



NEWSLETTER #12 4 December 2023

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Respect Achievement Initiative Aspiration

**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

The timing of today's power outage is less than ideal as we head into the final few weeks of the school year. Let's hope that the weather improves for the Rai Valley Fun Day scheduled for tomorrow. All going to plan I'll see you all at the wharf at 8.45am.

End of Year arrangements- On Monday 18th December we will celebrate the end of the school year with a Mad Hatter's tea party from 12.40 pm onwards. Find a hat and bring along a plate of food to share. We will take this opportunity to farewell Jaxon, Barb and Chris who have each in their own special way made a valuable contribution to Waitaria Bay School over the past few years.

School will close on Wednesday 20th December at 12.30pm

Over the students summer holiday break work will continue on the property improvements for Waitaria Bay School. It should look a little different when we return in 2024. If you are in the grounds and enjoying the pool over the summer please take special care if there are workers on site.

End of Term School Clean-PAID POSITION If you are interested in undertaking the end of school term clean please email office@waitariabay.school.nz and we'll send you further details and the job description. The clean will need to be completed sometime between 22nd and the 27th of January 2024.

Parent help/volunteers- In the absence of a "Friends of Waitaria Bay School" parent group I'd like to remind everyone that there are a number of ways families and interested community members can support the school. Looking ahead to 2024 will you help with.....?

- Grant applications/sponsorship
- General fundraising
- Regular working bees (in Week 5 of each term)
- Adopting a garden to take care of
- Preschool activities (day/time to be confirmed for 2024)
- Keeping the school library looking good

Lastly, **thank you to everyone**, parents, families, staff and the wider community for your continued support and involvement in Waitaria Bay School during the 2023 school year. July marked my one year anniversary, and the whole year was filled with new learning. Now into my second year I have a better understanding and increased knowledge of all the regular events and Pelorus Cluster activities. I also have a renewed appreciation for the logistics involved in making Waitaria Bay and the surrounding Sounds home.

I'm looking forward to sharing my recent new learning with you all in the strategic planning process, the implementation of the Waitaria Bay School Curriculum and the draft Literacy and Math components of the New Zealand Curriculum refresh.

Ngā mihi

Tineke Giddy
Principal



Rural Women Kenepuru Branch annual visit - thank you for coming!



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

Havelock Mussel & Seafood Festival '24

“Join Us in the Festive Spirit: Volunteer Opportunity for a Good Cause”

The Festival Committee has extended an invitation to our school community to be an integral part of the festivities. How, you ask? By joining the team that puts the 'wrist' in wristbands!

What's the deal?

The Festival Committee has generously offered us a chance to contribute to the event by helping with wristband application as festival-goers 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?

We are aiming to assemble a dynamic team of 6-10 helpers, and 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.

How can you help?

We're calling on all hands to join us in this endeavour! If you have a few hours to spare and want to be part of the festival action, please consider volunteering. The more, the merrier!

Contact the school office at office@waitariabay.school.nz to express your interest and get involved. Let's come together, have fun, and make a positive impact on our school community! See you at the festival gates!



School pool keys - for the summer season will be available from Wednesday 20th December until Monday 29 January. In the meantime, I am available for after-school swims during weekdays. If you would like a pool key, please email office@waitariabay.school.nz and we will send out the form for you to fill in. Thank you.

School Term Dates

TERM FOUR: 9 October - Wednesday 20 December

Week	Date	What	Where	Who
9 4-8 Dec	Tue 5/12 Thurs 7/12	Rai Valley Fun Day Manaroa Beach Clean TBC (weather and tide)	Rai Valley Manaroa	Whole school Whole school and parent helpers
10 11-15 Dec				
11 18-22 Dec	Mon 18/12 Wed 20/12	End of School Year Assembly/ Garden Party Farewell Last day of the school year early finish 12.30pm Pool opens for pool keyholders 20 Dec-29 Jan	School	Whole Community
5 Jan 24 6 Jan 24 22 Jan 24		Hopai Sports Filled Roll working bee Hopai Sports Day Strategic Planning Day	Hall Hopai School	Volunteers Volunteers Board members

