



NEWSLETTER 6 9 June 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

Firstly, a huge thank you to everyone for your understanding and cooperation regarding the school closure today. The Ministry of Education has been informed and we will make up the day and adjust our term dates accordingly to ensure we meet the legislative requirements and are open for instruction for the correct number of half days.

The beginning of Term 3, 2023 marks my 1 year anniversary at Waitaria Bay School. After 12 months getting to know the community, becoming familiar with the school systems and resources, the opportunities and challenges that come with our unique location, along with establishing relationships and contacts within the wider education and business community, it's time to come together as a school parent community to;

- review the vision and values for Waitaria Bay School
- 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

I'll pop a date and time in the term calendar and as always am happy to be flexible so that as many families can attend as possible.

Open communication is key to our success as a school community and in this world of constant change, busyness and fast pace it can be a challenge to keep the lines of communication open. While I am always busy, I am never too busy to engage in conversations about your child's learning and any concerns you may have or feedback you would like to give. You can be assured that I will make room in my diary for a time that is mutually convenient. Sometimes a quick phone call or email is all it takes, other times it's best to meet face to face.

Speaking of changes, you will notice some at the bottom of this newsletter in the calendar events. Due to events beyond our control, our Life Education caravan visit has been postponed, however the water taxi has been booked, as has a bus, so we will still head into town to spend time in the Blenheim Library and at the Swimming pool.

Please also take some time to complete the Marlborough Emergency Management SURVEY- there are prizes to be won!

Thank you to Chris Duckworth for his efforts in securing grant funding from the Havelock Mussel and Seafood Festival. We have been granted \$1000 which will be used to purchase a "fat mat" for our high jump.
Thank you to Karoly Radzik for making sure our bus is always in tip top shape and for going that extra 'mile'.

Curriculum- We continue to focus on **kindness** as part of our Health and PE curriculum and we'll start building up our fitness levels and practising for the Pelorus School Cluster Cross Country.

We have reached the halfway mark of our 10 week Level 1 Better Start to Literacy Approach. My recent lesson observation by Ingrid - Resource Teacher of Literacy provided valuable feedback and new learning. Our ANZAC themed learning continues and we are putting together timelines using information we have gained through questioning, interviewing, hosting guest speakers, and books, about two soldiers from our

local area with connections to Waitaria Bay School. This is a local curriculum in action! We look forward to sharing our learning with you.

Winter coughs/colds etc- It's really important that students stay home if they are sick to prevent the spread of illness especially because in the event of the teaching and support staff becoming ill, it is highly unlikely that a reliever will be available especially at short notice, meaning all students would then have to learn from home until the staff are well enough to be back at school. This is why from time to time you might see that the staff are wearing masks. It's either to protect your child/children from illness, and/or to keep the staff well. Please reinforce good hygiene practices such as sneezing into the elbow, sanitising, and regular hand washing. We have a huge supply of face masks and RAT which we are more than happy to distribute.

School rubbish

You may have already heard that the rubbish skip in Fish Bay has been permanently removed. We kindly request that if any of you are going into town, please consider helping to remove the school rubbish, until we can arrange a more permanent suitable solution. We usually have 1 to 2 rubbish bags per week at most. Additionally, we ask that families remind their children to take their lunch box wrappings etc. home or use reusable containers to pack their food. Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our environment clean and healthy.

Community Phone List- is available at school office, please email to office@waitairabayschool.co.nz If you know of anyone who wishes to be included, please request them to email us, thank you.

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 Term Dates for 2023

Term Three 17 July - September 22 Term Four 9 October - Monday 18 December (TBC)

TERM TWO:

Week	Date	What	Where	Who
8	12-16 June	14 June- visit from Richard De Hamel Field STEM 15 June- Board of Trustee meeting 3.30pm 16 June- visit from Amber our Community Constable	School School School	Students/staff Board members Students/staff
9	19-23 June	19 June-Tech Day 20 June- Blenheim Library/Swimming Pool 21-22rd Mr D Cowie in-Tineke PLD release	Bohally Blenheim	Years 7/ 8 Everyone
10	26-30 June	Tech Day Manaroa Beach Clean/Sustainable Coastlines TBC 30th End of Term Assembly 2.00pm	Bohally Blenheim Classroom	Years 7/ 8 Everyone Everyone

Coming up in TERM 3

Week	Date	What	Where	Who
1 17-21 July	17 July 23 July TBC	Tech Day Matariki Community Stargazing event	Bohally School	Year 7/8 Everyone
2 24-28 July	24 July 24 July	Tech Day Parent community consultation 1.30pm onwards	Bohally School	Year 7/8 All families

