

# Newsletter

Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> Feb 2025

**WOODBURY SCHOOL**

*My Footsteps to the Peaks.  
Every Footstep Counts*

Ko Tarahoua me ona whanau kia whakaruhou nga tapuwae ki te taumata.  
Ko te tapuwae te hikotanga i te ao.

Tēnā koutou katoa e te whanau, hello to friends and family.

A big ngā mihi / thank you to all of those parents who volunteered to support our staff and students at the Year 1-3 camp (in Woodbury) and the Year 4-6 camp (Living Springs) last week. These camps take a tremendous amount of planning and preparation on behalf of the teachers, and the support you give is essential in the smooth running of these events. Our camps are planned for the start of the year as an opportunity for students to connect with their classmates and develop their relationships with teachers, to extend and challenge students, and importantly to have fun! At the same time we acknowledge the importance of parents being involved in their child's education, and the opportunity to connect with other parents in our Woodbury School community. The Board of Trustees and myself also extend our heartfelt thanks to all those parents who quickly step in during an emergency, to support others and to ensure our children are safe and protected.

After these first couple of weeks, our focus is now settling into the daily routines of classroom learning. Walking through the classrooms I can see this has happened quickly, with the quiet buzz of children working in groups, focused on the teacher or working away independently. From now (with the exception of Flower Show and Year 5/6 Ripa Rugby), each day will be settled into our routines of reading, writing and maths until lunchtime, followed by our other curriculum areas in the afternoons. We recognise the importance of these routines in supporting student development.

Ngā mihi,

Mike

**Save the date!**  
**Woodbury School**  
**Flower & Craft Show**  
**Fri, 14<sup>th</sup> March.**



## LIVING SPRINGS CAMP - Y4-6





# JUNIOR CAMP



## TRIATHLON & BIKE TO SCHOOL DAY

Next Friday 28th February we are holding our triathlon at school - please see [attached note](#) for details.

Next Monday 24th February we have a "[Bike to School](#)" day, which we hold each year. This is a fun activity, which doubles as a way of getting all children's bikes to school. We then store them in our pool shed, and use them to practice for triathlon on the Friday. After staff meeting this afternoon we will get some information out about this on dojo, regarding pickup points. There will be changes to previous years, due to roadworks up Woodbury Road, so we will have starting points on McKeown Road, Woodbury Road (Waihi Gorge end) and Tripp Settlement Road.

To ensure safety, children will need their bus vests, and be confident / experienced biking on the road (this will be down to parent's judgement). For those younger or inexperienced riders, they can join closer to the school for a shorter ride. Buses are running, so children can also just come to school as usual and have their bikes dropped off later in the morning.

## FLOWER SHOW

Please find attached information regarding the Flower Show, coming up on Friday 14th March at the Woodbury Domain Hall. 2024 we modified the hours from previous years, with children arriving earlier and leaving later than they had before - we will continue with this as it then gives children a mostly normal school day. Entry forms going home with children today, and are also at the end of the newsletter.

Please note also there will be no buses on this day, as children will be bringing items for the Flower Show to school, and home again.

This year also we are purchasing some plain, hard plastic saucers, for the sand-saucer making. We have had some parent comments in the past that quite a few households no longer have saucers. Those who prefer to bring their own are more than welcome, those children who do not bring one can borrow a school one.

*On the original calendar we had Thursday 13th March for the Flower Show, please note as mentioned in the previous newsletter, we have now moved to our preferred **Friday 14th March**.*

## WINCHESTER SHOW

This year the Winchester A & P Show is holding its' 150th event. The organisers had planned for a few schools in the area to attend activities on a Friday, which initially we were to be part of. With a busy start to the year though we have decided not to take part, in order to limit interruptions to our usual classroom learning and also as we have triathlon later that day. We encourage families to take their children along to the event on the Saturday, to see some of the artwork and entries that Woodbury School children have contributed.

## SCHOOL ACCOUNTS

We know the start of the year is a busy time with costs as children go back to school. Please contact the office if you would like to spread any payments across the course of the school year, this is no problem on our side of things and easy to set-up.

## CONCERNS / COMPLAINTS PROCEDURE

At the start of each year we remind parents of our Concerns and Complaints Procedures, which are linked below.

