

Newsletter

Week 5, Term 4, 13th November 2024

Kia ora koutou,

We had a couple of exciting days at Woodbury School last week. **Top Teams** is always great fun - an excellent opportunity for students to work together in a team and also to lead younger students. We were very impressed with our Year 5 and 6 students in particular, who made sure their teams were co-operating in order to complete the tasks. A big thank you to the parents who came along and helped with the games. The weather certainly made the day more fun, particularly the water-based activities! It was once again an opportunity to interact with students from Carew Peel Forest, who were mixed in with our teams and stayed on for a sausage sizzle and play afterwards. It is really nice seeing our students making connections and remembering names and faces, especially with the older children as most are heading to high school together.

We are looking forward to fine weather for our **Rural Athletics** event, to be held next Wednesday 20th November at the Geraldine Domain, combined with Carew Peel Forest. The day will start around 9.00am and finish around 2.00pm. [Please follow this link](#) for all the information you will need about the day. We will be scouting for some talented parent sprinters for a relay at the end of the event - please let Mike know on the day if you are keen! This is a busy time for our students who are involved in running, as the **Caroline Bay Relay** event is on the day before (19th November). The following week on Tuesday 26th November, we will be sending a number of students to represent Woodbury School at the **South Canterbury Athletics** event in Timaru.

NEW STUDENTS

Rangiauria (younger brother of Matiu and Waihua) started in Pekapeka at the beginning of the term.



We also welcome **Nitay** (joining Huatekerekere B) and his family, who join us all the way from Israel.



TERM 4 CLASS SWIMMING LESSONS

During Weeks 7 and 8 of this term, all students will take part in swimming lessons with trained instructors. This comes at quite a significant cost, so [this year we are asking parents to contribute \\$10 per child](#) (which will be invoiced).

All lessons take place between 12.30 - 2.30, to avoid interruptions to the classroom programme. Children will only be away for their set swimming time, so will still be carrying out other schoolwork during the afternoons (although there is a bit of juggling by teachers around this!). Togs, towel, and goggles are required each day. Girls hair needs to be tied up, a swimming cap is great if children have them

These lessons are based on water safety and survival skills, rather than specific stroke technique (although there is an element of this).

Year 1-3 - These lessons will be delivered by Clare Connolly, at our school pool. [Please follow this google form link](#), to give Clare some basic information to help her with her groupings. Swimming will be 25th - 28th November, and 2nd - 5th December (Clare is unavailable on the Fridays).

Year 4-6 - These lessons are all held at the Geraldine pool, where we transport the children via our school bus. [Please follow this link](#), to give the CBAY instructors the information they need for groupings (please note that your child CANNOT SWIM unless this is completed).

Parents please send your child with togs each day of Term 4. While classes may not necessarily go every day, we think it is easier for children to bring togs each day than for parents to try and remember set days classes will be swimming.

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.

The Year 4-6 camp to Living Springs will be in Week 2, from the 12th - 14th February (families will already have received information around this)

There will be a note coming home shortly regarding the Year 1-3 camp, which includes an overnight stay at school for Year 2-3 students (on Thursday 13th February).

TOP TEAMS



CRICKET FESTIVAL



TERM DATES

Please find [here the Term 4](#) calendar link. Below is a bit more detail around the term ahead.

Week 6 (18 - 22 November)

- On Tuesday the South Canterbury Relay event is being held at Caroline Bay. We send along Year 5 and 6 students to compete in this each year.
- On Wednesday 20th November our athletics event, combined with Carew Peel Forest, is held at the Geraldine Domain. Postponement for this event is Friday 22nd November.

Week 7 (25 - 29 November)

- Our school swimming with instructors starts on Monday 25th November, and goes for 2 weeks. The Year 1-3 have lessons in the school pool, the Year 4-6 students go to the Geraldine Pool after lunch every day.
- Tuesday 26th November is the South Canterbury Athletics event, for selected students.
- On Wednesday, those Year 6 students going to Geraldine High School head along for a "Taster Day", which is a fun day designed to allow students to mix with Year 6 students from other schools and familiarise themselves with the school, prior to going in 2025.

Week 9 (9 - 13 December)

- Monday 9th December is a Board of Trustees meeting
- Friday 13th December reports go home, and we have our school prizegiving at the Woodbury Domain Hall at 1.00pm.

Week 10 (16 December)

- Monday 16th December is the last day of school.

SAUSAGE SIZZLE

We will be continuing on with Friday sausage sizzles this term. Please find the link attached to make orders, if you are ordering weekly, orders need to be in by the prior Wednesday.

[Sausage Sizzle order form](#)

SUSHI LUNCH ORDERS

Please see the attached link to order sushi for next **Thursday, 21st November**. Orders need to be made before 10am, Wednesday, 20th November. We are looking forward to seeing how the first order goes tomorrow for those of you who have ordered lunches.

[The Crispy Chicken Order for Thursday 21st November](#)

Pool Keys

The school pool is ready for summer. After School lessons start tomorrow. Keys are available for families to use, please contact the school office if you would like to buy a set for the summer. These are \$60 for the season.



TOOT FOR TUCKER

Tuesday 3rd Dec. from 6pm

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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!

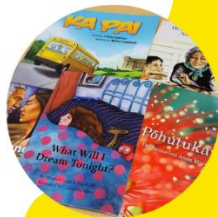


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Geraldine Domain
4th November – 9th December
\$30 per child

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geraldinecricketclub@gmail.com



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15 - 17 NOVEMBER

MARKET AND FOOD STALLS
 FRI 15 NOV
 GERALDINE MAIN STREET
 SAT 16 NOV
 GERALDINE DOMAIN

LIVE MUSIC
 FRI 15 NOV
 SAT 16 NOV

ART EXHIBITION
 FRI 15-SUN 17 NOV

PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION
 FRI 15 & SAT 16 NOV

KIDS ENTERTAINMENT
 SAT 16 NOV

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 FRI 15-SUN 17 NOV

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 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

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