

From the Principal's Desk

Kia ora koutou,

It was great to see so many keen cyclists yesterday morning for our Bike to School Day. With a few absences numbers were down but it was great to see the enthusiasm there. Particularly those challenging themselves with some distances they may not have ridden before. We will hopefully run another day later in the year, to give those who were away the chance to take part. In case parents missed the message home, we have decided to postpone the triathlon, as we have large numbers of students away from school. Bikes left at school after the Bike to School Day can be collected anytime, we will store them in the pool area overnight if required.



Thank you parents for your extra vigilance around coughs and colds. While Covid seems at the forefront of people's minds, there does appear to be a bit of other illness going around the community at the moment. We will continue to post any important Covid-related information on HERO, so please make sure you check this regularly.

Nga mihi nui,

Mike de Joux



Link to Term calendar

[See attached](#) – please note this will be subject to change



Woodbury School Support Group (WSSG)

Our WSSG is the equivalent to most schools' PTA or Home and School Groups. Our chairperson is Kate Haugh, Secretary Siobhan Moulton and Treasurer Gaylene Saywell. Unlike many similar groups, we do not operate as a "committee" - all parents are welcome to attend meetings, which not only serve as planning sessions but also a chance to socialise with other parents. We have a range of different fundraising ventures throughout the year. The first of which is the upcoming peastraw fundraiser. The WSSG will be asking for helpers soon (delivery day is 27th March), and families can also help by [ordering via this form and sharing the link with family and friends](#).

Parents can play their part by either coming along to a meeting, or by turning up to help at one of the activities, or at a working bee. By giving up a few hours of your time, you help to ensure:

- Woodbury School continues to be in a position where they do not ask for school fees / donations. This is in recognition of the time and effort given by our parent community in their fundraising efforts.
- That the WSSG continue to provide another invaluable Teacher Aide to support children in class.
- Parents do not need to pay for devices for their children.
- Activities such as the Swim for Life programme, trips and visiting performers are free (or heavily subsidised). This is because the WSSG contributes funding in other areas, allowing us the capacity as a school to cover the cost of these things.

The WSSG also organise and invite parents along to morning tea, the next one being this Thursday 10th March, from 9.00am at the Running Duck in Geraldine. Everyone is welcome, this is an opportunity for all parents involved in the school to meet, particularly for our newer parents to get to know each other. It is also a great way to find out more about the school and about the WSSG, or to ask other "more experienced" parents questions you may have.



What's Been Happening...

Property

Our fence is now finished, with the signs erected. The ones around the gates are a requirement, so little hands cannot reach through and pull the handle down. There is a bit of a trick to getting out, which requires at least 2 of the 3 buttons being pressed, then turning the handle downwards. When we are not required to display them, we will replace the Covid decal's next to the gates with other information.



Sliding doors have now been installed in the Hua te Kerekere classrooms. This makes a huge difference in noise reduction, but also has the capacity to be fully opened to create a large flexible learning space.



Library

Thank you to Ella and Kate, who had the wonderfully generous idea of donating some good condition books they have finished reading to the school library.

If any other families have some books (novels) their children no longer require, which are in good condition, please consider passing these into the school office for use in the library. This helps stock up our library shelves and also saves us money, while getting more life out of books which otherwise would have sat lonely on a shelf at home.



MoE Resources for Children around Covid and Home Schooling

Please find the link below to resources from MoE for children around Covid. This includes references to websites on wellbeing and how to negotiate learning at home whilst in mandatory isolation. It may also be of use for those children with anxiety around Covid and being at school.

<https://www.education.govt.nz/covid-19/covid-19-and-wellbeing/talking-to-children-about-covid-19-coronavirus/>

HERO / Accounts

The link in the last newsletter to register father/carer emails on HERO crashed, so if you added email address previously, can you also do this again as details were not saved.

[Hero Register Carer Email](#)



WANT TO PLAY NETBALL THIS WINTER?

Trials For **Geraldine Old Girls** Teams To Play In
The Timaru Competitions
(Currently have 1 team in Premier, 2 in Premier Plate, looking for a
Saturday Social team as well)

WEDNESDAY 16th MARCH 6.30pm
MONDAY 21ST MARCH 6.30pm
@ GERALDINE HIGH SCHOOL COURTS
(SAVE WEDNESDAY 23RD AS POSTPONEMENT DAY)

For Any Information Or To Register
Your Interest Please Contact
Kim Andrews By Friday 11th March
Ph 0273722334

Email – kimmijane11@gmail.com
With Name, Positions for trials and
also an indication if you want to play
Competitive/Social Competitive/Social
ALL WELCOME

GERALDINE FOOTBALL

Player Registrations 2022

Footballs a game for any ability ,any age.

4 -6 yr olds - First Kicks , Thursdays , Term 2 & 3

have fun while learning (reg by May 1st , late reg's taken)

7 - 18's - we have mixed teams in all age groups . (7 to 18th)

16's plus who want to play Senior football , we have

Div 2 (Semi Competitive) & Div 3 (Social)

(practices Tuesday & Thursday 6.30pm , Geraldine Domain)

For all registrations please contact Paula Irvine 027 637 4775

or email geraldinefootballclub@gmail.com

Registrations close

Senior's- March 1st

Juniors/Youth - March 26th

(late registrations taken if space)

Vaccine Pass is required to participate

(for those age eligible ,12yrs 3mths +)

Northern Hearts Football 2022 Registrations

If your child is keen to play football for Northern Hearts this season you can find all the details on our

Facebook page - Northern Hearts AFC Juniors - or contact us on nheartsjuniors@hotmail.com. Ages 5/6yrs
(this includes 5year olds turning 6yrs this year) to 13yrs.

Registrations need to be completed by the Wednesday 23rd of March.

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