

WOODBURY SCHOOL

8 August 2022, Term 3 Week 3

Newsletter

From the Principal's Desk

Kia ora koutou,

A very cold start to the week, with snow expected (and hoped for!), but at the time of writing this it is simply wet and chilly!

Thank you to the parents who have put their names forward for nomination for our Board of Trustees elections coming up. We have been fortunate to have a really well-functioning board over these last few years, and I am certain this will continue. A massive thank you to our current board, who have their last meeting tonight. More information will be emailed home to parents about the election process soon from our election officers.



Nga mihi nui,

Mike de Joux

Parent Teacher Interviews

Our Parent / Teacher interviews are coming up in Week 4 (next week!), Monday 15th and Tuesday 16th August. These are optional for parents wanting to meet with the teacher for an update, or requested by the teacher if they would like to catch-up with particular parents.

These are an opportunity for parents to meet with the teacher as a follow-up to the mid-year report, to check in on progress and get feedback on their child's learning. It is a chance for parents to ask any questions they may have on any aspect of schooling. Interviews go for 10 minutes, and if a longer period is required this can be organised with the teacher.

With current regulations we have mask requirements with parents when inside, so all parents require masks. If you are unable to wear a mask for the interview, please contact your child's class teacher via Class Dojo or email to sort an interview over the phone, where the same information and discussions can be held. This is out of respect for the teachers, who will be sitting opposite multiple parents from different households - thank you in advance for your support.

[Link to booking sheet here](#)



Term 3 Calendar

[See attached](#) (Note this is subject to change)

Week 4 (15 - 19 August)

- On Monday and Tuesday we have interviews, as a follow-up to the end of term reports. This is a chance for parents to ask any questions they may have around their child's learning. More information will be sent out around these dates and times.

Week 5 (22 - 26 August)

- Friday 26th August is our ski / skate day trip. Families have the option taking their child skiing at Roundhill or skating at Tekapo. We will also have staff at school for those families choosing to stay.

For those who haven't been before, this day is intended to be an opportunity for families to enjoy the day together, both with their children and other families, and we encourage parents to come along if they can make it.

New Students

Welcome Pippa Earl and McKinley Cox to Woodbury School. It is wonderful to have you join us and great to see how quickly you have settled in.



Ski/Skate Day

Ski / Skate Day – Friday, 28th August A reminder to please get your forms and money back to the school office as soon as possible as we need to confirm numbers. Every family should return the form to the school office whether your child is going or not, as there is a dedicated part of the form to complete if your children are not going on the trip and will be at school as usual that day. We need to account for every child's whereabouts and therefore need to know numbers. We hope to have a fantastic day up at Tekapo Springs and Roundhill once again!

For those parents who are new to the Ski/Skate day, children under 5 who will be coming along with older siblings, will not be able to participate in the group ski/snowboard lessons. We are assuming they can be booked in independently when they get up to Roundhill, but we are waiting to hear back from the ski field.

Also a reminder for parents who are unable to transport/join their child/ren skiing, you will need to find a parent who is willing to supervise your child for the full day. For skating, staff will be able to provide supervision.



Roundhill 2020

Dojo

We have had parents ask if other family members can have Dojo access and yes, you can have as many family members request access as you like. This will allow them to see any messages from the school and class, and any work that is posted. Please let the class teacher know and they will be added.

Staff member change

We wish Miss Clubb and her partner Chris all the best for their impending new arrival and the joys (and challenges!) of parenthood. Anna's last day before heading on maternity leave will be Friday 19th August. Miss Clubb does an absolutely incredible job and will certainly be missed by both children and staff.

We welcome Felicity (Fliss) Bennett onto our team in the senior school, who will be covering in the Teacher Aide role during Miss Clubb's maternity leave. We were looking primarily for someone who shows initiative and with excellent inter-personal skills. Fliss certainly fits that brief, with an extensive background in nursing, hospitality and a range of other roles focussed on interacting with and supporting others. We are certain she will be a great support to students in the Tarahaoa classrooms and throughout the school.

Health and PE Survey

Every two years we are required to carry out a survey with parents around our Health and PE curriculum. If you would like to contribute, please click on the [link here](#).

