



# NEWSLETTER #5 - 17 May 2024

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## Kia tū, Kia māia, Kia rere Stand tall - Be brave - Fly high

*\*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 Panui

It's been an interesting couple of days, connecting with colleagues and the curriculum leads from the Ministry of Education. As a result I've changed the date of the Teacher Only Day on the calendar for week 6. There will still be only 3 days of school that week but instead of the Monday and Friday, I've opted for the Monday and Tuesday and reclassified the day as a Staff Only Day. We will work at school that day on resources.

In that same week we will be hosting the Pelorus Cluster Speech Competition. We will have 22 visitors along with our three judges. I'll be looking for help with hospitality (soup and scones) during the lunch break. Rotoiti School is looking to join us on the 18th and 19th of June, to workshop our school production. They intend to stay overnight in the hall and I'll be putting out a call closer to the time for mattresses for approximately 30 people.

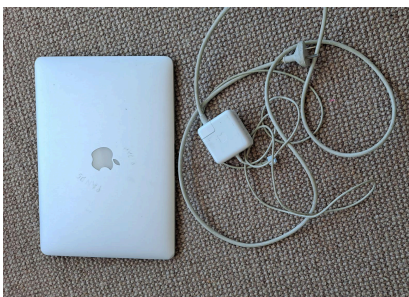
I'd like to thank Andrew Whitehead for agreeing to be nominated to the board. It is heartening to know that Waitaria Bay School has the support of the wider community. At the same time I'd like to congratulate Georgie Gerard for being elected to the board. The board now has the required three parent representatives along with Stefan Schulz, our co-opted member. A big thank you to Agi for all her extra work as returning officer. We appreciate the work that goes on behind the scenes.

Waitaria Bay School, through the generosity of Braden and Niki have been offered a substantial number of native plants. We are now on the hunt for a suitable large scale planting project ideally within reasonable proximity to school. Is there anyone out there interested in riparian planting, wetland restoration or perhaps has a covenant of native bush? If so, we'd love to hear from you.

Ngā mihi,

Tineke and the team

**Chromebooks** - surplus to requirements. We have 3 HP Chromebooks and an older-style Apple Macbook that we no longer need. They are in working order, have battery life, and also chargers. They have been factory reset. A donation would be appreciated. First in, first served.







## **BOARD NEWS**

### **Parents' and caregiver expectations**

Parents are legally required to enrol their children and make sure they attend school every day.

- Parents play a big role in helping their children do well in school. You can do this by making sure your child goes to school every day and letting the school know if they're sick.
- If your child is unable to attend school you must let the school know the reason why.
- Family holidays or taking time off for recreational activities are not acceptable reasons for being absent.
- You are responsible for letting the school know if your children are moving schools and you need to make sure you enrol your children in their next school right away.

**Is my child well enough to go to school?**

We know that going to school every day is important for all students. But as a parent or caregiver, it can be difficult deciding if your child is well enough to attend school. Here is some advice to help you decide when it is okay to send your child to school, when you should keep your child at home, and when you should contact a health professional for advice. This advice is based off in-depth guidance prepared by Te Whatu Ora | Health New Zealand, which you can view here.

[Knowing if your child is well enough to go to school: guidance for parents and caregivers – Te Whatu Ora](#)

More information is available just click on the link below.

<https://parents.education.govt.nz/essential-information/attendance-every-day-matters/>

\*Our School policies and procedures can be found at [www.schooldocs.co.nz](http://www.schooldocs.co.nz)

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**Helpful Info** on the dashboard will take you to:

**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..

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**Annual Calendar Fundraiser**- It's that time of the year again to start gearing up for our Waitaria Bay School fundraising calendar for 2025! We're thrilled to announce that we're calling upon all our talented community members to showcase their photography skills and contribute to this exciting project.

We're inviting everyone to submit their best photographs capturing the beauty of our beloved Sounds.

Please email your photos to [office@waitariabay.school.nz](mailto:office@waitariabay.school.nz). If you have any questions or need further information, don't hesitate to reach out to Agi using the same email address.

To ensure that your photos meet the requirements for inclusion in the calendar, please adhere to the following criteria:

1. **Landscape Orientation:** Photos should be in landscape orientation to fit the layout of the calendar pages.
2. **No Pet Animals or Humans:** While we adore our furry friends and cherish our community members, this calendar will focus solely on capturing the breathtaking scenery of the Sounds.
3. **Minimum Size of 1 MB:** To ensure high-quality printing, please submit photos with a minimum size of 1 MB.
4. **Provide a Title:** Along with your photo, please provide a title that reflects the essence of the image.

