

# WOODBURY SCHOOL

22 March 2022, Term 1 Week 8

Newsletter

## From the Principal's Desk

Kia ora koutou,

We have had another couple of reasonably settled weeks since the last newsletter. Usually by this time we would have had our Flower & Craft Show, children would have prepared work for the A & P Show, and we would have had our triathlon and picnic. While it has been disappointing not to have carried out these activities, we are really positive that we can look forward to having our usual events back up and running. We plan on hosting our usual ANZAC Service to finish the term and have parents onsite for this. We also have camp early in Term 2 along with Cross Country, Matariki Celebrations and the Year 5/6 Rippa Tournament, so have some exciting events to look forward to (which should also include parents!).

On behalf of our staff (and no doubt the children and families) I would like to congratulate Miss Anna Clubb and her partner Chris on the news that they will be welcoming their first child later on this year. We are all very excited here at school, and certain that they will make wonderful parents!

Nga mihi nui,

Mike de Joux

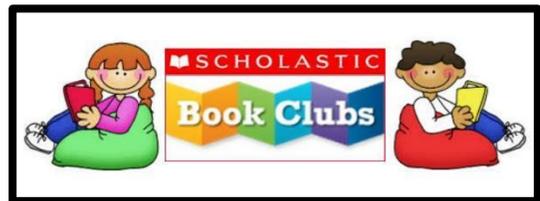
## Senior School Camp

Parents of Year 4-6 children who haven't seen the post about camp coming up in May, please scroll back through your notifications on HERO to read the information, and fill in the online form to give permission and if you are available to be a parent help. This year camp costs will be \$160 per student, after a generous \$35 per child contribution from the WSSG.



## Link to Term calendar

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



### Scholastic Book Club

Last day for orders to be made online is 25<sup>th</sup> March.

## HERO / Accounts

A reminder to fill details on the link below if you would like to add a second parent (we have a lot of dad's with no email addresses) to HERO. This would give them access to HERO and also the ability to vote in Board of Trustees elections later in the year.

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf1elwXwTvoHsMYR2qdEDVAoueVJoSshPXanLpZ7ZMY2PlyYg/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf1elwXwTvoHsMYR2qdEDVAoueVJoSshPXanLpZ7ZMY2PlyYg/viewform?usp=sf_link)

# Latest COVID Info

On HERO we let parents know that we would no longer notify families around positive covid cases in the school. This decision is based on the fact that, parents now need to assume there are always cases present, and to be vigilant in monitoring for symptoms. Whether there are 5, 10 or 20 cases we expect the parent's approach to be the same. We also didn't want Covid dominating our communications with parents - there is so much more exciting learning happening at school that we would rather share.

We will however give an update via the newsletter each fortnight, so parents are aware of our current situation. Over the past couple of weeks we have had between 20-30 students absent each day. Of these, 8 have been positive Covid cases, most of whom contracted the illness from other family members or outside of school - this shows there has been minimal spread within the school setting. Other children have been isolating with family, or absent for other illnesses. We have had one teacher away isolating as a family member tested positive. Teachers have been able to continue with class programmes more or less as usual. We will let parents know if we do see a sudden surge in cases.

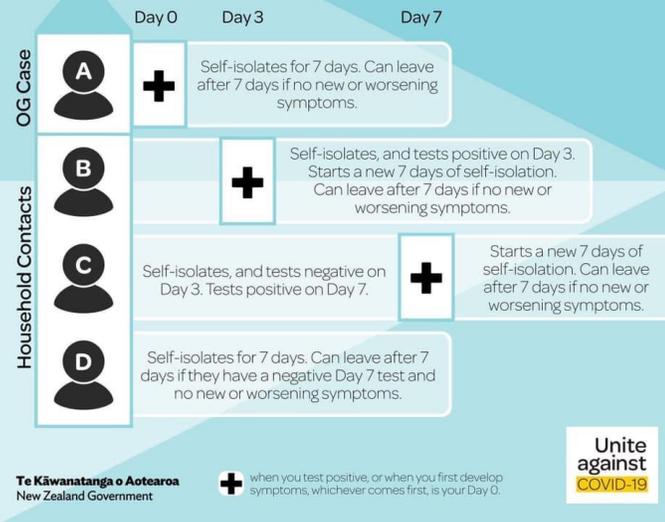
Last week the government announced that RAT tests would be distributed to schools. This allows us assurance that staff are covid-free while at work, and we also plan on giving them to parents when collecting children who may have symptoms, so they can administer to their child (we have no intention of holding children down and doing this ourselves!!).

Please refer to the graphic regarding isolation rules, and if you are still unsure, please call the office for advice.

We also need to advise that there has been a confirmed case of shingles in Tarahaoa Teina. and just wanted parents to be aware of any symptoms that may appear in your child. Please see information link provided below.

