

WOODBURY SCHOOL

Newsletter

Kia ora e te whānau,

I hope that families have all managed a relaxing and enjoyable school holiday period so far.

We are all looking forward to seeing the children back at school and I am sure they will be excited to get back into school to see their friends.

This email gives a heads-up for a few things prior to school starts next Tuesday 30th January.

There may also be communication from your class teacher via ClassDojo. Please don't hesitate to contact either myself (principal@woodbury.school.nz) or Penny (office@woodbury.school.nz) if you have any school-related questions.

Ngā mihi,

Mike de Joux

Tumuaki / Principal

Before School Info



CALENDAR AND UPCOMING TERM EVENTS - TERM

Please find a [link here to the Term 1 calendar](#) for 2024. Note that most dates are confirmed but there may be some changes.

Week 1 (30 January-2 February)

- The first day of school for 2024 is Tuesday 30th January. When students arrive at school they will go to their new classrooms to put away their bags. When the bell goes at 9.00am we will all meet on the courts for a "Welcome Back"

Week 2 (5-9 February)

- Tuesday 6th February is the Waitangi Day Holiday
- Wednesday - Friday will see the school camps taking place. More information about these camps will be coming out to each class.

Week 3 (12-16 February)

- BOT mtg Monday night 7.00pm
- Bike to School Day - Friday 16th February

Week 4 (19-23 February)

- Triathlon - 4.00pm Friday 23rd February

Week 7 (11-15 March)

- Flower Show on Thursday 14th March at the Woodbury Domain South Canterbury Triathlon (Year 5-6 students) on the Friday

Week 8 (18-22 March)

- Teacher Only Day Friday 22nd March (Teacher literacy professional development)

Week 9 (25-29 March)

- Friday 29th is Good Friday Holiday

Week 10 (1-5 April)

- Monday 1st and Tuesday 2nd April are Easter Holidays

Week 11 (8-12 April)

- Friday 12th April is the last day of term, with the Year 6's leading an ANZAC Service to finish the day.

STAFFING AND CLASSES 2024

Pekapeka (Year 1)

Ms Bridget Patrick (bridget@woodbury.school.nz) will be teaching on Monday-Wednesday,

Mrs Maureen Bromwich (maureen@woodbury.school.nz) will be teaching Thursday-Friday

Huatekerekere - B (Year 1-2)

Ms Jud Baynes (jud@woodbury.school.nz)

Huatekerekere - P (Year 2-3)

Mrs Bronwyn Patrick (bronwyn@woodbury.school.nz) will be teaching every day. We also have Mrs Anna Veaux (annav@woodbury.school.nz) teaching every Monday-Thursday from 9.00-12.30.

Tarahaoa Teina (Year 4)

Mrs Rachelle Nelson (rachelle@woodbury.school.nz) will be teaching Monday-Wednesday, with Mrs Becky Talbot-Van Beers (becky@woodbury.school.nz) teaching Thursday - Friday.

Tarahaoa Tuakana (Year 5-6)

Ms Sarah Greenslade (sarah@woodbury.school.nz) will be teaching this class, with Mrs Talbot-Van Beers teaching for half of Wednesdays.

COMMUNICATION

As in previous years, we communicate primarily through ClassDojo so please check this regularly for any messages, including for newsletters which generally come out every second week. Staff can also be contacted via email or phoning

the school. We also at times post notices on Facebook if something quick needs to get out, or if it is around something that wider family members or the community are interested in (i.e. events, cancellations, etc...). We are still using HERO for Family accounts & invoicing, which are sent to you via email directly from HERO. You will also receive a notification on your HERO App.

STATIONERY

This can be purchased through Qizzle (www.schoolpacks.co.nz) or the Page and Post Bookshop in Geraldine who have pre-made stationery packs available. There is also a cost charged to each student's account which covers for all the pens, pencils, rulers, glue sticks, etc... they will need for the year (so parents do not need to bother buying additional items throughout the year).

