



# NEWSLETTER #2 - 4 March 2024

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## Kia tū, Kia māia, Kia rere Stand tall - Be brave - Fly high

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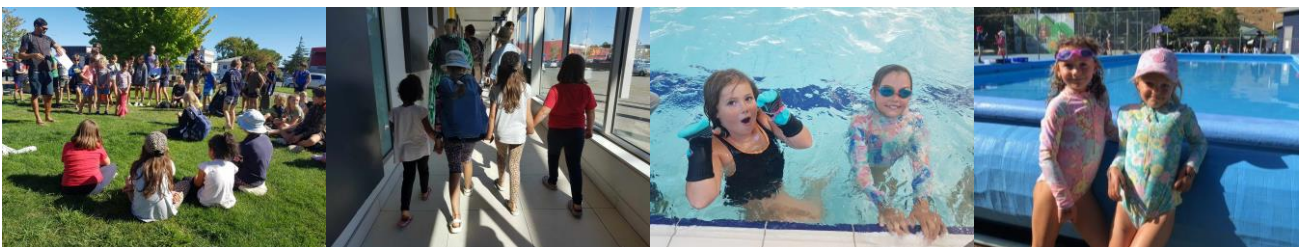
**BREAKING NEWS - Waitaria Bay School has been selected as a finalist in the Kura/School category of the 2024 Biosecurity Awards! Check out..... to see what we've been up to.**

<https://www.mpi.govt.nz/news/media-releases/new-zealand-biosecurity-awards-finalists-keeping-new-zealand-safe-from-pests-and-diseases/?fbclid=IwAR29HvuNre7n8yAfC2orXogxjXGS72I2e5Rg8Gb4q3tpD4QAwe046ZHvWxl>

**The ceremony for this prestigious event takes place in Parliament on the 8th of April.**

### Principal's panui

The last two weeks have seen our junior and senior swimmers compete in the Pelorus Cluster Swimming events. Both groups were successful in winning the overall competition via points scored by placing in their races, divided by the number of swimmers. I couldn't be prouder of their positive attitude, confidence and skills. Congratulations everyone and a special thanks to our very supportive parents for offering transport and supervision.



Since our last newsletter, we have welcomed Whaea Marion to the team.



*Kia ora Waitaria Bay,*

*My name is Marion and I'm thrilled to be the new release teacher for principal Tineke Giddy at Waitaria Bay School. I'll be coming out for around three weeks every term to teach in class so Tineke can do her principal mahi.*

*I have been teaching for over thirty years (ouch!), seven years in England and the rest in NZ: Auckland, Blenheim, Nelson and now the Marlborough Sounds. We had a rural block in the Moutere for nearly twenty years but recently moved into town, Richmond. My husband David works on the boats and I decided I was missing teaching (it really is the best job in the world) and then saw this job at Waitaria Bay. It was perfect: beautiful school and the Sounds are stunning. I've loved my first two weeks there; tearaway spoodle Bodie has loved it even more.*

*My main interest is travelling to see grandies who've all ended up on the other side of the world, but I also like planting trees, art, science and most things outdoors. Looking forward to a rich and exciting learning year!*

***Poipoia te kākano kia puawai.** Nurture the seed and it will blossom.*

***Ngā mihi, ngā mihi.***

You will have noticed our new vision/motto at the top of this newsletter. This was inspired by the parent meetings/consultations held last year. Whaea Marion and I look forward to embedding this into our daily practice alongside our four values of Aspire, Respect, Initiative and Achievement. It also features on our Waitaria Bay Curriculum Document and our Strategic Plan, both of which will be added to our school website shortly.

Aspire artwork session taken by Whaea Marion:



*Thank you!*

I would like to extend a huge thank you to all those who bought or sold calendars for our annual calendar fundraiser, with a special mention going to the Pelorus Mail Boat for their efforts and to Kristen Gerard for coordinating this on our behalf. We are very grateful for the continued support.

There are a few start-of-year reminders to go over:

School policies and procedures can be found at [www.schooldocs.co.nz](http://www.schooldocs.co.nz)

Login/Username: **waitaria**

Password: **7283**

**Helpful Info** on the dashboard will take you to:

**Quick Links for Parents and Whānau** which has links to the most relevant policies and procedures.

We sent home the **Student Record Sheet** from Etap, our student management system for you to check, update and return to us. It is vital that we have up-to-date contact and medical information in case of an accident or emergency. Please return the forms by this *Friday 8th March*.



## Attendance and engagement

New attendance resources, including for parents, are available to use from Term 1.

[Student attendance: Guide for parents and caregivers – Ministry of Education](#)

Ka pai to ra,

Tineke Giddy  
Principal

## **BOARD NEWS**

*A casual vacancy has arisen on the board which will be filled via a by-election.*

*Agi Takacs has been appointed Returning Officer for this by-election. Please contact Agi or Kate if you have any queries.*



**Get on board!**

Nominate yourself or someone you know to be a school board member

Nominations close at noon on Monday, 25th March 2024.



Returning Officer:  
Agnes Takacs  
agi@waitariabay.school.nz



### **Waitaria Bay School - School Board By-Elections Parent By-Election Notice**

Nominations are open for the election of a minimum of one parent representative to the school board.

