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Term 1, Week 1 - Wednesday 1st January, 2023

Kia ora e te whānau,

It has been a really positive and enjoyable start back to the school year, it is great to see staff and students refreshed and ready for another busy term ahead.

Once again we have a fair bit going on, so have broken the weeks down below with a bit of an explanation around the events and anything that is going on. As we get closer to the time, more information will come out via ClassDojo to keep parents informed of our different activities.

Ngā mihi,

Mike de Joux
Tumuaki / Principal

NEW STUDENTS

Welcome to our new students in Pekapeka.

Tain (who joins his older sisters Ayla & Maia), Nina, George, Hazel (*started at the end of last year*) joining her siblings Arthur and Charlotte, Bree who joins brother Austin, Reuben who joins siblings Sophie & Angus. (*Jessie and Emma are also pictured, who started last year and wanted to join in on the photo*). Siméon has also joined the Pekapeka class but was absent on the day of photos.

Winnie has started with us in Hua Te KereKere B this year, and joins her brother Ted.



NEW STAFF

We welcome back Anna Clubb in a teacher aide role, starting the year with a small number of hours as she returns from maternity leave but building up as the year progresses.

We also have Miss Bridget Patrick, teaching Monday and Tuesday in Pekapeka and releasing teachers at other times in other classes.

Mrs Mikayla Scott will be in Pekapeka each morning, supporting a new student to school. Mikayla will also be in the Year 4-6 classes supporting students from 11.30-12.30 in a Teacher Aide role.

Finally, we welcome back Mrs Anna Veaux (who has taught here previously). Anna will be working Monday - Wednesday 9.00-12.30, teaching alongside Mrs Rachele Nelson and taking specific groups of students during teaching times.

It is wonderful to have these staff members joining our ever-expanding and highly capable teaching team here at Woodbury School.

GATES

Please note we will be keeping the sliding gates locked, as a safety precaution for some younger children who may choose to wander out. The smaller gates will always be unlocked and accessible.



LITERACY SUPPORT

Vikki Lewis can offer some before and after school literacy-based learning, that links in with Structured Literacy that is being carried out in the junior school. These are generally sessions of 15-30mins, timings depend on the child and their needs. Please contact Vikki at vl.lewis@icloud.com for more information around times and cost.

Please note, this work is separate from Woodbury School and would be carried out outside of school hours (9am - 2.40pm), and any arrangements with Vikki would be a private arrangement. We are happy for this to happen on school premises. Vikki has carried out a range of training in this area and has a number of years experience supporting students.

BUS VESTS

Bus Vests and bus safety are a priority for us. We have noticed students regularly not bringing and wearing vests over the second half of 2022. We have some strategies to try and positively encourage children to remember to bring and wear these. We hope not to get to the point where children are not allowed on the bus (and require collection by parents) for repeatedly not wearing their vest. We are beginning to keep track of students as they are issued with new vests, and may need to introduce a small charge for students to replace lost vests.

SWIMMING

Please send your child along to school with their togs and towel every day, even though your child may not get in the pool that day.

After School swimming begins Tuesday 14th February, please contact Clare Connelly (clare.connolly@xtra.co.nz) for more information if you are interested in enrolling your child, as there are still a couple of spaces available (4 year olds also welcome).

“Swim for life” starts in Week 4 (20th February) every day for 2 weeks for our Year 4-6 children (Year 1-3 are at the end of the year). This is carried out by CBAY instructors at the Geraldine Pool.

SAUSAGE SIZZLE

Please see the Term Calendar link below for the dates for sausage sizzle. Again any money raised will go towards helping pay for any school trips and extra activities for the children.

This year we are taking orders digitally for sausages [via a google form link here](#). Please email the office if you cannot get this to work. We are hoping that this will be less office admin, and easier for parents. Sausages are \$2.50 each. Payment online is preferred where possible, but we will also accept cash. If you intend to order for the term, please complete the google form before Friday, 10th February. We are happy to take weekly orders if children suddenly want a sausage one week, orders will need to be in by Tuesday AM!

AFTER SCHOOL CARE

This will operate again Monday to Thursday, 3.15PM – 5.15PM at school. Please contact the office if you have any questions or would like your child included.

Next week we will only be running ASC on Tuesday, 7th February due to School Camps, so if your child is booked into ASC for Wednesday 8th or Thursday 9th February you will have to make alternative arrangements for these days.

SUN SMART

At this very sunny time of year we remind parents that children need their drink bottles, red hats, and sunscreen EVERY DAY.

For those children not wearing hats, they will play in the shaded area by the office. It is much more fun out on the fields and playgrounds, so we encourage children to bring them!

CALENDAR AND TERM EVENTS

Please find the [Term 1 Calendar attached at this link](#).

Week 1: 30th January - 3rd February

- First week back, classrooms focusing on settling back into school-life. On Friday the Year 1-3 students will all be going on a field trip to Timaru, to the museum to learn about Waitangi Day and a fun trip to the beach.

Week 2: 6th - 10th February

- Monday is Waitangi Day holiday
- On Wednesday - Friday the Tarahaoa students (Year 4-6) head away to Oamaru for their camp.
- On Thursday and Friday the Year 1-3 students will have their own "mini-camp", with some activities around our area and a sleepover (optional) at school on the Thursday night.

Week 3: 13th - 17th February

- After School Swimming begins on Tuesdays and Thursdays. See details above, as Clare does have some extra spaces still.
- On Friday we have a "Bike to School Day". We will have set points where students and parents can meet us with their bikes at certain times, and we all meet on the school courts. Bikes then stay at school (stored in the pool area), for students to use as they practice for the triathlon the following week.

Week 4: 20th - 24th February

- All Year 4-6 students are bussed each day to the Geraldine Pool for 2 weeks, for water safety skills with trained CBAY instructors.
- We hold our annual school triathlon, on the school grounds, on Friday 24th February. No buses run in the afternoon, and students stay at school until 4.00pm, when the triathlon begins. This normally runs for around 1 ½ hours, and families are welcome to bring a picnic for tea afterwards.

Week 5: 27th February - 3rd March

- On the weekend of 4th March the Winchester A & P Show is held. We are preparing a number of entries from students for this event.

Week 6: 6th - 10th March

- On Friday we have our annual flower show. This is held at the Woodbury Domain Hall. Prior to the event a form will go home with categories children are able to enter

Week 7: 13th - 17th March

- On Friday the South Canterbury Triathlon is held. We send along our top Year 5 and 6 students to compete and represent Woodbury School.

Week 10: 3rd - 7th April

- On Thursday afternoon the Year 6 students lead an ANZAC service, which families are welcome to attend. This is the last day of term, as the Friday is Good Friday Easter Holiday.



**WE ARE GROWING!
COME AND SING WITH US!**



GERALDINE CHILDREN'S CHOIR

WE ARE A GROWING GROUP OF KIDS WHO LOVE TO SING!

WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS – PRIMARY SCHOOL CHILDREN YRS 2-6

TUESDAYS DURING TERM TIME, 3.15-4.00PM

GERALDINE ACADEMY FOYER

STARTING BACK 7 FEBRUARY 2023



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COST DEPENDS ON NUMBERS
APPROX \$10-\$12 PER CHILD
PER WEEK
PAYMENT BY TERM
REQUIRED BY END OF WEEK 2