



From the Principal's Desk

Kia ora e te whanau,

Great weather, great performances and a wonderful parent turn out once again for our combined athletics event with Carew Peel Forest. It is always enjoyable watching our students competing, after a few weeks of hard practice. Well done to all, and good luck to those students who are heading off to the South Canterbury event in Timaru next week.

We also saw some outstanding efforts by our children at the Caroline Bay Relay Races earlier in the week. Once again Miss Greenslade has prepared our children well and the results showed on the day, particularly with our girls who won the Year 5/6 title.



There are a number of things happening in the last three weeks of term, these are detailed below and we will send regular reminders on Class Dojo prior to any activities with further information.

Nga mihi nui,

Mike de Joux

Swimming

Parents please send your child's togs along to school everyday for the remainder of the year. Your child may not necessarily swim every day, with other things on, but it is easier for all children to bring their togs than for us to detail which classes are swimming day-by-day.

WSSG Potato Fundraiser

This is a major fundraising event for the school, capable of raising a significant amount of money for resources for the children. A key to success is the quick sale of bags, which we are looking at doing in a variety of ways. One way is through the order sheet that has been sent home with your children. We appreciate any bags being sold, but there is no obligation for families to sell if they choose not to. Based on previous years, we will probably have around 1000 bags to sell.



Term 4 Calendar

[See attached](#) (Note this is subject to change)

Week 7 (28 November - 3 December)

- On Tuesday the Year 6 children will be going to Geraldine High School (GHS) for a "fun day" [attached here](#) is information parents will have received from the High School. We will take the children to and from the High School via bus. Please let the office know if you would prefer to collect them from High School yourself.
- On Thursday, the Year 4-6 children in Tarahaoa will be hosting a "Christmas Market", which will be from 3.00-4.00pm over in the Domain Hall. All families are welcome!
- The Geraldine Christmas Parade is on - we have a float again, see above for more information.

Week 8 (5 - 9 December)

- On Monday we have our BOT meeting at 7.00pm
- On Tuesday we will send a number of students along to the South Canterbury Athletics event in Timaru.
- On Friday 9th December in the morning we will have a Year 4/5/6 triathlon and duathlon event - entirely optional for those who want to take part (our older children were insistent we held some sort of event).

Week 9 (12 - 16 December)

- On Monday we are taking the whole school to the movies, then lunch, then the Geraldine Pool. This proved popular last year, parents are welcome to join us.
- On Thursday end of year reports go home, and in the afternoon we will have our annual Prizegiving at the Woodbury Hall (1.00pm - 2.00pm).
- Friday 16th December is the last day of school for 2022, the day will finish at 12.00pm (note there will only be the morning buses on this day).

The sheet ([also attached here](#)) can be returned to the office with cash orders or with online payments. Forms for online payments can also be photographed and emailed to principal@woodbury.school.nz

We will also have bags for sale outside school, outside the Resource Centre, and at the Farmers Market. Any parents keen to help sell via other means (or have some useful ideas for how to sell bags quickly!), please contact school for more information about how you could help. Harvesting looks to begin around the 5th December, we will include the children wherever possible and would love to have family members come along. On previous occasions this has been a fun and quite sociable activity, any help again is much appreciated. This year the potatoes are located on the Earl's property, 42 Burden Road.



Donation

Hobbs and Banks have kindly donated a load of pea gravel for our adventure playground. This is not the first time they have supported the school in this way, we are greatly appreciative as it means we can use our money to resource the school in other ways.

Covid Update

We currently have a small handful of cases. If your child tests positive, they are still required to isolate. Any household contacts can still attend school, provided they are symptom-free and have a negative RAT test before school each day.

Library Books

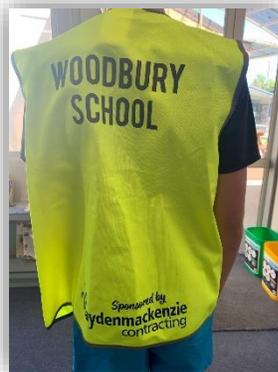
Can parents and children please have a good look around their homes, and return any books with a "Woodbury School" label - library books to the library and any journals to the classroom teacher. Thanks.

Bus Vests

We have noticed a real decline in students wearing their bus vests in the mornings and afternoons.

These are **COMPULSORY**, not only for anyone going on the bus but also for those walking or biking home.

