DATES

Please find a link here to the [School Calendar Term 1 2025](#) Note that most dates are confirmed but there may be some changes. For all events, there will be Clasdojo and/or emails home prior with more information.

Week 1 (3 - 7 February)

- The first day of school for 2025 is Monday 3rd February. When students arrive at school they will go to their new classrooms to put away their bags. When the bell goes at 9.00am we will all meet on the courts for a "Welcome Back"
- On Tuesday the Year 1-3 students are going to Timaru to visit the museum (as part of their learning around Waitangi Day) and the library. The Year 4-6 students (Tarahaoa) go on the Wednesday. Further information about this trip will come out via ClassDojo.
- Thursday 6th is Waitangi Day Holiday, and there is no school on Friday 7th either.

Week 2 (10-4 February)

- On Wednesday Tarahaoa head away to Living Springs for their camp. The Year 1-3 students have their camp at school on the Thursday and Friday.

Week 3 (17-21 February)

- BOT mtg Monday night 7.00pm
- After School Swimming with Clare Connolly begins Tuesday 18th February
- Bike to School Day - Friday 21st February - with bikes then kept at school for triathlon practices the following week.

Week 4 (24-28 February)

- On Friday the school will be visiting the Winchester A & P Show
- Also on Friday is our school Triathlon - starting at 4.00pm

Week 5 (3-7 March)

- The South Canterbury Triathlon is held on Thursday 6th March, for students in Year's 5/6

Week 6 (10-14 March)

- On the Monday evening we are planning an information evening for parents of Year 1 students (who have started, and are starting later in the year).
- The Flower Show is being held at the Woodbury Hall on Thursday 13th.

Week 7 (17-21 March)

- Monday 17th is a BOT mtg at 7.00pm

Week 8 (24-28 March)

- On Tuesday 25th the Year 5/6 Rippa Rugby tournament is held in Timaru

Week 10 (7-11 April)

- Friday 11th April is the last day of term, with the Year 6's leading an ANZAC Service to finish the day.

CLARE CONNOLLY SWIMMING LESSONS ENROLMENT FORM:

Woodbury School Pool - After School Swimming Lessons Term 1 2025

Lessons will be for 4 weeks, twice a week on a Tuesday and Thursday after school.

Dates will be Tuesday 18, 25 February, 4, 11 March and Thursday 20, 27 February, 6, 13 March 2025

\$80.00 per child. This can be paid into the following bank account by Tuesday 11 March 2025 or cash can be brought to the first lesson.

01 0843 0092548 32 Clare E Connolly, Reference – Child's Surname.

PLEASE RETURN TO

Clare Connolly <clare.connolly@xtra.co.nz>

Parent Full Name:

Child's Full Name: DOB: AGE:

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Contact Details:

Mobile:

Home Address:

Email:

Emergency Contact Details:

Name:

Mobile:

Does your child/children have any medical conditions/allergies/learning disabilities?

Please tick those that apply for each child:

Can go under the water

Can float front and back

Can kick 4-6m front and back

Can do Freestyle and Backstroke arm action for 6m

Can do 12m Freestyle with breathing and 12m Backstroke.