



NEWSLETTER #1 - 3rd February 2025

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Principal's Panui

Kia ora and welcome to 2025. We kicked off the New Year with our annual fundraiser at the Hopai Sports Day. Thanks to Trudie, Kate, Georgie along with friends and family, who made the delicious filled rolls. They sold out quickly. This year for the first time the Giddy family staffed the Barbeque stall at the Hopai Sports. We were sponsored by the Hellers Sausages in Schools programme, who generously supplied free sausages, which helped boost our profits. Check out the boys in action and our fabulous banner!



Congratulations to Annie, who won the Hopai Sports, Sounds Children Memorial Trophy and Ruby & Ava, who won the 7-8 year-old three-legged race.

Marlborough Lines came through in early January and did a thorough job of ensuring none of our trees posed a health and safety threat. Our fundraising efforts will be going towards shade protection, and will include the sale of firewood. Expect a working bee or two, details to come.

The Board met to finalise the annual implementation plan and thanked Stefan Shulz, whose year-long secondment to the Board had come to an end. We thank Stefan for his time, commitment and expertise.

The team was back in action on Tuesday making sure we were ready for the start of the year. Thank you to Trudie for organising and overseeing the carpet cleaning and all that it entailed. It's lovely to have our carpets looking new and smelling fresh.

On Wednesday we welcomed McCartney, a new entrant and her mother Samarah to the Waitaria Bay whānau and learning community. It's exciting to have a new pupil and family join us. The roll now sits at 8, with further new entrants to come later in the year.

The bus route continues as per 2024 with the following change. There will be one pick-up point at Manaroa which will be at the woolshed.

Bus timetable:

Morning:

-Manaroa woolshed pick up: 7:40am - School drop off: 8:00am

-Head (69 Titirangi Road at the Hopkinson's gate) pick up 8:25am - School drop off: 8:50am

Afternoon:

-School 2:30am - Manaroa woolshed drop off: 2:45/2:50 pm

-School 3:05pm - Head drop off: 3:30pm

As a reminder "Caregivers are responsible for getting their children to school, which may involve getting the children to and from their nearest bus pick-up and drop-off location. Please either stay with your children while they are waiting for their school transport in the morning. It is recommended students and caregivers be at the bus pick-up/drop-off locations five to 10 minutes before the bus is scheduled to arrive. If you wish to discuss any school transport related issues, please contact Tineke."

Parents please inform Agi of any changes preferably the night before no later than 7.00pm or alternatively before 7.00am at the very latest. Contact Agi on 02108161168 or on Agi's Messenger.

Other regular term 1 reminders are as follows;

Sunsmart- Hats must be worn when outside, school hats are available if you forget your own. Sunscreen is also available and can be reapplied during the day as needed. We expect our students to self-manage this although we do give daily reminders.

Swimming- Bring your togs and towel every day. Weather permitting we learn to swim daily as part of our Health and PE programme. The pool is heated for the students' comfort and to prolong the swimming season.

Updated contact details- We will send home a copy of the current details we have on file for your child/ren, if any of the details have changed, address, phone numbers, emergency contacts, health status etc. please amend the form or email office@waitaria to let us know. This is an important health and safety requirement.

Attendance- From Term 1 2025, your school or kura must record student attendance data in your SMS every day you are open for instruction. This is a requirement of the Education and Training Act 2020, and the Education (School Attendance) Regulations 2024. Your SMS will submit this information to the Ministry on your behalf (from 6pm). SMS stands for Student Management System.

At Waitaria Bay School we use E-Tap as our SMS. The revised attendance codes are currently posted on the whiteboard at the front of the classroom. To help us record accurate attendance data please let us know as soon as possible if your child/ren are away and the reason.

Finally, you may have heard that Keri Drylie is relocating to Titirangi and has regretfully decided to resign her position as permanent teacher-aide. Keri has been on staff here for a number of years first as a gardener and more recently as teacher aide and staff board member. Her input over those years has been invaluable and she has developed close relationships with the students during her time. I know they will hold fond memories of their time with Keri. We are grateful to you Keri, for all that you have done over the years and your continued staunch support of Waitaria Bay School. You will be missed.

There is a Health and Safety requirement that there be two adults on site each day. I will be looking at how we can best meet this requirement, however Agi will now be in the office each Wednesday from 8.30am to 2.30pm and Ben, our caretaker will be in each Friday from 8.30am to 2.30pm.

Ngā mihi,

Tineke and the team.

Term One 2025

Please note our weeks may differ to other schools as we started earlier than most.

Week	Date	What	Where	Who
1	27/1 28/1 29/1	Board Annual Planning day Staff Only Day Students start the term	School School Kererū	Board Members Staff Everyone
2	5/2 6/2 7/2	Parent meeting from 2.30pm Waitangi Day-School Closed Social Friday	Kererū WBSH	Parents Community event
3	TBA 11/2	Board Meeting Planned Power outage 10am-12pm PP date 13/2	School School	Board Members Everyone
4	17/2-21/2 20/2	Foundation Skills at Linkwater Pelorus Cluster Principal Meeting	Linkwater TBC	Staff and Students Tineke
5	27/2 28/2	Junior Swimming Sports Junior Swimming Sports PP	Linkwater Linkwater	Years 1-3 Years 1-3
6	7/3 8/3	Senior Swimming Sports <i>*Whaea Marion away</i> Havelock Mussel Festival Fundraiser	Blenheim Havelock	Years 4-8 Keen parents
7	10/3 10/3 14/3	Whaea Marion in for the week Working Bee 3.00 pm 4.30 pm Pelorus Cluster Teacher Only Day	Kererū class School	Students Everyone
8	18-20/3 20/3	Education Review Office visit Whaea Marion in to cover Pelorus Cluster Athletics	School Kererū class Blenheim	 Whole School
9	24/3-28/3			
10	31/3-4/4	Whaea Marion in	Kererū class	Students
11	7/4-10/4 8/4 11/4	Combined School Camp with Rotoiti Lakes School <i>Sailing Instruction as part of camp</i> Last day of the term	Mistletoe Bay	Staff and students

BOARD NEWS

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Quick Links for Parents and Whānau which has links to the most relevant policies and procedures for parents/whānau.

Current Review is where you will find the policies under review each term. There is a 3-year cycle which parents/whānau are encouraged to participate in..
