



NEWSLETTER 7 21 July 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

A huge thank you to all the parents who came to school to do a big term/spring clean on the second to last day of the term. Your enthusiasm and commitment to the school is infectious. It's greatly appreciated and all the staff noticed the difference.

I hope you all enjoyed the holiday break and found a way to enjoy the Matariki public holiday. Matariki marks the time when the cluster of stars also known as the Pleiades are visible in the early morning sky, so although the public holiday is for one day, Matariki itself lasts a little longer. During Matariki we are encouraged to honour those who have passed during the year (July to July), to celebrate the present, and to look to/plan for the future.

The community Stargazing evening with the Omaka Observatory is the perfect opportunity to celebrate the present. While this is a community event being supported by the Marlborough District Council, Waitaria Bay School is providing a sausage sizzle and hot milo throughout the evening.

(New date! Sunday, 6th August 2023 - please read note on 3rd page) I'll be at the hall from around 4.00pm onwards and helpers are always welcome.

Welcome- we welcome Luca Moleta and Annie Gerard and their families to our Waitaria Bay learning community. They have made a great start!

Thank you- we received a grant of \$1000 from the Mussel Festival committee to purchase a fat mat for our high jump/athletics programme.

Property upgrade- During the holiday break I was advised that the funding for our property upgrade was approved. While many of the items fall under the "health and safety" requirements, there will also be some additional improvements to the main classroom block, along with a new roof for the library and compliant pool fencing. We look forward to confirming a start date!

Wifi/Connectivity- The school will be moving to SkyLink courtesy of the Ministry of Education. This will improve our internet speed/connection and is being offered to remote schools such as ours.

Looking to the future 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

Our first session will be on Tuesday 25th from 3.15pm (while the children are at gymnastics) Here is our current vision which will be the focus of our discussion.

"Waitaria Bay School has a learning culture which challenges its students to be successful learners who strive for personal excellence. We achieve this by encouraging student agency, individualised learning

pathways, rich and inspiring tasks. Waitaria Bay School fosters positive relations between home, school and community. Our students will become global citizens equipped to embrace the ever changing future.”

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 Four 9 October - Wednesday 20 December (TBC)

TERM THREE:

Week	Date	What	Where	Who
1 17-21 July	17 July	Tech Day	Bohally	Year 7/8
2 24-28 July	24 July 24th July 25 July	Tech Day Rural Fire Demonstration (afternoon)-optional Parent community consultation 3.15 pm onwards * please note change of day and time to coincide with the gymnastics class	Bohally Manaroa School	Year 7/8 students/staff All families
3 31 July - 6 Aug	31-2 August 3 August 6 August	Rural and Remote Schools Forum Board of Trustees Meeting 3.30pm Community Stargazing event	Wellington School Hall/School Top field	Tineke Board members Everyone
4 7-11 August	7 August 7 August 11 August 11 August	Pelorus Principal Cluster meeting Omaka Observatory session (morning) Pelorus Cluster Cross Country Bek Galloway-2nd PLD day	Havelock School Canvastown TBC	Tineke students/staff students/staff Tineke
5 14-18 August				
6 21-25 August				
7 28 Aug -1 Sept	28 August 29/30 August 30-1 September	Tech Day Rotoiti School Exchange- Yet to be confirmed Marlborough Principals Conference	Bohally Rotoiti Rotoiti	Year 7/8 Everyone Tineke
8 4-8 Sept	4 September 4 Sept TBC 7 Sept TBC 7 Sept	Tech Day Manaroa Beach Clean up/Sustainable Coastlines (weather and tide dependent) Board of Trustees Meeting Principal Growth Cycle meeting and sign off	Bohally Manaroa School TBC	Year 7/ 8 students/staff Board members Tineke
9 11-15 Sept	11 Sept	Tech Day	Bohally	Year 7/8

10 18-22 Sept	22nd Sept	Pet Day	School	Everyone
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Ngā mihi nui,
Tineke Giddy and the team.



We are sorry to inform you that Stargazing Night has been postponed due to the anticipated bad weather.

**The event will take place on the alternative date:
Sunday, August 6th, 2023.**



Marlborough Primary Health

KIMI HAUORA WAIRAU | SEEKING WELLBEING IN MARLBOROUGH

This may be of use to you and any whanau you see needing health advice.

There are some new additions to services – Health Coaches and Health Improvement Practitioners who are attached to most GPs and a reminder of how useful Pharmacists can be.

Please check: <https://www.marlboroughpho.org.nz/general-practices-fees/>

WIN \$200

WORTH OF SPORTS
EQUIPMENT FOR
YOUR SCHOOL

SATURDAY 30 SEPTEMBER 2023



Enter Marina 2 Marina 2023 and your school could win \$200 worth of sports equipment sponsored by Summit Real Estate Picton. Simply name your school on the entry form when prompted. The school with the most entries wins.



T&C's: To be included in the competition registrations must be received online by 5pm 28 September 2023. Entrants must be 18 or under and a school student.



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To find out more – scan the QR code or visit join.stjohn.org.nz and search job #50670 or contact our Therapy Pets Marlborough Team Leader tracey.currie@stjohn.org.nz

Papatūānuku needs your help!

There will be a General Election in October and the next government will need to make wise decisions to protect and care for the things that ensure the health and well-being of our community and our environment.

We are inviting Marlborough primary and high school students to participate in a competition which gives you an opportunity to consider this important matter and to have a say.

What would you want to see the next government do? You are invited to write a letter to the next Prime Minister about what you would like the government to do to protect and care for Papatūānuku, our Earth Mother.

- All entries will be recognised and acknowledged.
- A selection of entries will be chosen for publication in local newspapers and news websites.
- By submitting, you are agreeing that your letter may be submitted for publication.
- Entries must be submitted as a digital file to altoft@gmail.com by 14 August 2023.
- Original work is expected.
- Please check that your entry contains your name, age and email address.
- For further enquiries please email Sue at altoft@gmail.com

This event is organised, sponsored, and judged by Climate Karanga Marlborough