

19th March 2025

Tēnā koutou katoa e te whanau, hello to friends and family.

Please read on for information relevant to the next few weeks at Woodbury School.

## FLOWER SHOW

This was another wonderful display of the amazing creativity our students possess. Thank you parents for your supporting in helping your children to produce their entries, we hope you enjoyed this family time in creating these masterpieces! We have included a number of photos of the day.



## SUSHI ORDERS

Orders for Thursday sushi must be in by 2PM today

[Sushi Order Link](#)

## CAR PARKING

The beginning and the end of the day are obviously busy times in the Woodbury School car park, and we appreciate the care and patience parents demonstrate as they come and go.

A request from the bus drivers is that parents please avoid parking outside the bus shed / roller door, when dropping and picking up. A number of times the Ritchies bus has entered the car park and found a car parked in this space. This makes it very difficult for the 60 seater bus to stop in our designated safe place, and to then easily make a safe turn.

## ILLNESSES

The last 3-4 weeks has seen us with a high number of regular daily absences, peaking last week with around 20% away each day. We have noticed that a number of these illnesses have lingered, with students away multiple days and taking awhile to get back to full health.

It is good to see this has dropped to 10% each day this week, so hopefully these illnesses have moved on from Woodbury School.

A reminder that if your child has a cough or runny nose, or anything that could easily be passed onto others, to please keep your child at home. This helps to lessen the spread, and also helps your child to rest and recover quicker so they can operate at 100% in the classroom. A reminder also that covid remains in the community. It is easily spread and has affected a number of our students and families, accounting for a decent percentage of our absences. We have also noticed those affected have taken a lot longer to recover than other illnesses.

## TERM DATES

Please find a link here to the Term 1 calendar for 2025. Note that most dates are confirmed but there may be some changes. For all events, there will be Classdojo and/or emails home prior with more information.

### Week 8 (24-28 March)

- Monday 24th March is a BOT mtg at 7.00pm
- 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.









## COMMUNITY NOTICES



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### Junior Registrations 2025

Calling all 5-13-year-old girls and boys:  
Please register using the new Rugby Xplorer portal  
[auth.rugbyexplorer.com.au/register](http://auth.rugbyexplorer.com.au/register)  
and join the Geraldine JAB Facebook page

**\$60.00 SUB**  
(\$40.00 for any subsequent child/ren from the same family)

Each registered player receives a mouthguard, beanie and training shirt

EMAIL: [geraldinejabrugby@gmail.com](mailto:geraldinejabrugby@gmail.com)

**CLUB OPEN DAY**  
GRFC CLUBROOMS ON GEORGE STREET  
**Saturday 22 March**  
**from 11am**

**SENIOR MENS AND WOMENS PRESEASON GAMES**





## Barkers Creek Discovery Day

Join us for a fun family day discovering what lives in Barkers Creek!



Electrofishing & trapping to find what fish live here



Bring your kids, water bottle, gumboots & a chair



Sampling for aquatic bugs, come see what we find!



Dung beetles & display about beneficial insects



Refreshments & MORE...



### Saturday, 29 March 2025

Backup (wet weather) day is Sunday, 30 March



Confluence of Waihi & Barkers Creek  
access off Woodbury Road – look out for parking signs on the day



9.45am–12pm



Registration via the QR code, would be helpful for catering or join us on the day! For more information contact Danette at [knocklyn.farm@gmail.com](mailto:knocklyn.farm@gmail.com)

[www.eosecology.co.nz](http://www.eosecology.co.nz) | [www.waiconnection.nz](http://www.waiconnection.nz)

## South Canterbury Highland Pipe Band Open Day

*'Want to learn the Bagpipes or drums?*



*Come along, have a go at an instrument, and see what it's all about.*

*11am-2pm*

*Sunday 6th April*

*2 Turnbull Street, Timaru*

*Can't make it? Contact us:*

*William McArthur: 0276939924; [wjmcArthur101@gmail.com](mailto:wjmcArthur101@gmail.com)*





**JUNIOR NETBALL REGISTRATION**  
**Woolworths futureFERNs**  
**NNZ Year 3 – 6 Program**

**Register online at**

**<https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/326421>**

**Registrations close 14<sup>th</sup> April**

**Year 3 – 6 Netball is held every Friday at the  
Netball Courts in the Geraldine Domain from 3.20pm  
Meet the coach and collect uniform 2<sup>nd</sup> May  
First Game 9<sup>th</sup> May**

Fees Due Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2025  
Year 3 & 4 - \$60.00  
Year 5 & 6 - \$65.00

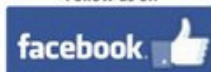
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Year Group Coordinators

Year 5 & 6  
Sarah Portman  
0272841770

[geraldinenetball@gmail.com](mailto:geraldinenetball@gmail.com)  
<https://www.sporty.co.nz/geraldinenc/Home>

Follow us on



March 2025

Geraldine Netball Centre are on the hunt for some amazing helpers to come onboard to help coach junior netball. We have spaces for year 3 & 4 coaches and year 5 & 6 coaches.

High School Coaches need to be year 10 and above, we are happy for younger year levels to coach if they have a parent helping also.

Geraldine Netball Centre follows the NNZ futureFERNs program, all coaching material is supplied with weekly skill sessions to follow before each game. Follow this link if you want to know more about the program <https://futureferns.co.nz/>

If you are interested in coaching a team, get in contact with Leander 0274656240. You will be required to do a star helper course; this course is approximately two hours and goes over how we deliver our skill sessions.