

Newsletter

Week 1, Term 4, 14th October 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 hikoianga i te ao.

Kia ora koutou,

Welcome back to another exciting term at Woodbury School. As you can see from the calendar below, there are a number of activities this term. These activities, along with increasingly warmer weather as the weeks go on, ensure Term 4 is always an exciting time for the children and helps motivate them for the regular morning reading / writing / maths routines.

A big thank you to families for supporting our Wheels Day during the last week of Term 3. This was a fun day for all, and a chance to raise awareness for a worthy cause. We are incredibly proud of Year 5 student Zoe Ellery, who this year has raised over \$4,500 towards supporting those with Muscular Dystrophy. In fact, Zoe was the top fundraiser in all of New Zealand this year - amazing!

A reminder for Term 4 - students need to bring their named red hat every day, a water bottle, and as always their yellow bus vests.

Ngā mihi,

Mike



SCHOOL PHOTOS

These are tomorrow morning. Students need to wear their BLUE WOODBURY SHIRT, and should have their RED HAT here as usual.

If parents would like their younger pre-school children to join siblings for photos, please email the office (so we know who to expect) and be here at 9.00am.

HATS, DRINK BOTTLES, SUNSCREEN

During Term 4 all children need to bring their RED HAT, every day. We also ask parents make sure that children have their named DRINK BOTTLE, and recommend SUNSCREEN is applied each morning.

A reminder also that bus vests should be brought to school daily, including for those children walking / biking to and from school.



MISS BRIDGET PATRICK

We congratulate Bridget and her fiancée Scott, on the birth of their beautiful baby boy during the school holidays. Congratulations to you both also, as you have become recently engaged. We acknowledge the hugely emotional time you have been through recently as well, with the passing of your father during the school holidays.

AFTER SCHOOL SWIMMING

There are currently 52 students down for swimming lessons after school with Clare Connolly, starting in Week 2 (Tuesday 22nd October). It is great to see so many young children getting quality swim coaching.

A reminder that parents must attend the session with their children, to have them ready for the lesson. While the school grounds are able to be used by children while not swimming, after 3.10pm they are the responsibility of the parent. Our toilets will stay open until the last lessons, if these are required.

SAUSAGE SIZZLE

We will be continuing on with sausage sizzle this term. Please find the link attached to make orders. Orders will need to be made by 12.00PM on Wednesday 16th Oct. If you would prefer to make orders week by week, they will need to be made by the prior Wednesday.

[Sausage Sizzle order form](#)

TERM DATES

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

Week 1 (14 - 18 October)

- On Monday the Tararua classes travel to Opihi College, to take part in the always exciting Science Roadshow.
- Tuesday we have our annual school photos. Students need to be dressed tidily, wearing their blue Woodbury shirt and red hat. Pre-school children can come along at 9.00am if they would like a photo with their older siblings.
- On Friday our Year 6 students are going to the High School to use the ropes course, as part of our transition to high school programme.

Week 2 (21 - 25 October)

- The new High School Touch Rugby Competition starts after school on Monday, for interested Year 5/6 students.
- After school swimming starts on Tuesday 22nd, every Tuesday & Thursday for 4 weeks (last session Thursday 14th November).
- Friday 25th October is a Teacher Only Day. Teachers will be focussing on the new English and Maths Curriculum content.

Week 3 (28 October - 1 November)

- Monday is the Labour Day holiday.
- Wednesday 30th we have St John in Schools, teaching children about basic first aid.
- Friday 1st November we take part in "Gumboot Friday", encouraging students to wear their gumboots and bring a donation in support of this mental health initiative.

Week 4 (4 - 8 November)

- We have a Board of Trustees meeting on Monday night.
- On Wednesday all Year 3-6 students take part in the annual “Top Teams” event at school, which is always great fun.

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
- Thursday 12th 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.



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!

<https://www.eventfinda.co.nz/2024/woodbury-big-night-out-fundraiser/geraldine/tickets>

Hilton-Geraldine Junior Tennis Club are kicking off the season with an Open Day on Friday 18th October at 4pm, Geraldine Domain courts. This is for beginner to experienced, 5-18yr old players. There will be a BBQ ready to go, some fun games for the kids and maybe some sweet prizes as well.

