



NEWSLETTER 8 13 August 2023

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**This newsletter is shared via email with our school families and the community email tree. It is available on our facebook page and the school website. A printed copy is available by request through the office.*

Principal's message

We had a good turn out and clear skies for our STAR GAZING community event and our students enjoyed the learning opportunities provided by the Omaka Observatory team on Monday morning. I continue to work to ensure our students have access to various experts and a broad range of learning opportunities that compliment the curriculum.

I was hugely impressed by all our students and the way they represented our school at the Pelorus Cluster Cross Country event. Everyone gave it their best, and for most it was a completely new experience. Congratulations to our place getters and the whole school for coming second overall in the Cluster! I look forward to seeing and sharing the photos. Thanks to all the parents who were able to join us for the day, your support is greatly appreciated.

Congratulations to Ben Jones, our caretaker on becoming an approved VESPEX handler. We look forward to an uneventful wasp season and being able to maintain a safe learning environment for staff and students alike.

Thank you to the parents who contributed to revising our school vision statement. The next step is for you all to think about the 4 attributes/values that you would like for your child to have in place when they leave Waitaria Bay School as a Year 8 leaver.

ELECTRICITY OUTAGE NOTIFICATION.

Given that we will have no power and the generator at the Heads will also be out of action, our students will need to learn at home on either the 5th or the 7th of September. The staff are currently putting together individual Learning from Home packages that you can keep at home for situations like this when we are unable to provide learning on site.

The network company which maintains the electricity lines in your area, has scheduled to turn off the electricity for the following reason: HV MAINTENANCE.

- **Outage Date:** 05/09/2023
- **Alternative Date:** 07/09/2023
- **Start Time:** 09:00
- **End Time:** 18:00
- **Network Reference Number:** 3498.1
- **ICP:** 0008811421MLC66
- **Property Address:** 5668 KENEPURU ROAD, WAITARIA BAY, PICTON

To prevent damage to your appliances when the electricity is restored, we suggest that you unplug all electrical equipment, especially sensitive equipment like computers or your TV before the planned outage occurs. For your safety, please treat all electricity lines as if they are live at all times.

Please note, events beyond your lines company's control, such as bad weather, may prevent the planned outage(s) from occurring or may cause the outage times and dates to vary.

DO YOU NEED ELECTRICITY FOR MEDICAL REASONS?

You will need to make alternative arrangements for electricity supply during the outage period if you or someone living with you is dependent on electricity for critical medical support. If you haven't already registered as a Medically Dependent customer, please call urgently on 0800 10 18 10.

If you have any questions, flick us an email at customerservice@mercury.co.nz or give us a call on 0800 10 18 10. We're available 8am to 6.30pm, Monday to Friday.

Thanks,

The team at Mercury

Please take note of the following "housekeeping" procedures/reminders.

Absences - If your child is going to be absent please ensure that you have informed the school no later than 9.00am in the morning. Please ring the school phone 573-4377 and leave a message. This will ensure that the staff on the day can correctly record any absence and/or follow up if needed.

School Bus - Just a quick reminder of the bus schedule.

The morning run will pick up from Manaroa at 7:40 and 7:45am and the Head at 8:25-8:30am.

The afternoon run will drop off at Manaroa at 2.55 and 3.00pm and the Head at 3:25-3:30pm.

If any changes arise, such as your child being unable to attend school, **please notify the bus drivers no later than 7pm the day before.** Thank you for your cooperation!

Playgroup - The next playgroup is on Tuesday, 8th August, starting at 10.30am. From now on the playgroup will run on Tuesdays from 10.30 onwards.

Asthma - If your child has asthma, and uses an inhaler/medication please provide the school with a spare. Thank you.

Annual Calendar Fundraiser - Now is the time to send in your fabulous photos for the annual calendar fundraiser. Please email them to office@waitariabay.school.nz and be in touch with Agi agi@waitariabay.school.nz for further details.



Looking to the future it's time to come together as a school parent community to;

- review the current strategic plan- and set the direction for the next 3 years
- clarify our understanding/expectations of 'local' when it comes to trips/permissions etc.
- Look at ways of reporting student progress and achievement
- Become familiar with the National Education and Learning Priorities and the New Zealand Curriculum refresh
- Review the Health Statement

Next session- Tuesday 15th August from 3.00pm.

Policies and Procedures- the school policies and procedures are available to parents via School Docs.

