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Principal's message

Wow! 2024 has got off to a whirlwind start! Thanks to the efforts of the builders, the electricians, the heat pump installers and the lino layers, our Kererū Classroom was ready for the start of the term. What a fantastic effort! Ka rawe! There is more building/renovation work in the pipeline during this term and into the next holiday break. You'll be able to read about all the changes through our students' eyes in the upcoming Bush Telegraph.

A huge thank you to Trudie Bosson who worked around the construction to complete the end of term/school holiday clean. We appreciate your efforts and the school looks great.

Board News- The Board is pleased to announce that we have appointed a wonderful part-time teacher, Marion Townsend who will take on the role of classroom teacher providing the Principal Release component. Marion will be with us for 3 weeks over each term. I look forward to introducing her to the children and whānau of Waitaria Bay School. This week we also welcome back Keri Drylie who has been away on leave. We are grateful to Lucia Hartley for stepping in.

Our staff for 2024 is as follows;

Tineke Giddy	Teaching Principal
Marion Townsend	Classroom teacher
Agi Takacs	Office Administrator. Agi is in the office each Friday.
Keri Drylie	Teacher Aide. Keri works Monday to Thursday
Lucia Hartley	Relieving teacher aide
Ben Jones	Caretaker
Karoly Radzik	Bus Driver

You will have noticed the four values at the top of the newsletter. These are the four that best reflect the thoughts shared by parents at our two consultation meetings. Over this term and throughout the year we'll be reintroducing these and building on our understanding of each one individually with the children. So far we have met Piwakawaka Pete who represents ASPIRATION-being the best you can be, and Compass the Kererū who represents RESPECT in all its forms. Our kaupapa/theme for this year is Enterprise which we will explore through the different learning areas.

Behind the scenes we have moved to Etap as our student management system and both Agi and I have completed our initial training session. We look forward to making the most of all the features on offer that contribute to the smooth running of the school.

Check out the calendar dates below to keep up to date with all our regular events along with some extras.

Ngā mihi

Tineke Giddy
Principal

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
1	Mon 29/1	School begins at 8.30am	School	Everyone
2	Tues 6/2	WAITANGI DAY- school closed	School	Everyone
3	Mon 12/2	Welcome Marion Townsend	School	Everyone
	Tues 13/2	Introduction to Education Reviews	Online	Board members
	Thurs 15/2	Regular School Board meeting	Kererū	Board members
4	Thurs 22/2	Pelorus Cluster Junior Swimming Sports	Linkwater	Years 1-3 students and parents
	Fri 23/2	Pelorus Cluster Junior Swimming Sports PP day		
5	Fri 1/3	Pelorus Cluster Senior Swimming Sports	Aquatic Centre Blenheim	Years 4-8 students And parents
6	Mon 4/3	Manaroa Beach Clean (tide and weather-TBC)	Manaroa	Staff, students, parents
	Mon 4/3	Working Bee-details to come	School	Everyone
7	Sat 16/3	Havelock Mussel Festival Fundraiser- see notice below	Havelock Domain	Volunteers
8	TBC	Regular School Board Meeting	School	Board Members
	Thurs 21/3	Pelorus Cluster Athletics	TBC	Everyone
9	Thurs 28/3	Pelorus Cluster Athletics pp date	TBC	Everyone
	Fri 29/3	Good Friday- Easter Break School Closed		
10	1/4	Easter Monday- School Closed		Everyone
	2/4	Easter Tuesday- School Closed		
11	12/4	Last day of Term One	School	Everyone

He waka eke noa - we are all in this together!



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 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 but also contribute \$600 towards our school. It's a win-win situation!

How does it work?

Your commitment would involve a 4-hour stint or a portion thereof, depending on the number of volunteers. The beauty of this opportunity is that you get to choose the hours that suit you, making it a flexible and enjoyable experience for everyone.

Why should you get involved?

Aside from the feel-good factor of contributing to the success of a community event, this is a great chance for our school to benefit financially. The \$600 contribution for our group is a valuable resource that can support various school initiatives.

If you can help?

Contact the school office at office@waitariabay.school.nz. **ASAP** so we can book a water taxi and make it a fun day out.

[X-RACE info](#) - Blenheim - Tuesday, 5 March 2024 at 6PM