To register for Friday coaching and/or Saturday interclub play use the following link

<https://forms.office.com/r/tUPjEytzmg>

Hope to see you there, Murray Bradshaw, Hilton-Geraldine Tennis Club

NO TRICKS LOTS OF TREATS!

31 OCTOBER 5.00-7.30PM
ST ANDREW'S CHURCH GROUNDS, WILSON ST

SPECIAL TREAT! THE LIGHT PARTY WILL BE OPEN TO PRESCHOOL/KINDY CHILDREN FROM 2-3PM - A GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR YOU TO BRING THEM ALONG TO THE BOUNCY CASTLES WITHOUT THE BIG KIDS IN THE WAY!

LIGHT PARTY

A POSITIVE ALTERNATIVE TO HALLOWEEN
SUPPORTED BY THE TDC

FREE!
OR BY DONATION

TUG O WAR
DRESS UP (OPTIONAL)
BOUNCY CASTLES!
LOLLY SCRAMBLE
Sideshow
FOOD! GAMES! CRAFTS!

Please no scary or spooky masks or costumes

THIS EVENT IS RUN BY ST ANDREW'S GERALDINE • CHECK LIGHTPARTYGERALDINE ON FACEBOOK FOR CANCELLATION IF WET



Geraldine Cricket Club "Have a Go!"

Mondays - 3:15-4pm
Geraldine Domain
4th November – 9th December
\$30 per child

Contact:
geraldinecricketclub@gmail.com



Geraldine Athletics Club

Calling all old and new Athletes!
The new season is almost here!

Athletics training is a fun way to maintain fitness for winter sports, have great fun and meet new friends on our warm summer evenings.

Our 2024/25 season will begin on 16th October, 5.45pm Geraldine Domain Oval.

Training nights will be Wednesday nights from 5.45pm at the Geraldine Domain on Hislop St.

Athletes welcome to register from age 6 - 100+ years (as at 31st Dec 24)

Have you thought about Coaching?

We are always on the lookout for new coaches to support our Athletes. If you would like to join the team in any way please contact the Club Secretary Jo Hewson 021 2211234, or message us on Facebook

For more information on our Club visit:

W: <http://www.sporty.co.nz/geraldineathletics> F: <https://www.facebook.com/geraldineathletics>



TERM FOUR

Starting 21st October

YOUTH DRAMA CLASSES

**SPEECH. IMPROV. CONFIDENCE.
DESIGN. WRITING. DEVISING.
TEAMWORK. THEATRE STUDIES.
AUDITION PREP. LEADERSHIP.**


Ages 10 - 18

Junior & Senior Youth Classes

Term four class times TBD

Enrolments are open now!

**To save your place, or for further
information please email
preamillar@yahoo.co.nz**

 17 Beswick Street, Aidan Theatre, Timaru

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Dear Woodbury Resident,

In times of crisis, our community's resilience depends on the compassion, care, strength and preparedness of its members. As we've seen, emergencies can strike at any moment, and being prepared is not just an advantage; it's a necessity, not only for survival but for our children and elderly.

This is why we are forming the **Woodbury Emergency Management Team (WEMT)** and we need you to be a part of this vital initiative.

Why Join WEMT?

- **Make a Difference:** Your involvement could save lives and reduce the impact of disasters on our community.
- **Learn Valuable Skills:** Gain training in first aid, disaster response, and emergency planning.
- **Community Leadership:** Be at the forefront of community service and leadership, enhancing our town's safety and preparedness.

What We're Looking For:

- Individuals with a passion for community service and caring for others.
- People from diverse backgrounds to bring various skills and perspectives.
- Commitment to attend monthly meetings and participate in training exercises.

Your Role Could Include:

- Participating in emergency drills and real response efforts.
- Helping to educate fellow residents about emergency preparedness.
- Assisting in the coordination of resources and communication during an emergency.

No prior experience in emergency management is necessary – just a willingness to learn and contribute. We will provide all the necessary training to ensure you are well-equipped to handle various emergency situations.

How to Join:

If you're ready to take on this rewarding challenge, please contact us via details below.

A free presentation by Timaru Emergency Management will be arranged in due course and those who express an interest will be notified. Here you have an opportunity to learn more about the roles, responsibilities, and the impact you can make. Together, we can make Woodbury not just a place to live, but a community prepared to face any challenge with confidence and unity.

Looking forward to hearing from you and to building a safer Woodbury together.

Warm regards,

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Woodbury Emergency Management Team