Board Elections

We have had more than five nominations for the BoT, so we will be going to election. CES have been working over the weekend to create election documentation which will be emailed out to parents on Wednesday, this will explain how to vote online. For those who have not provided email address to the school, the information will be sent by mail. Please keep an eye on your spam/junk mail folders over the next few days too ensure you do not miss the opportunity to vote. Cut off for voting will be 4PM, Wednesday 7th September 2022.

Rural Bus Run

Last week the Ministry of Education held a meeting with Principals and BoTs around how schools should be operating their bus runs, and some potential changes that are happening. It was good to get some clarification around a few things, and the Ministry recommended informing / reminding parents of some aspects of how this scheme operates:

- School Zones are established effectively as geographical points on the map, usually at an equal distance between two schools. Some zones are a little more complicated and overlap, such as north of the Orari Bridge where at some points Woodbury School, Carew-Peel Forest and Geraldine Primary School all overlap. [This website](#) gives information around our school zone (below the map click "Show Zoning" to see zone).
- Transport Entitlement Zones (TEZ's) follow roads, rivers, etc... so are often different from a school zone. [This document](#) shows our School Zone and TEZ, you will see how they differ in parts.
- In a situation where school zones overlap and parents have a choice where to send their child, generally they are only entitled to transport assistance if they choose their nearest school. This means that while some children are entitled to attend a school, they are not entitled to support with transport. This is designed to encourage parents to send their child to the nearest school.
- If your child is in a TEZ they are eligible for transport via the school bus. Parents are responsible for getting their child to the designated stop, the same as parents in other places may need to drive their child a certain distance to get to school. If this stop is more than 2.4km away, the family can apply for a "Conveyance Allowance" (email the office to find out more about this).
- The Ministry of Education determine the bus run funding we get, based on the location of our children. They have set rules, which can be read in more detail [on this document](#).
- Our Ritchies Town bus is entirely separate from the points listed above, as it is not funded by the Ministry. As a result we are able to pick-up / drop-off where we choose.

In the coming months it has been indicated that our Rural Bus Run will be reviewed, which could result in changes to funding and subsequently a change in routes. We will keep parents informed as to how this is progressing and any changes that may result.

Also, a reminder for all bus runs to be at the stop 5 mins before the expected bus arrival - any lateness has a flow-on effect at further stops down the line. Thank you.



Geraldine Home & Kindergarten Presents
THE GREAT LAUGH
 Comedy Show

Featuring
 Tony Lyall
 Aaron Beard
 Shelley Inōn
 Al Bolland
 MC Mike Boon

Tickets available online at eventfinda.co.nz

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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 MOOD

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

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INFLUENZA VACCINES

DID YOU KNOW FLU VACCINES ARE AVAILABLE FREE THIS YEAR TO CHILDREN AGED 5YRS UP TO 12YRS. WE STILL HAVE FLU VACCINES AVAILABLE AND ARE HAPPY TO VACCINATE CHILDREN EVEN IF THEY ARE NOT A REGISTERED PATIENT WITH US. JUST PHONE US AT FOUR PEAK HEALTH, 16 COX ST, GERALDINE 036938880 TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO TAKE UP THIS OFFER.



Book online at iticket.co.nz

Season runs 19 August to 3 September

THE ADDAMS FAMILY musical promises to be the wackiest and most entertaining night out of the year!

Get your group together for a night of laughter and fun with The Addams Family.

A special GALA OPENING NIGHT on Friday 19 August includes a complimentary drink, programme and nibbles. Come dressed as your favourite Addams Family character!

With belly laughs and enjoyable, catchy song and dance numbers The South Canterbury Drama League's upcoming new show, The Addams Family Musical is the tonic you did not know you needed.

Suitable for the whole family, it features an original story - every father's nightmare. Wednesday Addams, the ultimate princess of darkness, has grown up and fallen in love with a sweet, smart young man from a respectable family -- a man her parents have never met.

And if that were not upsetting enough, Wednesday confides in her father and begs him not to tell her mother. Now, Gomez Addams must do something he's never done before -- keep a secret from his beloved wife, Morticia. Everything will change for the whole family on the fateful night they host a dinner for Wednesday's 'normal' boyfriend and his parents.