- [Concerns and Complaints Policy](#)
- [Raising Concerns and Complaints](#)
- [Assessing and Responding to Concerns and Complaints](#)

## TERM DATES

[Please find a link here](#) to the Term 1 calendar for 2025. Note that most dates are confirmed but there may be some changes. For all events, there will be Classdojo and/or emails home prior with more information.

### **Week 3 (17-21 February)**

- BOT mtg Monday night 7.00pm
- After School Swimming with Clare Connolly begins Tuesday 18th February

### **Week 4 (24-28 February)**

- Bike to school day (more info to come via ClassDojo)
- Friday is our school Triathlon - starting at 4.00pm on the school grounds

### **Week 5 (3-7 March)**

- The South Canterbury Triathlon is held on Thursday 6th March, for students in Year's 5/6

### **Week 6 (10-14 March)**

- On the Monday evening we are planning an information evening for parents of Year 1 students (who have started, and are starting later in the year).
- The Flower Show is being held at the Woodbury Hall on Friday 14th March.

### **Week 7 (17-21 March)**

- Monday 17th is a BOT mtg at 7.00pm

### **Week 8 (24-28 March)**

- On Tuesday 25th the Year 5/6 Ripa Rugby tournament is held in Timaru

### **Week 10 (7-11 April)**

- Friday 11th April is the last day of term, with the Year 6's leading an ANZAC Service to finish the day.

## SUSHI

This proved popular during Term 4, so we will continue for Thursday lunchtimes, beginning in Week 4. Please find attached link to make orders. [Sushi Orders 27th February](#)

*Note there is no sausage sizzle in Term 1*

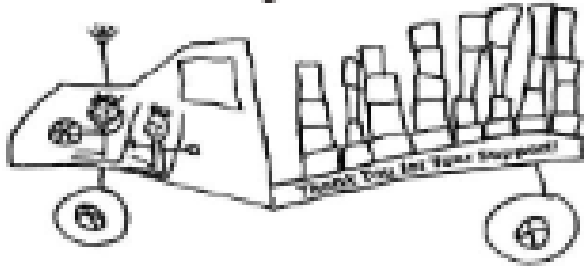
## HEAT UPS

Please make sure that you are not sending your child to school with a glass container. Chances are very high that these will get broken at school, as the children eat on the court at lunch time.



**WOODBURY HOME & SCHOOL**

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**DELIVERY SUNDAY 16 MARCH**

## **WOODBURY COMMUNITY ANZAC SERVICE**

The RSA is planning for this year's Woodbury Anzac Service, which will be on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2025 at the Woodbury Memorial. 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 for printing of programmes.

Thanks,

Alex Peacock, Tel: 021659796



8th March 2025

Great Spot prizes

# Temuka Swim Club Triathlon

Mini Tri - Swim 2 widths, Bike 900m, 500m Run (approx 10am)

Try a Tri - 50m Swim, 1.5km Bike, 500m Run (approx 9:30am)

Short Course - 150m Swim, 4.5km Bike, 1.5km Run (approx 9am)

3 9 3 - 300m Swim, 9km Bike, 3km Run (approx 8:30am)

Note - All bike courses are on grass and tracks. Start times will be finalized once online entries close.

Cost - Primary \$10, 13-17 years \$15, Adults \$20, Teams \$30

If numbers allow, late registrations maybe taken on the day at an extra cost



REGISTER ONLINE  
Before 6th March



Temuka Swim Club Website or  
Facebook

JORJA MILLER



Local Girl, Black Fern Rugby Sevens Gold Medalist, Highland Dancer  
Jorja will be joining a Highland Dancing display of South Canterbury Highland Dancers at Winchester A&P Show Saturday 1 March.  
Come along and meet Jorja 11am-1pm  
Jorja will be available to sign autographs and answer questions

**Registrations Now OPEN Seniors close, March 5th (contact Shaun)**

**Junior/Youth registrations close March 24th**

**2024 players will be contacted New players email the club**

# PLAY FOOTBALL 2025

**Girls & Boys 7-18**

**First Kicks 4-6**

**Seniors - Male 15+**

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