We are discussing some strategies for ensuring these are worn, as this is an important safety issue that keeps children visible around the roads. As part of our daily checking off for the afternoon buses, we will begin recording those children not wearing their bus vests. Any "repeat offenders" will have parents contacted and will not be able to use the bus for a period of time.



Just a reminder...



- Sausage sizzle is on Friday
- **NO LUNCH HEAT UPS** until further notice.
- Photo orders need to be back to the office by the morning of Wednesday 30th

To make it easier, we suggest that:

- Parents check the bus vest is clearly named
- Bus vests are put straight into the child's bag when they get home

New bus vests can be picked up from the office, for new students and for those who have outgrown their current one. We are very grateful to Mackenzie Contracting for their generous sponsorship of our bus vests. We do not however have a limitless supply, and have had a few children coming to the office asking for multiple vests over the course of the year. We will begin a tracking system for vests, and may need to charge for a replacement if your child loses their current one.

Christmas Parade

Again this year we will enter our float for any interested children, this Friday 2nd December. The theme this year is "Carnival Time", which we assume is along the lines of ringmasters, clowns, etc... Children can either dress up, or wear their school top (or a combination). We have a few santa hats but children are welcome to wear a hat or another Christmas decoration also.

Our float is once again kindly driven by Denys from "All in One" Contracting, it will not be hugely decorated but the children love sitting on the back, with older children walking out the front.

If your child would like to be part of the float, please have them at Hislop Street, usually down by the entrance to the Holiday Park, at 6.00pm (for a 6.30pm start). Collection after the parade is at the same place.



New Students

Welcome Emma Taylor to Woodbury School who has joined her big brothers Scott and Tom. We also have Hazel Drennan starting at the end of Term 4 joining her older siblings Arthur and Charlotte.



2023 Information

[Term 1 Parent Calendar](#)

Camp 2023

Oamaru for all Year 4/5/6 students. \$115 per child, thank you Miss Greenslade and Mrs Nelson for creating what looks to be an awesome camp at a fairly reasonable price, and the WSSG for kindly reducing all children's costs by \$35 per pupil. There will be a Year 1-3 camp based at the school, more information to come.

Swimming Lessons - Term 1, 2023

These begin on the 14th February, for 8 lessons over four weeks. These lessons are also available to 4 year olds. Please [follow this link to a form](#), or ask Penny in the office for a paper copy.

Classes 2023

Below is a brief summary of how our classes will be structured for 2023. In the junior classes (Year 1-3), again we will be moving some students in the middle of the year. This is done to keep the new entrant room a bit smaller, as new students enter the school.

Pekapeka - New entrant (Year 1)

- Miss Bridget Patrick (Mon/Tues) and Mrs Maureen Bromwich (Weds/Thurs/Fri)
- Any students starting in 2023, and who started from Term 3 onwards in 2022 (plus a couple from Term 2)
- At the start of Term 3, 2023, we will move around 8 of these students into HTK-B

Hua te kerekere B (Year 1-2)

- Ms Jud Baynes
- Mrs Vicki Lewis (Teacher Aide)
- All Year 2 students
- As students come into HTK-B in the middle of the year, we will move around 5 students to HTK-P

Hua te kerekere P (Year 2-3)

- Mrs Bronwyn Patrick
- Mrs Sandy French (Teacher Aide)
- All Year 3 students

Tarahaoa Teina

- Mrs Rachelle Nelson
- Mrs Fliss Bennett (Teacher Aide)
- All Year 4 and 5 students

Tarahaoa Tuakana

- Miss Sarah Greenslade
- Miss Grace Bradley (Teacher Aide)
- All Year 6 students

Both of the Tarahaoa classes have 29 students, not overly large by New Zealand standards but larger than what Woodbury are used to. This is due to such a large number of students in our Year 6 group. To support students in these classes, we continue to have a teacher aide in each of these classes until lunchtime, every day. We are also looking at employing an additional teacher, to work with groups of children from these classes during the mornings Monday to Wednesday, to offer extra support and also reduce numbers during key literacy and maths teaching sessions.



Merry Christmas

The Woodbury Domain Board invite

Residents of the Woodbury Area

To a shared Christmas Dinner

Woodbury Hall Sunday 4 December 5.00pm. BYO Drinks.

Dinner to be served 6pm

Surname A-L sweets, M-Z mains please.

Ham on the bone compliments of The Geraldine Butchery and Woodbury Domain Board.

Ice Cream Provided.

**If more information needed
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at the Bookshop



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