

Newsletter

Week 9, Term 4, 6 December 2024

WOODBURY SCHOOL

*My Footsteps to the Peaks,
Every Footstep Counts*

Ko Tarahoa me ona whānau kia whakarunghau nga tapuwae ki te taumata.
Ko te tapuwae te hikaitanga i te ao.

Kia ora koutou,

We have almost come to the end of another year of learning at Woodbury School. Staff are very proud of the efforts of our children throughout the course of the year, and the progress they make not only academically but also their social development. We are fortunate to have such dedicated staff who are continuously looking at ways to support our tamariki, and parents who are involved and interested in their child's education.

We have a busy finish to the end of the year. With carpet being installed in several classrooms from this coming Wednesday (the timing is the Ministry of Education's decision, not ours!), teachers have decided to include some trips off site to avoid the tradesman and disruption on-site. Below is a day-by-day breakdown as we finish the year, plus some information about 2025.



END OF TERM - CALENDER

Friday 6th December

This is the last day of Year 4-6 swimming. Children still need to bring their togs daily next week, as there will still be class swimming using our school pool.

All Woodbury School children are invited to be part of our Christmas Parade float. If they would like to ride along and wave to the crowds then please bring them along to Hislop Street from 6.10pm. Children need to wear their blue Woodbury School shirt, and can wear a Christmas (or "Kiwi Christmas") themed item also. At the conclusion of the parade parents need to collect their children from the same place.

Monday 9th December

There is a Board of Trustees meeting at 7.00pm on Monday night

Wednesday 11th December

Junior trip – see details further on in newsletter.

Year 4-6 classes will be making a short walk down Burden Road to spend time by the river, to cook over fires and have a wee paddle (see the ClassDojo posts for more information about this, and the Thursday trip).

Thursday 12th December

On this day the **Huatekerekere** classes will be based in the Woodbury Hall, while the carpets continue to be laid in their classrooms.

Year 4-6 Tarahoa classes are heading to Geraldine to the movies on this day.

Friday 13th December

Our End of Year Prizegiving starts at 1.00pm, at the Woodbury Hall. This usually runs for around an hour. Children will bring over their bags, and can be taken home directly from the hall. Note that there will be NO BUSES in the afternoon.

Children will be sent home with their End of Year Reports, and stationery lists for next year. This year we changed the order of reports, so that the mid-year was more detailed in the learning areas and this report is more of a "Summary" report.

Monday 16th December

This is our last day of school (although we do understand that many children will already be on holiday...). School buses will be running this day, and school finishes at the normal time.

2025 CLASSES AND STAFFING

Year 1-3 Team

Pekepeka - New Entrants

Mrs Bromwich (Mon-Thurs) and Mrs Harley (Fri) will be teaching until Week 4. After this Mrs Bridget Patrick returns (Mon-Weds) with Mrs Bromwich (Thurs-Fri).

This class begins with 8 students, which includes some new students and those in Pekapeka who started in Terms 3 or 4 of this year. All these students will move through to Ms Baynes class at the beginning of Term 3, to create space for our newer 5 year olds as they join.

Huatekerekere B - Year 1/2

Ms Baynes teaches children in this classroom.

Huatekerekere P - Year 2/3

Mrs Bronwyn Patrick is in this classroom.

Our Teacher Aides, Mrs French and Mrs Lewis, will spend their time across these 3 classrooms in the junior area of the school.

Year 4-6 Team

Tarahaoa

We will be operating slightly differently in the Tarahaoa Team in 2025 - [please see this attachment](#) for a detailed explanation of this.

Staff in this area are Mrs Talbot-Van Beers and Mrs Nelson (Tarahaoa Teina), Miss Greenslade (Tarahaoa Tuakana) and Mrs Veaux (Teaching Year 5's in mornings). We also have Teacher Aide Miss Bradley supporting in this area. We are very proud of Miss Bradley as she begins her teacher training in 2025, which is via distance and allows her to continue in her current role.

Additionally, we have appointed Miss Shilah-May Bradshaw as a teacher aide to work in this area of the school from 2025. Miss Bradshaw possesses all the personal attributes we are looking for to support our students - empathy, patience, initiative, willingness to learn - and we are sure she will be an asset to our teaching team.

PEKAPEKA & HUATEKEREKERE TRIP - WEDNESDAY, 11th DECEMBER

Thank you to the parents who have offered their help with transport and supervision.

We will meet on the school court at approximately 8.50 am

9.00am -9.20am	Travel to the pool
9.30am -10.30am	Geraldine Swimming Pool
10.30am -11.00am	Snack break
11.00am -12.00pm	Geraldine Library
12.00pm -12.25pm	Lunch
12.25pm -2.15pm	Movie at Geraldine Cinema

As we are now going to a movie there will be a charge of \$5-00 per child (please note this covers movie cost, pool hire and bus). This will be charged to your school account

Children who catch the Ritchies Bus will stay in town, PLUS any other children whose parents have indicated on the form below that they will collect them from the cinema.

All other children will go back to school in time for the first rural bus and second rural bus and any who need to be picked up from school.

[Y1-3 Geraldine Trip](#)

2025 SCHOOL CAMPS

2025 - Starting dates and School Camps

The first day of the 2025 school year will be Monday the 3rd of February. Thursday 6th February is the Waitangi Day Holiday, and there will be no school on Friday 7th, creating a long weekend for families. The last day of the school year will be Wednesday 17th December. All other term holiday break times can be found via [this Ministry of Education website](#).

SAUSAGE SIZZLE

Due to Prizegiving on Friday, sausages will be on the Thursday, 12th December.

[Sausage Sizzle order form](#)

SUSHI LUNCH ORDERS

There will be no sushi orders next Thursday, we will recommence these next year.

SCHOOL ACCOUNTS

We will be sending out statement of your accounts today/Monday. Just a reminder that you can log into HERO at any time to view your accounts.



GERALDINE GYMNASTICS



Gym classes for ages 5-12 years, Monday afternoons in Term one at GHS gymnasium

Spaces are limited and we're looking for more volunteer coaches (training and support provided).

To register a gymnast please use the following link <https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/312091>

To enquire about volunteering please email geraldinegymnastics@gmail.com



Home Interaction Programme for
Parents and Youngsters

Empowering parents to support their 2-5 year
old child for life long learning

- FREE for families and tamariki
- weekly workbooks with fun activities and storybooks
- available for families accessing 8 hours or less of ECE

Coordinator - Jenna Chapman
Ph/text 027 283 1320
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Swim Squad

Our squad swimming season commences in the Geraldine Pool when it opens in early November.

If you are interested in joining our club for fitness, skills or competitive swimming then please contact us at;

secretarygasc@gmail.com

Learn to Swim

We offer 'Learn To Swim' lessons in the Geraldine Pool for children 5 years and older in 2 Blocks -

Tuesday/Thursday afternoons in Term 4 and Term 1.

Very limited spaces available!

Contact learn2swimgeraldine@gmail.com

Also checkout our Facebook Page for updates about the 2024/2025 season!




FREE PARENTING HELPLINE | www.parenthelp.org.nz
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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 MOOD

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

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