

19 November 2025

Tēnā koutou katoa,

Near perfect conditions for our recent athletics day, with Carew Peel Forest. We saw some great competition and wonderful efforts from all the students competing. Once again it is great to see so many of our wider whānau attending, to support our tamariki.

Congratulations to all those students who placed in an event. And to these students below, who were the “Champions” (C) and Runner-Up (RU) in their age group (accumulating the most points across the events for their age):

- Under 5 Boys - Harry Coulter (RU)
- Under 6 Girls - Ruby Winchester (RU)
- Under 6 Boys - Max Hislop (C), Camden Grant (RU)
- Under 7 Girls - Olivia Coulter (C)
- Under 7 Boys - Marlo Bolland (RU)
- Under 8 Girls - Pippa Earl (RU), Hazel Drennan (RU)
- Under 8 Boys - Karlos Leite (RU)
- Under 9 Boys - Angus Foster (RU)
- Under 10 Girls - Charlotte Drennan (C), Charlotte Edge (RU)
- Under 10 Boys - Fergus Wynn (RU), Ted Grant (RU)
- Under 11 Girls - Victoria Hurley (C), Alice McCullough (RU)
- Under 11 Boys - Arthur Drennan (C), Kanye Shanks (RU)

Good luck to our older students, who head away to represent the school at the South Canterbury Athletics event next Tuesday.



## CAROLINE BAY RELAYS

*Message from Miss Greenslade that was posted on HERO)*

We are all immensely proud of the efforts of the students who participated in the Caroline Bay Relays in Timaru today. The students who ran did an awesome job of competing in the heat and the wind. They should all be extremely proud of their efforts, as it was a challenging event and tough running conditions. They all showed grit and determination and demonstrated outstanding teamwork and sportsmanship. It truly makes my heart sing to see the phenomenal support the students give to their peers, and we are lucky to have supportive whānau that turn up to cheer our students. It is also wonderful to see former Woodbury students who, when they were students at Woodbury, participated and come back each year to run.

For those whānau who haven't been part of this event before, it's a relay-style race with teams of four. Each team member completes a fairly fast 2km lap, starting from the Soundshell in Timaru. This is an optional event, and students can take part only if they wish and commit to training.

While there are Year 7/8 and Year 9/10 teams from various South Canterbury schools running at the same time, Woodbury students compete in the Year 5/6 category. It can be a very daunting experience, but our students always hold their own amongst the big kids. The event is primarily for Year 5 & 6 students, but in true Woodbury fashion, there are always a few keen Year 4 runners with quick legs who are eager to take part!

This year, we had four teams competing, and while all teams achieved amazing results, I would like to acknowledge the efforts of the Woodbury girls team of Charlotte Edge, Indi Richardson, Floss Harley, and Victoria Hurley, who won their event, beating 15 other schools. This is the 4th year in a row that one of our Y5/6 teams has won.



## GERALDINE SANTA PARADE

Every year we enter a float in the Geraldine Christmas Parade - all children at Woodbury School are welcome to take part. This is on Friday 5th December.

Once again we are very thankful to All In One Contracting, for providing transport and decorating our float (for the last 13 years!).

This year we have a Santa's Workshop theme, and Gail Thompson (from All In One, and grandparent to Freya who starts next year) has some great ideas for decorations. Anyone willing to help Gail to prepare the float, please contact her on 0276861718.

Children are to wear elf hats (if they have them, if not we will have some available) and their blue Woodbury shirt. You do not need to let us know if your child is coming or not, just bring them along and drop them to the float. Details around times / location will be sent out prior, when these are finalised.

## TARAHAOA (YEAR 4-6) STRUCTURE 2026

Please find attached through this link an explanation around how our Tarahaoa classes will operate for 2026, which is essentially the same as this year, but with some small changes.



## PEAK AWARD WINNERS

Well done to these students, who received PEAK Values awards at our assembly last week. These are for:

**P**erseverance / Manawanui,  
**E**mpathy / Aroha,  
**A**cceptance / Whanaungatanga, and  
**K**nowledge / Mātauranga.



## NEW STUDENTS

It has been a busy term in Pekapeka! In the past week we have had 5 new starters joining the class.

Lachlan and Chloe join their big brother Max.

Matilda joins her sister Sophie.

We welcome Frankie and Will who are new families to the school.



**LACHLAN HISLOP**



**CHLOE HISLOP**



**MATILDA VEAUX**



**FRANKIE AKER**



**WILL MCATAMNEY**



## TERM 4 DATES

[Attached here is a link to the Term 4 calendar](#)

### Week 7 (17 - 21 November)

- The Timaru Relay races are on at Caroline Bay, for Year 5/6 students, on Tuesday 18th.
- Wednesday 19th November at 6.30pm our Board of Trustees have a training evening with other BOT's in the area

### Week 8 (24 - 28 November)

- Monday at 7.00pm is a BOT mtg
- Tuesday 25th November is South Canterbury Athletics, for selected students
- Friday 28th November is a transition visit for those Year 6's heading to Geraldine High School in 2026.

### Week 9 (1 - 5 December)

- Year 4-6 swimming starts. This is during class time, every day for 2 weeks at the Geraldine Pool, with trained CBAY instructors.
- On Friday 5th December we are again part of the Geraldine Christmas Parade - all students welcome to join us on the float.

### Week 11 (15 - 17 December)

- Tuesday at 1.00pm is our end of year prizegiving at the Woodbury Hall. End year reports are also out on this day.
- Wednesday 17th December is our last day, with students finishing at 12.00pm. Note: we actually complete our required number of school days on the Tuesday. Wednesday morning is a "clean-up" day for putting away resources, equipment, etc... Children who do attend on this day can help out, or have a last day of the year to play with friends!