**The deadline for photo submissions is June 15th, 2024.** Please make sure to send in your entries before this date to be considered for inclusion in the calendar.

Thank you in advance to all our talented photographers for your contributions. We can't wait to see your submissions!





# School Term Dates

TERM TWO: 29 April- 5 July 2024

TERM THREE: 22 July- 27 September 2024

TERM FOUR: 14 October- 13 December 2024

## Term 2 2024

Week	Date	What	Where	Who
<b>3</b> 13-17/5	<b>14/5</b> <b>16/5</b> <b>17/5</b>	<b>Whaea Marion in</b> Board meeting Pelorus Principals Cluster Pink Shirt Day	Classroom Havelock School	Board members Tineke Everyone
<b>4</b> 20-24/5				
<b>5</b> 27-31/5		<b>Whaea Marion in</b>		
<b>6</b> 3-7/6	3/6 4/6 6/6 7/6	<b>King's Birthday- School Closed</b> <b>Staff Only Day- School Closed</b> Pelorus Cluster Speech Competition Manaroa Beach Clean-TBC weather/tide	Waitaria Manaroa	Years 5-8 Everyone
<b>7</b> 10-14/6	12-13/06 13/6	Tineke PLG - Dan in Speech Comp postponement	Nelson	Tineke
<b>8</b> 17-21/6	18-19/6 20/6	<b>Whaea Marion in</b> Rotoiti School visits Production workshops Board meeting	Classroom	Board
<b>9</b> 24-28/6	28/6	<b>Matariki- School Closed</b>		
<b>10</b> 1-5/7	2-4/7 5/7	Whole School Production Rotoiti Last day of School	Rotoiti	Everyone

- Coming up in Week 1 - Term 3 - Cross Country at Canvastown

## NEW FUNDRAISING INITIATIVE- Hard Antler



**Waitaria Bay School is collecting deer buds/buttons and hard antlers. We welcome any donations.**

We would like to express our gratitude to the people who sent us antlers. Thanks to your generosity, our collection is expanding.



**New Zealand Symphony Orchestra** is offering a free Relaxed Concert for audiences with sensory needs in Blenheim in June. It is an opportunity for neurodivergent children and adults to enjoy the orchestra in a sensory-friendly environment. With a more relaxed approach to concert-going, the aim is to minimise patrons' anxiety and ensure they have a calm, enjoyable and safe concert experience.

Relaxed concerts offer an open door experience where audiences are free to move in and out of the performance at any time. Chill-out spaces are also available within the venue.

**The Blenheim Relaxed Concert is on Wednesday 5 June at 11 am.**

See link here for tickets: [Relaxed Concert | NZSO](#)

Mōrena Marlborough Kura Community,



**MARLBOROUGH  
DISTRICT LIBRARIES**

The rocket has blasted off, so it's time to design a new Marlborough Libraries Childrens' Membership Card – so who better to do that, than the children who will use it!

Therefore, we are delighted to launch a competition to '**DESIGN OUR NEXT CHILDRENS' LIBRARY CARD**'

The competition is open to **all Primary and Intermediate aged children (5-13 years)** and completed entries must be received by Marlborough Library (Blenheim) or Picton Library by 5pm on Monday 3 June.

We are excited to see what our Marlborough rangatahi come up with 😊

[Click here to the entry form MDL website](#)

Ngā mihi, Kylie Cornelius, Marketing Coordinator

**FREE  
COMMUNITY CONNECTEDNESS  
HARAKEKE HUBS**

**HAVE A CUPPA, CHAT,  
& MEET NEW PEOPLE**

**DISCOVER GROUPS & SERVICES**

**Pelorus Community Lounge**  
(Behind Havelock Takeaways on Main Road)  
Second Tuesday of the month  
3:00pm - 4:30pm

**Te Kahu o Waipuna  
Blenheim Library**  
(15 High Street, Blenheim)  
Tuesday 18 June 24  
10.30am to 12.00 noon

**Te Kahu o Waipuna  
Blenheim Library**  
(15 High Street, Blenheim)  
Tuesday 21 May 24  
2.00pm to 3.30pm

**Te Kahu o Waipuna  
Blenheim Library**  
(15 High Street, Blenheim)  
Tuesday 16 July 24  
10.30am to 12.00 noon

More info?  
[harakekehubs@gmail.com](mailto:harakekehubs@gmail.com)

**EVERYONE  
WELCOME**