

WOODBURY SCHOOL

15 June 2022, Term 2 Week 7

Newsletter

From the Principal's Desk

Kia ora koutou,

It seems we are well and truly into the winter weather now, hoping for something a little drier than last year!

Well done to all our children who competed in our Cross Country with Carew Peel Forest, we were lucky with the fine weather it was another great turnout of supporters. Miss Greenslade and Miss Talbot-Van Beers set-up a great course which created good competition for the frontrunners but is also an achievable distance for all students. Once again our students punched above their weight in the South Canterbury event yesterday. It was great to see the enthusiasm and pride the children showed in representing the school. Some notable results include:

- Emma Weaver - 2nd
- Paige Ellery - 5th
- Harry Edge - 6th
- Eve Holmes - 11th
- Year 5 Girls Team (Emma, Eve, Olive, Willow) - 2nd
- Year 6 Girls Team (Paige, Stella, Pippa S, Pippa McKay, Pippa McKeown) - 3rd=



Special mention to Miss Greenslade for your dedication to training and running with the children in practices, I am sure this helps spur them on.



Link to Term calendar

[See attached](#) – please note this will be subject to change

Week 8 (20 - 24 June)

- BOT meeting Monday night, 7.00pm
- Our Year 6 team is off to the Rippa Rugby Regional Finals in Oamaru.
- Friday is New Zealand's first ever Matariki holiday!

Week 9 (27 June - 1 July)

- On Thursday night we have our annual Matariki Celebration at the Woodbury Hall and Domain. This will begin at 6.00pm in the hall, before moving outside (wear warm clothing!).

Week 10 (4 - 8 July)

- Friday is the last day of school for the term. Also on Friday mid-year reports will be going home. These are a snapshot of where your child currently sits in relation to their learning, and are followed up in more depth (and to answer any parent questions) early in Term 3 with parent interviews.

Next Term:

A heads up for those parents wanting to organise time off work - our ski / skate trip is booked for Friday 26th August.

Last week was support staff week in schools across New Zealand, and it was wonderful to be able to acknowledge the efforts of our teacher aides Anna, Grace, Sandy, Vikki and Jo, Penny in the office, Ross driving the bus, and our cleaners Sinoki and Teena. All jobs are essential to the successful running of Woodbury School, and you all do an outstanding job.



Nga mihi nui,

Mike de Joux

HERO / ClassDojo

In case any parents missed this, we have changed back to ClassDojo as a means of communicating with parents ([further explanation here](#)).

A reminder that HERO is still to be used as an absence tool (along with emailing or calling the office), and parents will still use to access account information.

New Students

We warmly welcome Tessa Boyd (Y6) and Dylan Boyd (Y5) to Woodbury School. Well done on settling in so quickly, it is great to have you join us.

It is wonderful also to have Freya McLaren-Smith starting this week in the new entrants - welcome to school Freya!



Dylan, Freya & Tessa

Woodbury School Support Group (WSSG)

Another successful and very well-run fundraiser was held over the weekend, organising food for over 400 competitors at the “Heights of Winter” rogaine. [Follow this link](#) and join the WSSG Facebook page, and see a brief wrap-up of the event (and to see future notices).

A huge thanks to Maria Earl for your diligent organising, the Bolland family for your culinary skills and willingness to give up your time, and those parents who came along to help out on the Saturday. An awesome effort from all involved that once again will end up benefiting our children.

Teacher Aide Role

With Miss Clubb heading away on maternity leave we have a fixed-term Teacher Aide position coming up. If any parents are aware of anyone who may be suitable for (and interested in) the role, please encourage them to contact principal@woodbury.school.nz for further information.

Online Subscriptions

A reminder to parents that all students have access both at school and home to some excellent educational sites, that we have paid for this year. These are excellent for extra practice at home for 15 -20 minutes at a time.

All Year 1-3 students have access to “Reading Eggs”, which has a variety



of engaging activities to help with student’s sound and letter knowledge. We have also purchased subscriptions to a similar site, “Nessy”

for a number of our Year 4-6 students. All students in Year 4-6 also have access to “Mathletics”, which is a great support for learning maths concepts.



Please message the class teacher on ClassDojo if you need the access codes for these sites.





Ditching the Birds and the bees evening GPS

Please see the flyer below and contact claireplaytherapy@yahoo.com

if you are interested in booking a seat.

DITCHING THE BIRDS AND THE BEES

- Seminar for the Community: Parents, Caregivers and Whanau
- For adults raising and supporting kids aged 1 -12 years
- On shame-free, confident and safe conversations about sex and bodies.



Date: Thursday 16 June 2022
Time: 7.00pm-9.00pm
Where: Geraldine Primary School Hall

Cost: Tickets are free thanks to funding by Geraldine Benevolent Fund.

Please **book your seat** at Geraldine Primary Reception or by emailing claireplaytherapy@yahoo.com

This is **not** a puberty, contraception or safe sex workshop.

It is a seminar focussed on how removing shame can keep kids safe and providing skills to adults to make what can be awkward and tricky conversations, into confident, curious conversations. It also looks at some of the content being taught in the new curriculum.

Join Claire Millchamp, from Side by Side Therapy NZ, for a fun and informative session. This seminar will help you feel more confident to support your children experience healthy and safe relationships. It will also give you skills facilitate open and curious conversations about sex and bodies.

www.sidebysidetherapy.co.nz



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The **PARENT SURVIVAL KIT**

PARENTING COURSE



- Do you find yourself yelling at your child more often than laughing with your child
- Do you feel you have lost touch with your child
- Do you feel frustrated and find yourself saying the same things over and over again with no result

TOPICS COVERED

COMMUNICATION	CHOICES/CONSEQUENCES	COMPLIANCE
EMPATHY	SIBLING RIVALRY	TEENAGERS AND BOUNDARIES
SETTING LIMITS	TEMPERAMENTS	ARE YOU DOING TOO MUCH
PERSONALITY TYPES	PRAISE VS ENCOURAGEMENT	QUALITY TIME

IDEAL FOR GROUPS INDIVIDUALS OR A BUNCH OF FRIENDS

Via  **zoom**

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