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Principal's message

We ended Term 3 with an enjoyable and successful annual Pet Day. Thank you everyone who joined in and supported us on the day. Our students' creativity and positivity shone through, especially for those for whom this was their first ever pet day. Just like last year we will review the day and use our analysis to make any improvements/changes for next time. A special thanks must go to the staff team who all pitched in behind the scenes, and on the day, to ensure our tamariki were the best that they could be.

Term 4 is a SUNSMART term, meaning hats must be worn during break times/when outside. There are spare school hats available should your child forget theirs. Sunscreen is readily available and those all important water bottles are a must. These are all Managing-Self activities for students to add into their daily routines. We have begun training/practising for the upcoming Pelorus Cluster Athletics Day- see calendar below. The fat mat is proving popular and is a great addition when teaching the scissor technique in high jump.

The pool fence is due to be completed this week which means we can begin the task of getting it filled, heated and treated. Ben Jones, our caretaker, attended a Swimming New Zealand training course during the holiday break and is all set to go. Thank you Ben, it is important that we comply with all the relevant regulations/conditions to ensure the Health and Safety of our students. We look forward to our daily swimming sessions and fun in the pool in the coming weeks.

As part of our learning this term we will be focusing on an aspect of Aotearoa New Zealand's Histories. We will be looking at economic activity- Kōwhiringa ohaoha me to whai oranga- from the viewpoint of the first people to live in our area and changes over time.

Fundraising Opportunities

Like every school Waitaria Bay School needs to fundraise to make up for the shortfall in Operational Funding from the Ministry.

Waitaria Bay Settlers Hall Fair 21 October 2023- Waitaria School has booked a table for this community event. We have a selection of cards for sale along with a few paper bricks and plants from the plant shop. We'd love some help sorting the cards and envelopes ready for display and behind the table with sales on the day. Feel free to pop in and lend a hand.

Hopai Sports Day 6th January 2024 - Waitaria Bay School has the traditionally made and supplied filled rolls for this fantastic Sounds event. We need a few parents for a few hours on Friday 5th January 2024 to make the filled rolls. Venue: Waitaria Bay Settlers Hall and then one or two parents to help out in the shop on the day. Roll up, roll up! Don't be shy! Please email office@waitariabay.school.nz to volunteer an hour or two of your time.

Havelock Mussel Festival 16th March 2024 - there is an opportunity to sign up to assist with the running on the day and then receive a financial reward for the school due to our efforts. Please email office@waitariabay.school.nz to let us know if you would be keen to volunteer. If we get enough interest we can book out a water taxi, create a roster, and also have time to enjoy the festival on the day.



School Term Dates

TERM FOUR: 9 October - Wednesday 20 December

Week	Date	What	Where	Who
3 23-27 Oct	23/10 26/10	Tokelau Language Week Labour Day- School Closed School Board Meeting	School	Board Members
4 30-3 Nov	30/10 3/11	Marlborough Anniversary-School Closed Pelorus Cluster Athletics Day		
5 6-10 Nov	6/11	Punjabi Language Week Pelorus Principal Cluster Meeting	Havelock	Tineke
6 13-17 Nov	13/11	N4L Network Upgrade	School	
7 20-24 Nov	24/11	Teacher Only Day-School Closed	Havelock	Tineke

8 27-1 Dec	27/11 30/11	Tech Day Board Meeting	Bohally School	Yrs 7 /8 Board members
9 4-8 Dec		Manaroa Beach Clean/survey		
10 11-15 Dec				
11 18-22 Dec	20/12	Last day of term		

2024 START DATE Monday 29th January



St John Marlborough is running 2 free sessions of **3 steps for life** to the general public. There will be an experienced ambulance officer to show you

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How to call 111 • How to do CPR • How to use AED 	Session details: Blenheim Library Date: 28th Oct Sat, 10.30am – 11.30am To register: stjohnmarlborough@stjohn.org.nz
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Health Trust extending its reach in Pelorus

The Pelorus Area Health Trust (PAHT) has always given out donations and grants to fund various health initiatives in the Pelorus area. This year has seen a change in focus for the Health Trust. It is now operating some direct initiatives itself, in order to plug some gaps in what the board sees are needs in the community. The hot soup run has now been operating for a year, taking a thermos of hot soup, sweet treat and a roll to over 30 recipients.

The hot soup is now made and distributed from the new Community Lounge that PAHT has established in Havelock. This warm and cosy lounge is a place for community groups to have a meeting, for people to drop in to find out some health information, have a cuppa and a chat, or in the future, come along for a meal and some activities.

The Lounge will also be used to run St John's courses on first aid refreshers, mental health awareness, how to use a defibrillator, and also for Pet Therapy sessions to be held.

The expansion in terms of shop space and offerings as well as in terms of the services PAHT provides for the wider community is all about making connections and helping people. It does bring new challenges as PAHT now needs more volunteers than ever to staff the two charity shops and the Community Lounge and to do the Hot Soup run. These volunteers are the engine and the heart of all of the services PAHT provides, and they are so proud to be helping to make a difference in our community.

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GIVING BACK

We believe in supporting our local community, through the **Helping Hands Network**.

We are delighted to have been able to support some very worthy community groups and charities.

When you list with us let us know who would like to support and when your property sells we will donate \$500 to the charity of your choice.

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