

Newsletter

Week 5, Term 1
27th February 2024

Ko Tarahoa me ona whānau kia whakaruruhau nga tapuwae ki te taumata.
Ko te tapuwae te hikoianga i te ao.

Kia ora e te whānau,

Thank you family and friends for your vocal support of our tamariki during triathlon on Friday. Teachers did a great job preparing children and putting together an event that runs even more smoothly year on year. It was awesome to have Mr Marcus Cooper and our High School helpers along to ensure smooth transitions and give their encouragement, as well as Constable Dave cheering students on and clocking the students with his radar gun. Students need to be congratulated on their efforts, both during practice and on the day.

These physical events may not be every child's favourite, but then, there will be children who are not particularly keen when it comes to maths for example, or to reading, to music or to art. We believe that involvement in a range of activities which we know children are capable of succeeding in, in a safe and supportive environment, is important in children's growth and development and helps build confidence to tackle future challenges. Children in Year 5 & 6 who did particularly well in their races will have the opportunity to challenge themselves further at the South Canterbury Triathlon in a few weeks time (information will be sent home to these students).

Next on the school event calendar is our Flower and Craft Show, on the 14th March at the Woodbury Hall. Acting on feedback we have received about this event, we are going to start earlier in the day and finish later than previous years, allowing for a wider time frame for exhibits to be viewed by families and other invited members of the public. Please see information attached to this newsletter, to find out more about this event.

Ngā mihi,

Mike de Joux

Tumuaki / Principal

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NEW STARTERS



We have had an influx of New Entrants this term! Joining PekaPeka are:

Left to right: Lyric Luxton, Beth Walker, Anita Leite, Camden Grant, Oakley Sloane and Max Hislop

KiVa

Teaching staff are looking forward to implementing our new KiVa Anti-Bullying programme throughout the school. Previously we have had systems in place for dealing with instances of bullying or other harmful behaviour, that included a restorative approach and positive ways of resolving conflicts. We had looked at a Ministry of Education programme, but do not like the concept of children behaving a particular way only because they received a playground “token” or some other type of reward. KiVa instead focuses on educating children (through explicit lessons teachers will deliver) on what bullying is, how this type of behaviour can make all those involved feel, how to enable students to end bullying situations, and importantly show children that as bystanders you are able to do something positive to help resolve a harmful situation - as children’s peers intervening is proven to be a powerful way of stopping bullying behaviour . The programme also gives staff a process to follow through and monitor behaviour within our school. See the attached sheet at the end of the newsletter for more information around this programme.



DAILY STRUCTURE

We have made a change to how our morning looks. We now have morning tea at 10.00-10.20, and a whole school brain break/snack break at 11.20, before lunch at 12.30. This is to ensure children are learning in manageable chunks of time with regular breaks to refuel and to be active. This structure also inadvertently creates the 3 x 1 hour requirements for reading, writing and maths the government have asked schools to implement (although this wasn’t the reason behind our change!).

Children now also have their lunchtime play first, before sitting together for kai and then moving back into class for the afternoon.

BUILDING UPDATES

Families who came along to triathlon will have seen the good progress made on the external USB toilet block, including a ramp and decking, plus an external door for our new entrant classroom. Our next step is to have this entire decking area covered in archgola, which should create an amazing all-weather learning space for our tamariki. We will also, over time, install bi-fold doors to exit these classrooms and purchase outdoor furniture to really make this space accessible.

Over the next term holidays we will also be having our existing toilets completely refurbished, and the Hua te kerekere classroom exteriors painted.

CONCERNS AND COMPLAINTS PROCESS

Please find a [link here](#) to our Concerns and Complaints process.

If you ever have any queries, questions or concerns (big or small!), please contact either the class teacher, the principal, or a Board of Trustee member to discuss. Our staff, board of trustees and parents have the same goal of achieving the best possible outcomes for all of our children, and we are always open to discussions to ensure children and their families are enjoying a positive experience at Woodbury School.

As a reminder our current parent Board of Trustees representatives are Tim Saywell (BOT Chair), David Earl, Jolene Lewis, Kirstin Ross and Ricki Nelson.

TERM DATES

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 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.