2024 START DATE: Monday 29th January

Term 1 2024

Monday 29th January

Week	Date	What	Where	Who
1				
2	Tues 6/2	WAITANGI DAY- school closed	School	Everyone
3	Mon 12/2- Wed 14/2 Thurs 15/2	Education Review Office Review Regular School Board meeting	Kererū	Board members

4	Thurs 22/2 Fri 23/2	Pelorus Cluster Junior Swimming Sports Pelorus Cluster Junior Swimming Sports PP day	Linkwater	Years 1-3 students and parents
5	Tues 27/2 Thurs 29/2 Fri 1/3 Fri 1/3	Working Bee TBC Rotoiti Sister School visit TBC Manaroa Beach Clean TBC Pelorus Cluster Senior Swimming Sports	Waitaria Waitaria Manaroa	School families Whole school Years 1-3 and visitors Years 4-8 students And parents

School Fundraising Calendar 2024 - We are excited to announce that the calendars are ready 😊

If you would like to order, please find the order form below.

Alternatively, you can email your order (your name, your address - if you want to post them, number of copies you wish to order), to the school office at office@waitariabay.school.nz

Thank you for your continued support!



FOR SALE

Paper bricks (\$2.00) & postcards (\$1.00)
Enquire at the school office

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



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CHRISTMAS



KIDS CHRISTMAS

MARKET



SANTA PHOTOS



**GAMES, MUSIC, TREATS &
CHRISTMAS GIFTS**

**JOIN US FOR A FUN AFTERNOON FULL OF
GAMES, SHOPPING AND SWEET TREATS!**

DECEMBER 8TH

3PM TO 7PM

CASH ONLY





Waitaria Bay School's Fundraising Photo Wall Calendar 2024

Order Form

A/4 Monthly calendar - Public holidays - School terms - Moon calendar - 2025 Yearly overview



Easy to post (A/4)

Plenty of Space for your own Notes

Perfect Gift for friends and relatives

Stunning photos from local photographers

**Get your calendar now and support
Waitaria Bay School at the same time.**

Each copy costs just **\$15.00** + \$6.00 postage.

✂----- Order Form -----

Yes, I would like to order my **2024 Marlborough Sounds** Calendars:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Town: _____ Postcode: _____

Email: _____

Payment: - I will collect at school office

- I will make a direct payment into the school bank account:

Waitaria Bay School 03 0599 0307147 000

PLEASE remember to put your **'NAME'** and **'CALENDAR'** in the reference.

I would like to order _____ copies at \$15.00 each. Subtotal: \$ _____

Postage \$6.00 Postage: \$ _____

Total: \$ _____

Post this order form to Waitaria Bay School, 5668 Kenepuru Road, RD2, Picton 7282, or drop it into school office, or email to office@waitariabay.school.nz



*Family Picnic and
Sports Day*

*Saturday 6th of
January 2024*

From 10am onwards

Admission \$5 pp, kids

12 and under free

Please bring cash for entry fees

More information on Facebook:

www.facebook.com/Hopai-Sports

Or phone 03 5798 232

- ◆ Food stalls, sausage sizzle and raffles
- ◆ Gumboot throwing, tug-o-war and field races for all ages
- ◆ Hopai He-Man
- ◆ Boat races
- ◆ Wood chopping
- ◆ Prizegiving at 4pm
- ◆ BYO BBQ after prizegiving
- ◆ EFTPOS available at shop

ACCESS TO HOPAI

- ◆ Please check road conditions on the MDC website.
- ◆ Landing barge kindly provided by Johnson's Barge Services.
- ◆ Pelorus Mail Boat
bookings@themailboat.co.nz
03 574 1088
- ◆ Pelorus Tours
gary@pelorustours.co.nz
027 434 5488
- ◆ Kenepuru Water Taxis
kenepuruwatertaxi@gmail.com
027 472 7200

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