<https://www.schooldocs.co.nz/> Username **waitariabay** Password **7283**.

School Fundraising Calendar 2024

We are excited to announce that we are preparing our school fundraising calendar for the year 2024!

It's been a remarkable journey since we started this tradition 12 years ago. As always, we would like to invite you to participate in this project by submitting your photos to office@waitariabay.school.nz

Our panel of judges will select 14 of the best photos, which will be included in the calendar. The calendar will be available for purchase from Term Four.

We kindly request that all submissions be made by **1st September 2023**

Requirements:

- The photo should be captured within the Marlborough Sounds Area.
- The photo must be in landscape orientation.
- There should be no pet animals or people in the photo.
- The minimum size required is 1MB.

We are looking forward to seeing your amazing artworks!

School Term Dates for 2023

Term Four 9 October - Wednesday 20 December (TBC)

TERM THREE:

Week	Date	What	Where	Who
4 7-11 August	7 August	Pelorus Principal Cluster meeting	Havelock	Tineke
	7 August	Omaka Observatory session (morning)	School	students/staff
	11 August 11 August	Pelorus Cluster Cross Country Bek Galloway-2nd PLD day	Canvastown TBC	students/staff Tineke
5 14-18 August	15 August	Parent session at school- What do we consider to be "local"? When would you expect to sign a permission slip?	Classroom	Everyone
6 21-25 August				
7 28 Aug -1 Sept	28 August	Tech Day	Bohally	Year 7/8
	29/30 August	Rotoiti School Exchange- Yet to be confirmed	Rotoiti	Everyone
	30-1 September	Marlborough Principals Conference	Rotoiti	Tineke
8 4-8 Sept	4 September	Tech Day	Bohally	Year 7/ 8
	4 Sept TBC	Manaroa Beach Clean up/Sustainable Coastlines (weather and tide dependent)	Manaroa	students/staff
	5 Sept	Principal Growth Cycle meeting and sign off Power Outage-see above	Waitaria School	Tineke
	7 Sept	Board of Trustees Meeting Power Outage-alternative date		Board members

9 11-15 Sept	11 Sept	Tech Day	Bohally	Year 7/8
10 18-22 Sept	22nd Sept	Pet Day	School	Everyone

Ngā mihi nui,
Tineke Giddy and the team.



Marlborough Primary Health

KIMI HAUORA WAIRAU | SEEKING WELLBEING IN MARLBOROUGH

This may be of use to you and any whanau you see needing health advice.

There are some new additions to services – Health Coaches and Health Improvement Practitioners who are attached to most GPs and a reminder of how useful Pharmacists can be.

Please check: <https://www.marlbroughpho.org.nz/general-practices-fees/>



ENTRY \$20

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Harcourts **KIDS DUATHLON**

Marlborough

SUNDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER 2023
ENTER NOW AT WWW.KIDSDU.CO.NZ

+ AWESOME SPOT PRIZES
AMAZING PRIZE FOR THE SCHOOL WITH THE MOST ENTRIES
++ MAJOR SPOT PRIZE OF A BIKE!!

**BRANCOTT VINEYARD - 180 BRANCOTT ROAD
BLENHEIM**

Both short and long distances - something fun for everyone!
Entries close midnight 14th September 2023


BLENHEIM 92.9
PICTON 94.7
KAIKOURA 89.9


LIVE - BREATHE - RIDE
MARLBOROUGH
SINCE 2010

LIMITED
TO 500
ENTRANTS

Papatūānuku needs your help!

There will be a *General Election* in October and the next government will need to make wise decisions to protect and care for the things that ensure the health and well-being of our community and our environment.

We are inviting Marlborough primary and high school students to participate in a competition which gives you an opportunity to consider this important matter and to have a say.

What would you want to see the next government do? You are invited to write a letter to the next Prime Minister about what you would like the government to do to protect and care for Papatūānuku, our Earth Mother.

- · All entries will be recognised and acknowledged.
- · A selection of entries will be chosen for publication in local newspapers and news websites.
- · By submitting, you are agreeing that your letter may be submitted for publication.
- · Entries must be submitted as a digital file to altoft@gmail.com by 14 August 2023.
- · Original work is expected.
- · Please check that your entry contains your name, age and email address.
- · For further enquiries please email Sue at altoft@gmail.com

This event is organised, sponsored, and judged by Climate Karanga Marlborough