

WOODBURY SCHOOL

Newsletter

Kia ora e te whānau,

Despite a bit of a wet ground to start the day, **athletics** proved to be another fantastic event on Friday. Impressive efforts from all the children involved, and another amazing turnout of families to support the children. I was posted to the high jump, it is always interesting to watch the development of children through the year levels from those who are a little bit overawed in the Under 5's (with sometimes a few tears!), through to the high levels of skill and competitiveness in the older children. This proves the benefit in having these younger children taking part and exposed to these events, as they build their confidence and skill year on year. We look forward to sending a contingent of athletes away to the South Canterbury event on Tuesday 28th November.

We have had another large group of children involved in **after school swimming**, which is great to see. A reminder to parents, please supervise your child if they are coming over to use the toilet, we have had a number of children running into classes and being a bit silly in there. To all parents, please send your child along to school every day with their togs and towel for the remainder of the year. The Year 1-3 have their daily swimming lessons with the CBAY instructors for the next 2 weeks, and the Year 4-6 students will also get in the pool when they have a chance.

Our **building work** is coming along nicely at school, and will be completed in early January. You can see from these photos the framing for the USB bathroom has gone up, and framing for the decking, which will meet up with the current decking. The cinderblock wall is for a ramp. There will also be a door installed that will exit the Pekapeka classroom, and eventually the entire decking area will be covered with archgola, making this a great outdoor learning space. We are also replacing the existing archgola, as it needs to meet current standards for schools (new requirements around strengthened plastic awnings). In the new year we are also carrying out a refurbishment of our current toilets.

We have entered the **Geraldine Christmas Parade** again - Friday 1st December, all children are welcome to be part of this (more information will come home prior to the event).

Ngā mihi,

Mike de Joux

Tumuaki / Principal

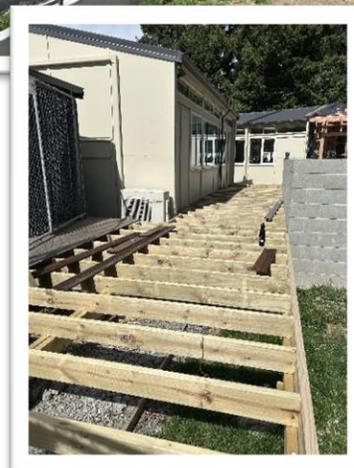
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Term 4 Week 6



- School Photo orders are due back tomorrow, (Wednesday, 15th Nov) as they will be couriered out by lunchtime.
- Scholastic Book Club Issue 8 orders closing 24th November.



NEW STAFF MEMBER

We welcome onto our staff Miss Becky Bradley, in a Teacher Aide role. With bigger numbers this year in the junior school we felt we needed to give more support to the teachers and the students, especially in our new entrant room. Becky is based in Mrs Patrick's class (HTK-P), working Monday-Wednesday. The children have loved having Miss Bradley in class and we are very impressed with her manner with the children and her initiative, and look forward to her continuing into 2024.

SCHOOL POOL KEYS

These are available from the office for \$50. The pool will be open from Week 4 of Term (Monday 30th October) through to around the middle of Term 1 next year.

We require some parents to help monitor the pool for a week or so each over the holidays. If you can help with this (there will be a discount on your key!) please let the office know as well.

CALENDAR AND UPCOMING TERM EVENTS - TERM

We will send out more specific information about certain events and reminders closer to the time. Keep an eye on ClassDojo for schoolwide and class notices.

Please find a very busy [Term 4 Calendar attached](#) (note some dates may be subject to change)

Week 6 (13 - 17 November)

- Year 1-3 swimming starts, every day with qualified CBAY instructors, at school during the mornings

Week 7 (20 - 24 November)

- On Monday, St Johns have an in-school first aid course they run with all students
- On Tuesday we have a number of Year 4-6 students taking part in the Caroline Bay Relay Races (our girls are the defending champions!).
- On Wednesday-Friday the Year 1-3 swimming programme will be at the Geraldine Pool.
- This is also the last week of after school swimming with Clare Connolly
- On Friday we are taking the Year 6 students to Geraldine High School to use the high ropes course. We hope to make this a yearly activity for our Year 6 students.

Week 8 (27 November - 1 December)

- For children aged 8 and older, we send our top competitors to represent the school at the South Canterbury Athletics event. This is on Tuesday 28th November.
- On Wednesday 29th, our Year 6's who are heading to Geraldine High School next year head along for a fun day at the High School.
- On Friday 1st December we will be in the Christmas Parade again - all children welcome to hop on the truck.

Week 9 (4 - 8 December)

- BOT meeting 7.00pm, Monday night

Week 10 (11 - 15 December)

- On Wednesday reports go home. Prizegiving is at 1.00pm at the Woodbury Domain Hall.
- Thursday 14th December is the last day of school. School finishes 12.00pm on this day (note there is only the morning buses running this day)

ATHLETICS PHOTOS



TOP TEAMS PHOTOS





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

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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

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