PHOTOS FROM 2024 TRIATHLON







WOODBURY HOME & SCHOOL

Pea Straw

PLUS LIMITED SUPPLY OF
Linseed



\$8.00/bale delivered
\$7.50/bale collected
or delivered for orders 50+

MINIMUM ORDER 5 BALES

DELIVERY
PEASTRAW: Sunday 10 March
LINSEED: Sunday 7 April

TO PLACE YOUR ORDER CONTACT:
027 485 0989



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

FREE FUN

CELEBRATE CHILDREN'S DAY 2024

AT CAROLINE BAY HALL

Sunday 3 March

10am - 2pm

BRING A PICNIC AND THE WHOLE WHANAU FOR A FREE FUN DAY

#ChildrensDayNZ

TE RĀ O NGĀ TAMARIKI CHILDREN'S DAY

PUE TAMARIKI FIRSE

Geraldine Home & Kindergarten Presents

THE GREAT LAUGH

Comedy Show

Featuring

Tarun Mohanbhai

Jamie Bowen

Al Bolland

MC Mike Boon

Tickets available online at eventfinda.co.nz

23rd March 2024

Doors open at 6.30pm

Bar with Eftpos

Geraldine High School Hall

Sponsors

GOLD

SILVER

BRONZE

freshchoicegeraldine M&G Auto Centre Meridian

VERDE ADVISORY SERVICES BELLAVALLEY Anna Coleman Property Brokers

BIKE APPRENTICE BELLAVALLEY

Branded Kiwi

Lynn River The Kitchen Cupboard Quality Tyres & Auto Services

Matt Poole Electrical Prime Part Timaru Barkers of Geraldine Kitchen Giggles Heartland Chips

Great Kids Geraldine Kindergarten

Hi Woodbury Community,

The RSA is planning for this year's Woodbury Anzac Service, which will be 10:15AM on Thursday 25 April 2024. I am looking for 2 readers to read the Roll of Honour. Usually we have students in year 5 or 6. Please let me know if your child would like to do this. I need to have names by early March.

Thanks,

Alex Peacock mobile: 021659796



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GERALDINE MULTI CHALLENGE

Run - Walk - Bike

SUNDAY 17 MARCH 2024

Presented by the **Geraldine Lions & Bike Geraldine**

www.geraldinemultichallenge.co.nz



GERALDINE MULTI CHALLENGE

Now a 'must-do' annual fixture for recreational and competitive athletes alike, the Geraldine Multi Challenge, organised by the Geraldine Lions and Bike Geraldine, takes in purpose-built single track, the Orari River trails, quiet back-country roads, and local farmland. Offering mountain bike, run and walk events, there are options for all ages and abilities. All proceeds from the event benefit local charities.

EVENT OPTIONS

MOUNTAIN BIKE EVENTS

52km Geraldine MTB Challenge - a challenging race for more competitive riders, this option has some hills and includes a combination of river and farm tracks, backcountry roads and awesome single track.

32km Intermediate MTB Challenge - still a good workout, this shorter race is alongside the Orari River on purpose-built tracks including some easy single track riding.

18km Recreational Fun Ride - designed for family groups and those who want to enjoy their ride without the competitive element, this event utilises the 4WD tracks and easy single track alongside the Orari River.

32km E-Bike Race - 2 Categories, Men & Women. With a minimum age of 18yrs. The race will start at a different time to the other Mountain Bike races and it follows the same route as the 32km intermediate MTB challenge.

RUN / WALK EVENTS

21km Half Marathon - mainly off road, a picturesque and predominantly flat route along the Orari River trails which will suit both competitive and social runners.

13.8km Run Challenge - again predominantly off road along the Orari River trails - a flat, sheltered and picturesque route amongst the trees.

5.8km Fun Run/Walk - Perfect for first timers or those who just want to go out and have some fun. Give it a go, we're sure you'll be back for more next year.

TIMES FOR RUN / WALK EVENTS

7:30am - 8:30am
Registration for the RUN and WALK events.

8:15am
Run and Walk Race briefing which everyone MUST attend.

8:30am
Run and Walk events start.