All eligible voters will receive a nomination form. Use this form to nominate yourself or someone in your community. You will also receive a nomination cover letter calling for nominations. Information on who is not eligible to be a board member is provided with the nomination form.

If you need more nomination forms, contact the school office.

Nominations close at noon on **Monday, 25th March 2024**. Please provide a signed candidate statement and photograph with your nomination.

The electoral roll is held at the school and can be viewed during normal school hours.

As nominations are received, there will be a list of candidates' names kept at the school up until election day, which you can view.

Voting closes at **4 pm on Monday, 29th April 2024**.

Signed  
Agnes Takacs  
Returning Officer



## FUNDRAISING



## Havelock Mussel & Seafood Festival '24

Waitaria Bay School has volunteered to join the team that puts the 'wrist' in wristbands!



### What's the deal?

We need 8 volunteers from Waitaria Bay to put wristbands on the festival-goers as they enter the gates. In return for your time and enthusiasm, **each volunteer from our school group will not only receive a festival ticket worth \$45 but also contribute \$600 towards our school. It's a win-win situation!**

### Keen to help and have some fun?

Email [office@waitariabay.school.nz](mailto:office@waitariabay.school.nz). By Friday 8th March to secure your ticket/place.



### NEW FUNDRAISING INITIATIVE- Hard Antler

Waitaria Bay School is collecting deer buds/buttons and hard antlers. We welcome any donations.

## School Term Dates

|             |  |
|-------------|--|
| TERM ONE:   | 29 January- 12 April 2024 (Easter 29 March- 2 April) |
| TERM TWO:   | 29 April- 5 July 2024                                |
| TERM THREE: | 22 July- 27 September 2024                           |
| TERM FOUR:  | 14 October- 13 December 2024                         |

### Term 1 2024

| Week                        | Date                   | What   | Where                 | Who                      |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|--|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| 6                           | Mon 4/3                | <b>Manaroa Beach Clean (tide and weather-TBC)</b>  | Manaroa               | Staff, students, parents |
| 7                           | Sat 16/3               | <b>Havelock Mussel Festival Fundraiser-</b> see notice below                               | Havelock Domain       | Volunteers               |
| 8<br><b>Whaea Marion in</b> | Mon 18/3               | Initial Education Review Office (ERO) meeting  | School                | Tineke/Kate              |
|                             | Tues 19/3              | Regular School Board Meeting   | School                | Board Members            |
|                             | Thurs 21/3             | <b>Pelorus Cluster Athletics in Blenheim</b>   | Athletic Park         | Everyone                 |
| 9                           | Thurs 28/3<br>Fri 29/3 | <b>Pelorus Cluster Athletics pp date</b><br>Good Friday- Easter Break <b>School Closed</b> | Athletic Park         | Everyone                 |
| 10                          | 1/4<br>2/4             | Easter Monday- <b>School Closed</b><br>Easter Tuesday- <b>School Closed</b>                |                       | Everyone<br>Everyone     |
| 11                          | 8/4                    | Biosecurity Awards Ceremony  | Parliament Wellington | 3 Representatives        |
|                             | 12/4                   | Last day of Term One   | School                |                          |

### Mark the date in your calendar...

Saturday 20th April Sounds Hunting and Fishing Competition (School Fundraising opportunity)

# Sounds Hunting & Fishing Competition

## 25 - 27 April 2024



### **Competition Hours:**

1pm Thursday 25 April - 3pm Saturday  
27 April

### **Weigh-in:**

2pm - 3:30pm Saturday 27 April at  
Manaroa Woolshed

### **Entry Fee for Weigh-in & Prize Giving:**

\$5 per adult (includes hunters and spectators). Under 18 free!

**Kids Activities:** 3pm

**Presentation of trophies and BBQ:** Late afternoon/early evening

Bring cash for entry, raffles, school fundraiser - BYO alcohol and meat/plate for shared BBQ dinner  
*Inquiries to Will Gerard 022 199 2005*

### **HUNTING & FISHING CLASSES:**

#### **PIGS**

Best Boar (Robbins Shield)  
Best Tusks (Jones Trophy)  
Best Sow (Orchard Cup)  
Best Stalked Pig (Gerard/Harvey Trophy)

#### **DEER**

Best 'Sounds Head'  
Best Deer (Club Knife)

#### **OPEN**

Most Possums Shot/Trapped (during  
competition hours)

#### **RULES**

- \* Area eligible for hunting – central Pelorus, Kenepuru and outer Sounds at Committee's discretion.
- \* Hunters eligible: all Sounds locals. Non-locals to be hunting with/vouched for by a local.
- \* Animal presentation: must be fully gutted.
- \* No long-lines or nets.
- \* Hunters must observe firearm safety rules and respect private property boundaries.
- \* Trophies: presented annually and remain the property of club. Winners responsible for engraving.

#### **FISH**

Heaviest Fish caught on a rod or  
spearfishing (excludes sharks & stingrays)

#### **JUNIOR (UNDER 18)**

Best Young Hunter (Pete Timoko Trophy)  
Biggest Pig (Zane Collins Trophy)  
Biggest Possum  
Biggest Rabbit  
Biggest Goat  
Biggest Fish (No Eels!)



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