3 31 July - 4 Aug	3 August	Board of Trustees Meeting 3.30pm	School	Board members
4 7-11 August	7 August 11 August 11 August	Pelorus Principal Cluster meeting Pelorus Cluster Cross Country Bek Galloway-2nd PLD day	Havelock Canvastown TBC	Tineke students/staff Tineke
5 14-18 August	14 August TBC	Rotoiti School- Snow day	Rotoiti School	Everyone
6 21-25 August				
7 28 Aug -1 Sept	28 August 1 SeptemberTBC 30-1 September	Tech Day Manaroa Beach Clean up/Sustainable Coastlines Marlborough Principals Conference	Bohally Manaroa Rotoiti	Year 7/8 Students/staff Tineke
8 4-8 Sept	4 September 7 Sept TBC 7 Sept TBC	Tech Day Board of Trustees Meeting Principal Growth Cycle meeting and sign off	Bohally School TBC	Year 7/ 8 Board members Tineke
9 11-15 Sept	11 Sept	Tech Day	Bohally	Year 7/8
10 18-22nd Sept	22nd Sept TBC	Pet Day	School	Everyone

Ngā mihi nui,
Tineke Giddy and the team.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Dear All,

Due to a resignation, Waitaria Bay School would like to invite expressions of interest from our parents and/or wider community in becoming a **Board Member**.

If you are interested in this role or know someone who would be a valuable asset to our board, please feel free to nominate them or request more information by sending an email to bot@waitariabay.school.nz or contacting Kate Hutterd/Kelly McFadyen in person.

Thank you for your consideration.

Board of Waitaria Bay School

Waitaria Bay School Board Casual vacancy for a parent representative

A casual vacancy has occurred on the school board for an elected parent representative.

The board has decided to fill the vacancy by selection.

If 10% or more of eligible voters on the school roll ask the board, within 28 days of this notice being published, to hold a by-election to fill the vacancy, then a by-election will be held.

Request for a by-election should be sent to:

Kate Hutterd or Kelly McFadyen (co-chairs)
Waitaria Bay School Board

Email: bot@waitariabay.school.nz

Address: 5668 Kenepuru Road, RD2 Picton 7282

by: 23 June 2023

Gymnastic Group - On Tuesdays at 3.15pm, 60 minutes. The course is open to all. Venue is Waitaria Bay Settlers Hall. Enquire: Agi - 021 081 61168



Kia Ora Koutou

I hope this email finds you all well,

I have been currently working alongside the **Marlborough Emergency Management Team**. To explore how they can better support whānau and ākonga before, during and after emergencies such as extreme weather events.

Here are the links to the survey for [parents](#).

There will also be prizes for those who participate in the survey. (Prizes of a children's 'grab' bag and board games).

The survey end date will be 28th June, so they can announce the winners before the end of term.

If you have any questions, please feel free to give me a call.
Ngā mihi nui,

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*He mea tārai e mātou te mātauranga kia rangatira ai, kia mana taurite ai ōna huanga
We shape an education system that delivers equitable and excellent outcomes*

A paper copy of this survey is available from the school office.

Newsletter: [Te Puna Pānui - Ngahuru 2023](#)



Dear whānau,

We are supporting Stats NZ to encourage everyone to complete the 2023 Census.

So, this is a reminder that you need to return your census forms if you have not done so already.

Census data is used to make important decisions that affect us all. The census is the official count of people living in Aotearoa New Zealand, and everyone who was in the country on Census Day, 7 March 2023, is required by law to complete a census form.

Your participation will help ensure that our community receives funding for services for the number of people that live in our community. That includes education, health, and social services.

To complete the census, you can do it online at www.census.govt.nz using one of the access codes provided in the letters sent to your household. Or you can fill out paper census forms if you have them. To request a new access code or paper forms, freephone 0800 236 787 (0800 CENSUS) or order online at www.census.govt.nz.

The 2023 Census closes on 30 June, so you should do them online now or as soon as practicable. Ensure your paper forms are posted so they arrive with Stats NZ by 30 June.

Census collectors are no longer visiting households providing help to complete census forms (except in the cyclone-impacted areas of the Far North, Te Tairāwhiti, and Hawke's Bay). If you need assistance or more information:

- You can attend a census support event and get face-to-face help to complete forms (for more information go to

www.census.govt.nz/census-support).

- We encourage you to help whānau, friends, and neighbours complete their forms.
- There is information in New Zealand Sign Language, Braille, Easy Read, Large Print, and Audio formats, as well as in 29 different languages at www.census.govt.nz.
- The 0800 CENSUS (0800 236 787) helpline will be open until 30 June.

Thank you for your support in making sure our community is accurately represented in the census.