

Newsletter

Week 11, Term 1
9 April 2024


WOODBURY SCHOOL

*My Footsteps to the Peaks.
Every Footstep Counts*

Ko Tarahoa me ona whanau kia whakaruruhau nga tapuwae ki te taumata.
Ko te tapuwae te hikoianga i te ao.

Kia ora koutou,

Amazing to think we have come to the end of Term 1 already! Again we have had a busy time, not only with in-class learning but with a range of different school activities. We thank parents for your support throughout the term with school camps, bike to school day, triathlon and flower show, as well as your regular support for all the teachers' hard work in the classroom.

Term 2 sees less of our extra-curricula events, but we still have a number of activities to add variation and excitement to our children's schooling - see the calendar below for more information.

At Woodbury School we are all very sad to say farewell to Miss Becky Bradley, whose last day with us is Tuesday. Becky started with us as a teacher aide in Term 4 of last year, and settled quickly into the school and also her new role supporting students in class. We have appreciated Becky's initiative and her wonderful manner with students and staff alike. We wish her all the best for her role at Mayfield School starting in Term 2.



Ngā mihi,

Mike de Joux
Principial



ANZAC DAY
LEST WE FORGET
25 APRIL

NEW STARTERS



Tate (has joined his siblings Macey and Jesse), Digby (join's his cousins the Grants), and Ruby and Isla have joined us from Geraldine Preschool.

ANZAC SERVICE

This Friday at 2.00pm we have our ANZAC Service, led by our Year 6 students. This has become an annual tradition over the last few years, exposing children to how a traditional ANZAC Service works and the importance of this day to New Zealanders.

This starts at 2.00pm sharp on the courts, parents and family are welcome to attend and children can be taken home straight after (buses and other pickups still operate as per usual).



WORKING BEE

On the last Sunday of the school holidays, Sunday 28th April, we are having a working bee at school, from 9.30-11.30AM.

This is a chance for us to clear away branches from recent hedge trimming, have a tidy up in the plantation and the bike track area, and a general tidy around the school. Anyone welcome, bring along a trailer / pruning gear / small chainsaw or any equipment that would come in handy.

SPEED LIMIT

We posted last week on the school Facebook page the change to speed limits being introduced at all schools around the country. Please see below the information we have received concerning this change.

TIMARU Land Transport
Connecting Our
Community

Introducing Safer Speeds

Good news! The speed limits around your school are reducing. This will ensure the safety of our Timaru District students on their commute to and from school. As per the speed management plan that was approved earlier this year by The New Zealand Transport Agency: Waka Kotahi, we will be introducing a lower permanent or variable speed limit outside of schools and a few other high risk locations in our district. A variable speed limit means the road will have an electronic speed sign installed and it will flash the reduced speed when enforced, in this case during school drop off and pick up times. Please see the attached map showing what is planned for your school. All new speed limit signs are expected to be installed and enforced by July 1st 2024. These measures are the first step in our commitment to ensuring that everyone can travel safely in our community. For further information visit:
www.timaru.govt.nz/speeds.

Sincerely,
Suzy Ratahi
Timaru District Council
Land Transport Manager

Legend
■ Schools & Pre-School Centre Areas
— Proposed - Speed Limit
— 30k
— Speed Limit - Status
— PERMANENT
— VARIABLE

Ensuring Safety For All

TERM DATES

Please find a link here to the [Term 2 calendar for 2024](#). Note that most dates are confirmed but there may be some changes.

Week 1 (29 April - 3 May)

- The first day of Term 2 is Monday 29th April.

Week 3 (13 - 17 May)

- Board of Trustees meeting 7.00pm on Monday.
- Playhouse Performance - students will be visiting Carew Peel Forest to view a visiting performer, and join their students for play and lunch.
- Some of our Year 5/6 students will be taking part in a Rippa Rugby tournament in Timaru on Wednesday 15th May.

Week 4 (20 - 24 May)

- We hold our rural cross-country, combined with Carew Peel Forest school, at the Waihi Gorge on Wednesday 22nd May. This starts at 12.30pm.
- On Friday the Year 1-3 students will be heading to C-PLAY in Timaru for a trip.

