WOODBURY SCHOOL

Newsletter

31ST March 2023, Term 1 Week 9

From the Principal's Desk

Kia ora e te whānau,

Thank you to those parents who braved the cold to come along and attend our Cybersafety Information Evening on Tuesday night. It was interesting listening to Neysa talk about the pros and cons of technology, and the potential trouble children can find themselves in when navigating the internet and social media. A key takeaway from the evening was that it is vitally important to talk to your children about what to do when they encounter something that makes them feel unsafe or uncomfortable (not IF they come across something but WHEN, as it is bound to happen).

We have had some slow ticket sales so far for the Nigel Latta evening in Term 2, but assume this will pick up closer to the time. We do encourage parents to attend, he is an engaging and interesting speaker. Tickets are available at the office, proceeds go towards our school as well as local mental health initiatives.

We have managed to make it to the end of the term (almost!). It has been a tricky last couple of weeks with some staff away with covid and other illnesses, as well as teachers taking part in professional development. Adding this on top of what has been a very busy term with lots of exciting activities, I am sure that both teachers and students are looking forward to recharging their batteries in the term break before we get into Term 2.

We look forward to seeing those friends and family who can attend our ANZAC Service next Thursday 6th April, 2.00pm on the courts.

Mike de Joux

Tumuaki / Principal

Reminders:

Please check our lost and found before the finish of Term 1 as we have a whole rack full of clothes!!! This will be out on the court during the Anzac Service.

Nicky Taylor has asked if families can be on the lookout for Amelia's blue Bell bike helmet which is still missing from Triathlon day.

Thank You:

A big thanks to Danette and Hamish McKeown who have cut a few rows of corn for Woodbury School children to take home with them. Check bags after school today!

Link to Term 1 Calendar

Term 1 Calendar attached at this link.

Link to Term 2 Calendar

Term 2 Calendar attached at this link

SWIMMING

Earlier this term we funded all Year 4-6 students to go to the Geraldine Pool each day, for two weeks, to get instruction from qualified swimming instructors from CBAY. We have done this for a number of years for these older children, but in recent times we have been incredibly fortunate to have Rosie's Second Hand Clothing generously fund this programme for all our Year 1-3 who will have their instruction in term 4. We are very thankful to this local Geraldine charity for giving students the opportunity to further develop water confidence and safety skills which could well save the lives of themselves and others in the future.

PEASTRAW FUNDRAISER

Thank you to all the parents who helped at the peastraw fundraiser last weekend. This is a major fundraiser which goes directly towards supporting the students at Woodbury School. It is a major undertaking organising the peastraw bales, co-ordinating deliveries and storing the bales - thank you to all those involved particularly the Campbell family (huge thank you for the use of your land and machinery), McDonald family and Gaylene Saywell.

COMMUNITY VISIT

The Year 1-3 students entertained some older visitors over at the Woodbury Hall last week, with some nursery rhymes and some work they had shared. The children all had some questions they asked of the visitors, who quite visibly appreciated their time chatting to our younger students.

CALENDAR AND UPCOMING TERM EVENTS

TERM 1
Week 10: 3 April – 6 April

- Thursday 6th is the last day of Term 1 (Friday is the beginning of the Easter Holiday). The Year 6 children will be running an ANZAC Service, starting at 2.00pm sharp on this day. Children to wear their blue Woodbury tops on this day.

- On Sunday 30th June from 10am-12pm the WSSG are having a working bee at school, plenty of trees and shrubs to trim up and green waste to take off site. So anyone with a chainsaw or pruning gear, or a trailer, or some working arms and legs would be appreciated!

TERM 2
Some important things to note about Term 2:

- The Ministry of Education directed all primary schools to take a Teacher Only Day within the first two weeks of Term 2. This is to work on the New Curriculum Refresh that is being rolled out into schools. Like the vast majority of schools, we chose Monday 24th April, as Monday 25th April is the ANZAC Day holiday. This means that the first day of Term 2 is Wednesday 26th April.

- Our Community of Learning (CoL) is made up of all the Primary Schools in the Geraldine region, plus early learning centres and the High School. They have organised 2 teacher only days during Term 2, where we all come together for professional development around the Structured Literacy approach, to support student learning in our schools. These Teacher Only Days are on **Tuesday 16th May** and **Thursday 29th June**.

- On Friday 19th May we hold our annual Cross Country event, combined with Carew Peel Forest and held at Waihi Gorge. This will start around midday.

- We will be having our annual Matariki Performance, some time towards the end of the term (date to be confirmed).

Community NEWS

Geraldine Hockey – Local League Term 3, 2023

Geraldine Combined Hockey club runs a local Junior Hockey league at the Geraldine Domain in Term 3. This year we will be able to play on the brand new turf facility.

The league will run on a Wednesday afternoon.

Funsticks for 5 year olds – 3.30-4 pm

Junior league trainings followed by games 4 pm onwards.

Please register your interest using the following form.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1KiIG8fm0fL0cQzrrI_kHpBS6t6PcrGY7q_kGj38rALg/edit

Email enquiries to Hils McCullough at nofrillshils@gmail.com

GERALDINE COMBINED
Hockey Club

GERALDINE NETBALL
CENTRE INC, PO BOX 97, GERALDINE

ANZ futureFERNS
NNZ Year 1 & 2 Program

You can register online at
https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/220330

Starting Wednesday 3rd May
3.15pm – 3.45pm
$20 per child
Duration of 9 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 GYMNASTICS

Classes are run in the winter months, on a Thursday afternoon, at the Geraldine Primary School Community Hall. Our gymnasts are taught core gymnastics skills and work up routines to perform at ribbon day. We are currently taking registrations and looking for more volunteers to join our coaching team and committee.

To register a gymnast please use the following link

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1JQGnf7Tb6x0dfYubKVv8X2KhXQOZKasAYol5vp9a_uU/edit

To enquire about volunteering please email geraldinegymnastics@gmail.com

COMMUNITY dental service

Te Whatu Ora
Health New Zealand
Waitaha Canterbury

- Community Dental Clinics are closing from 7/04/2023 to 24/04/2023 for the upcoming school holidays.
- We have limited appointments available over this Holiday period 11/04/2023 to 21/04/2023.
- Please call **0800 846 983** or email: commdental@cdhb.health.nz to book an appointment. If you cannot attend your booked appointment, let us know so we can book another child.

ADVENTURE PLUS!

SCOUTS New Zealand

Wanted!

Boys and Girls aged 5yrs - 7yrs

Geraldine Scout Group has room for more Keas. Sessions run on Wednesday nights from 5.30pm - 6.30pm.
Come down to the Scout Den, chat to our Leaders and see what we do or for more info email: geraldinenzscouts@gmail.com