TIMES FOR MOUNTAIN BIKE EVENTS

9:00 - 10:15am
Registration for the Mountain Bike events.

10:15am
Mountain Bike Race briefing which everyone MUST attend.

10:30am
Mountain Bike Race starts.

FEES AND REGISTRATION

Enter Today!!
Early Bird pricing for entries received up until midnight on 5th March 2024. Entries after that date will incur a \$10 late fee (children under 18 years exempt).
Your entry fee includes a delicious burger/sausage from the Lions B&O and inclusion in the spot prize draws.

MAJOR SPOT PRIZE is a new bike generously donated by **THE CYCLERY Timaru**.

To enter visit www.geraldinemultichallenge.co.nz or find us on Facebook.

RACE INFORMATION

Cancellation Policy - In the event of adverse weather and the event is cancelled, there will be no cash refunds of entry fees. These will be transferred to the 2025 event.
Notification of the cancellation will be on Radio Port FM from 7am on the day and on our Facebook page.



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 MOOD

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

Mental Health Foundation
MENTAL HEALTH MATTERS
www.mentalhealth.org.nz

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KiVa FAQ

What is KiVa?

KiVa is a research-based tool to prevent and reduce bullying problems. Supporting Years 2-10, KiVa has been proven to make a difference and focuses on teaching our tamariki respect and acceptance of all students, their culture and identity.

What is bullying?

Bullying is defined as harmful, deliberate, and repeated behaviour, targeted towards a person who is perceived as less powerful. Bullying has many negative outcomes and some of these can be lifelong. We know that bullying occurs at all ages and across all areas of society, but often a child's first experience of this behaviour happens in school. According to the OECD, New Zealand is known as one of the worst countries in the world for reported cases of bullying. It is a serious problem for our tamariki, but we can work together to prevent bullying.

KiVa in schools

The KiVa programme consists of 10 lessons and activities conducted over the school year. The lessons incorporate discussions about bullying and respecting others. KiVa is a whole school approach and has three main aspects: **prevention, intervention and monitoring**. The goal of the work done at the classroom level is to educate students about their role in stopping bullying. Putting an end to bullying becomes possible when a shared sense of responsibility is developed and group norms are changed.

The benefits of KiVa

With KiVa's whole school approach, the benefits extend beyond the impacted students to the entire school and the wider community. Students feel more empowered with skills and confidence to address bullying behaviours and the programme promotes respect and a positive peer culture. In New Zealand, over 60 schools and kura currently use KiVa to address bullying behaviour and they have reported a 25% reduction in bullying within the first year alone.

Reporting bullying in schools

When a student reports bullying, KiVa follows this process:



Do you have more questions? Get in touch with one of our KiVa representatives today at kiaora@elephanttrust.org.nz



WOODBURY SCHOOL

FLOWER AND CRAFT SHOW

Thursday, 14th March, Woodbury Hall & Domain



Please read all of the information carefully and **return the attached Entry Form back to school by Wednesday, 6th March at the latest.**

Please select entries thoughtfully and limit your child to a maximum of 5.

All children will complete a sand saucer, and enter the school art categories, so please do not tick these selections. Choose up to 5 other entries.

- There will be **NO Woodbury School or Ritchies Town Bus** running on Flower Show Day.
- Children and exhibits to come to the hall with parents between 8.45-9.15am, do not go to school first.
- If you are unable to come to the show, please arrange transport to and from hall for your child with another parent or family member.
- The hall will be open from 8.45am.
- Entries must be tabled for judging by 9.30am. Parents to leave as soon as their child's exhibits are tabled.
- Children will:
 - play in the domain playground after dropping off exhibits (supervised by staff), then go back to school with the teachers
 - aside from the slightly later start, will have a normal school day
 - visit the hall during the day to check out all the exhibits.
- Adults who wish to view the exhibits may do so from 12 noon.
- Exhibits must not be taken from the tables before 2.30pm.
- At around 2.15pm children will be brought over to the hall, with all their school gear. At 2.30pm children are free to go home with parents/caregivers, at which time they are to take ALL their exhibits.
- Flowers need to be in their own container and must contain water.
- There will be a table available for pre-schoolers and we encourage any pre-schoolers to enter.