BUSES

All of these will continue on the same as the end of 2023. Please contact the office if you have any changes to your child's normal routine from Term 4. The Ritchies Bus leaves George Street again at 8.35am, but please be there at least 5

minutes prior. It will leave school in the afternoons approximately 2.40pm. There will be a 10% increase in the cost per pupil for this service this year, which is what Ritchies have increased our charges by. Children can initially sit where they like, and we will decide a few weeks in if we required set seats for the children.

Rural bus runs also remain the same.

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 2023. 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. If your child requires a new vest because they have outgrown their old one, please contact the office. Thank you to Hayden Mackenzie Contracting, who generously provide these vests for our children.

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 with Clare Connolly starts Tuesday 13th February, occurring every Tuesday and Thursday until the final session on Thursday 7th March. Please contact Clare Connolly (clare.connolly@xtra.co.nz) to enrolling your child, or if you require any further information. We have attached the enrolment form at the end of our newsletter.

"Swim for life" will be in Term 4 this year.

INVOICES

Invoices for 2024 stationery, Ritchies Bus and camps will be sent out by the first week of school, so keep an eye out for notification emails from HERO alerting you to new charges to your school accounts.

SAUSAGES

The Friday sausage sizzle begins Week 3, forms will go out when school starts if you would like to order these. These are on every Friday, with a couple occurring on Thursdays due to no school on the Friday. Again any money raised will go towards helping pay for any school trips and extra activities for the children.

AFTER SCHOOL CARE

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

SUN SMART

At this very sunny (hopefully!) time of year we remind parents that children need their drink bottles, 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!

BUILDING UPDATES

We have had a number of building works going on, or coming up, which families will notice.

Toilets and decking

We have recently completed a toilet build on the end of the library, with a decking and a ramp. In time the entire deck area will be covered, creating a large outdoor learning space.

Archgolas

Our current archgola area is being replaced, we have been directed to do this with new standards in place.

Toilets

Our current toilets are being upgraded during the next school holidays.



Saturday 16 March, 2024

Mark this on your calendar now – an event NOT to be missed

Potato in a Bucket Competition

Get your entry now for this 100 day crop
Great fun

\$10

Collect your numbered bucket and seed potato from Woodbury Store Café Ltd
Or email woodburyharvestgala@gmail.com for more information or to arrange drop
off/collection

Cellphone 0274807698

Parent Help
For Parents and Young People

FREE PARENTING HELPLINE www.parenthelp.org.nz
ALL ISSUES ALL AGES **0800 568 856**

FIVE WAYS TO WELLBEING

- CONNECT**
TALK & LISTEN,
BE THERE,
FEEL CONNECTED
- Give**
Your time,
your words,
your presence
- TAKE NOTICE**
REMEMBER
THE SIMPLE
THINGS THAT
GIVE YOU JOY
- KEEP LEARNING**
EMBRACE NEW
EXPERIENCES,
SEE OPPORTUNITIES,
SURPRISE YOURSELF
- BE ACTIVE**
DO WHAT YOU CAN,
ENJOY WHAT YOU DO,
MOVE YOUR HOOD

INTRODUCE THESE FIVE SIMPLE STRATEGIES INTO YOUR LIFE AND YOU WILL FEEL THE BENEFITS.

Mental Health Foundation
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www.mentalhealth.org.nz

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Enrolment Form:

Woodbury School Pool - After School Swimming Lessons

Parent Full Name:

Child's Full Name:
AGE:

DOB:

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AGE:

DOB:

Child's Full Name:
AGE:

DOB:

Contact Details:

Mobile:

Home Address:

Email:

Emergency Contact Details:

Name:

Mobile:

Does your child/children have any medical conditions/allergies/learning disabilities?

Please tick those that apply for each child:

Can go under the water

Can float front and back

Can kick 4-6m front and back

Can do Freestyle and Backstroke arm action for 6m

Can do 12m Freestyle with breathing and 12m Backstroke.

Lessons will be for 4 weeks, twice a week on a Tuesday and Thursday after school.

Dates will be Tuesday 13, 20, 27 February and 5 March.

Thursday 15, 22, 29 February and 7 March 2024.

\$75.00 per child. This can be paid into the following bank account by Monday 5 February 2024 or cash can be brought to the first lesson.

01 0843 0092548 32 Clare E Connolly, Reference – Child's Surname.