<https://www.health.govt.nz/your-health/conditions-and-treatments/diseases-and-illnesses/shingles>

## Testing positive at different times



## After School Pick-ups

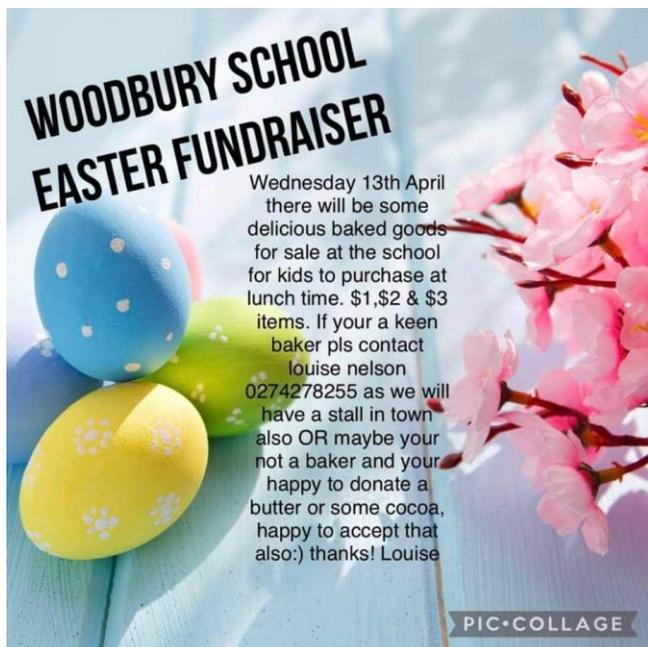
A reminder please we need parents to park in the carpark, **not on the roadside**. This is mainly down to cars blocking visibility, and although the speed limit is down to 50kph it doesn't mean cars are always slowing down. This also came up in a recent conversation with the Timaru District Council, who noted after school a number of cars park on the roadside. They (the TDC) currently have plans in place to redo and extend the footpath on the opposite side of the road, which will now reach from the cafe down to the domain. They are also looking at options for our side of Woodbury Road.

As many parents will have witnessed, after school pick-ups is a fairly busy time. A reminder please to respect the teacher in charge (usually Ms Baynes) and wait patiently as she goes about marking children off for the buses. Once these first two buses are done (usually takes around 10 minutes) then parents and their children can approach the teacher to let them know they are leaving. For those collecting their children, we recommend arriving after 2.50 which would mean you avoid the busiest time. With two buses in the car park plus numerous cars it is obviously very important to minimise pedestrians walking in this area until the buses have left - thank you in advance for your support in this area.

# Woodbury School Support Group (WSSG)

**Peastraw fundraiser** – help is required on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> to distribute the bales around the community. If available to help and you haven't already, please contact Danielle McDonald on 027297911 or comment on the [Facebook page post](#).

## Easter Bake Sale



**WOODBURY SCHOOL  
EASTER FUNDRAISER**

Wednesday 13th April there will be some delicious baked goods for sale at the school for kids to purchase at lunch time. \$1, \$2 & \$3 items. If you are a keen baker pls contact louise nelson 0274278255 as we will have a stall in town also OR maybe you not a baker and your happy to donate a butter or some cocoa, happy to accept that also:) thanks! Louise

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# WHAT'S NEW



Thanks to Ricki Nelson for building the shelter at the bike track, and for WSSG for funding the cost to build.

## Sausage Sizzle is BACK!!!

From next week will be putting on weekly sausage sizzle for the remainder of Term 1. Order forms will be going out to the oldest child in the family tomorrow. These will need to be returned to the office by Tuesday, 29th March if you wish to order.



# Community NEWS

## Junior Hockey in Geraldine



Skills, training and competition for beginners to developing players. One afternoon per week, beginning in term 2 at the Geraldine domain – new sports turf. Loan sticks available.

For more information, please contact Hills McCullough [nofrillshils@gmail.com](mailto:nofrillshils@gmail.com)

Or register here <https://forms.gle/YLGHwwEqH6TX73UW8>

## GERALDINE FOOTBALL

### Player Registrations 2022

Football is a game for any ability, any age.

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

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

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

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](mailto:geraldinefootballclub@gmail.com)

### Registrations close

Senior's - March 1<sup>st</sup>

Juniors/Youth - March 26<sup>th</sup>

(late registrations taken if space)

Vaccine Pass is required to participate

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



## Registration Women's Social Netball 2022

Women's Social Netball starts Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May on the NEW MULTI-TURF at the Netball Courts in the Domain

New Players Welcome  
Team or Individual Entries  
Umpire Supplied

Registration forms available by:  
Emailing: [geraldinenetball@gmail.com](mailto:geraldinenetball@gmail.com)  
or by contacting Trudy Van Ryswyk  
027 330 9381

Due in by 25<sup>th</sup> April 2022

Follow us at Geraldine Netball Centre



## GERALDINE GYMNASTICS



We run a GymFun program in Geraldine for primary aged children. 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 the last session. We are currently taking registrations and looking for more volunteers to join our coaching team and committee.

Geraldine Gymnastics is affiliated with Gym Sports South Canterbury and are happy to provide coach training, including a 'have-a-go-coaching' session.

To register a gymnast or to enquire about volunteering please email [geraldinegymnastics@gmail.com](mailto:geraldinegymnastics@gmail.com)