Week 5 (27 - 31 May)

- Wednesday 29th May is the Cross Country postponement day
- Rural School Day - this is the first time we have been involved with this event, so we are not sure the exact details as yet but will send them out when we get them. We do know that the day revolves around rural safety, and has a number of different interactive displays for children and families.. This will be on Thursday 30th May at Waihi School.
- Friday 31st May is a Ministry-directed Teacher Only Day to work on the curriculum.

Week 6 (3 - 7 June)

- Monday 3rd June is the King's Birthday holiday

Week 7 (10 - 14 June)

- Tuesday 11th June is the South Canterbury Cross Country event at Waihi School, for our top Year 5-6 runners

Week 8 (17 - 21 June)

- Monday 17th June is a Board of Trustees meeting at 7.00pm

Week 9 (24 - 28 June)

- Tuesday 25th June we will be having a Matariki evenings for students and families. This year we plan on doing some outside activities, so bring some warm clothes!
- Friday 28th June is the Matariki Holiday

Week 10 (1 - 5 July)

- Friday 5th July is the last day of Term 2 - mid-year reports also go home at this time

PARENT INFORMATION EVENING YEAR 1-2

In Term 2 we will be inviting parents of Year 1-2 children in for an evening, to share how we teach literacy and numeracy in the junior school, as well as a number of other aspects of how we operate that may be useful for parents new to the school. A date is set down for Tuesday 14th May, more information will be sent home prior.

REPORTS AND INTERVIEWS

At the end of Term 2 the mid-year written reports will go home, with parent-teacher interviews early in Term 3 as a follow-up to this.

A reminder that any parent is welcome at anytime to contact the classroom teacher if they would like to have a chat about their child's learning or behavioural needs, teachers will always make time to meet with parents.

Community NEWS



Holiday Programme



April School Holidays
10.30am - 12pm

Monday 15th - Celtic	Friday 19th - Mackenzie
Tuesday 16th - Geraldine	Monday 22nd - Old Boys
Wednesday 17th - Waimate	Tuesday 23rd - Pleasant Point
Thursday 18th - Temuka	Wednesday 24th - Harlequins



Todd Mudie Group 'Love Rugby' Holiday Programme for 5-13yr olds attached and in particular the session being held in Geraldine, Tuesday 16th April 10.30am - 12pm. All registrations through this Sporty link

- <https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/285386>

GERALDINE GYMNASTICS



Gym classes for ages 5-12 years, Thursday afternoon, Term 2, GPS hall.

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://forms.gle/Mkbn4UxEZwpzNDvg7>

To enquire about volunteering please email geraldinegymnastics@gmail.com

FREE ECO FUN

Thursday 18th April
10am - 2 pm

School holiday activities

10-11AM



RAPTORS

11-12PM



OCEAN CRAFT

12-1PM



LOVE FOOD

1-2PM



WASTE GAME

Make a day of it!

Meet a Raptor, create crafts, save food waste, challenge your bin knowledge.

In between sessions visit the Crows Nest, have a picnic and go for a wetlands / beach walk!

South Canterbury Eco Centre

55C Redruth Street, beside the Crows Nest

Here is the link to the [Facebook event](#) if that helps.

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 7th April

2 Turnball Street, Timaru



CENTRE INC, PO BOX 97, GERALDINE

Woolworths futureFERNs NNZ Year 1 & 2 Program

You can register online at

<https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/277313>

Starting Wednesday 1st May
3.15pm – 3.45pm
\$20 per child
Duration of 10 Weeks
Netball Courts, Geraldine Domain

Nicky Taylor
027 699 2237

geraldinenetball@gmail.com
<https://www.sporty.co.nz/geraldinenc/Home>

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Geraldine Netball Centre



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JUNIOR NETBALL REGISTRATION Woolworths futureFERNs NNZ Year 3 – 6 Program

Register online at

<https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/277313>

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 3rd May
1st Game 10th May

Fees Due Friday 21st May 2024

Year 3 & 4 - \$60.00
Year 5 & 6 - \$65.00

Year Group Coordinators

Year 3 & 4
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geraldinenetball@gmail.com
<https://www.sporty.co.nz/geraldinenc/Home>

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ALL ISSUES ALL AGES **0800 568 856**

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.

Mental Health Foundation
Teuwhiri ki, mauri eke
www.mentalhealth.org.nz

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