

# NEWSLETTER #11 6 November 2023

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**Wonderings Achievement Initiative Tolerance Assertiveness Respect Inclusiveness Aspiration**

*\*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

**Tomorrow** from just after 3.00pm we would like as many helping hands as possible to empty out the Hazchem Shed at the bottom of the school near the roadside. This is in preparation for a new concrete pad to be laid for our new Hazchem/Storage shed as part of ongoing improvements to our school led by the Ministry of Education Property team.

It has taken a little while to get used to our new school day, with the split bus run introduced in Term 3. In 2024 we will move from a 9.00am-3.00pm day to an 8.30am start and a 2.30pm finish for the majority of our pupils, with our second bus run starting a little later and finishing at 3.00pm. This change will be beneficial to learning and teaching for both students and staff overall.

Unfortunately due to the weather the Pelorus Cluster Athletics event has been cancelled for 2023, however at the Pelorus Principals' meeting today we committed to holding the event in Term 1 of 2024. We are also exploring the possibility of holding this event at Athletic Park in Blenheim, meaning our tamariki can compete in all athletic disciplines including long jump. We finalised dates for all our cluster events for 2024. Most are scheduled to occur on a Thursday and I'm excited to announce that Waitaria Bay School will host the bi-annual speech competition in 2024.

Coming up we look forward to hosting our local branch of Rural Women and testing our and their knowledge of our local area. We will be formulating our quiz over the next couple of weeks. Feel free to help your child come up with questions to ask the Women.

We are also expecting a visit from Mel Price and her dogs who have been trained as Therapy Pets through an initiative by Hato Hone/St John's.

With Chris and Barb resigning from their respective positions, we have advertised for a Principal Release Teacher for 2024. We will certainly miss both Chris and Barb, as they have been an integral part of the school and community over a number of years, and we wish them all the best as they embark on new adventures.

### **Green Initiatives: Students Leading the Way**

At our school alongside our environmental focuses, we are committed to promoting sustainability through the principles of reduce, reuse, and recycle. This year we embarked on an inspiring student-led new initiative to put this into action.

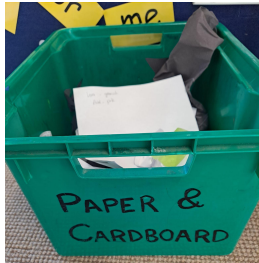
Our students have been diligently collecting all paper waste in the school. Once a week, they engage in an eco-friendly process to give new life to this paper waste. Here's how it works:

1. Paper Collection: All paper waste is gathered and saved for the recycling process.
2. Soaking: The collected paper/cardboard is torn into small pieces and soaked in water overnight beginning the process of breaking it down into pulp.

3. Blending and Pulping: The soaked paper is then processed in a blender to create a smooth paper pulp.
4. Water Removal: A colander is used to strain off excess water from the pulp.
5. Creating Paper Bricks: The pulp is then placed into our paper brick press machine, moulding it into bricks.
6. Drying in the Sun: These newly formed paper bricks are left out in the sun to dry naturally.

This sustainable practice not only reduces waste but also transforms it into a valuable resource. Our students are making a real difference, and we're proud to support their dedication to a greener future.

Keep up the great work, eco-champions!



Collecting paper



The shredded, soaked paper



Making pulp is a real teamwork



Forming the bricks



... and here are they, waiting to dry in the sun



**School pool keys** - for the summer season will be available from Wednesday 20th December until Monday 29 January. In the meantime, I am available for after-school swims during weekdays. If you would like a pool key, please email [office@waitariabay.school.nz](mailto:office@waitariabay.school.nz) and we will send out the form for you to fill in. Thank you.

## ***SCHOOL FUNDRAISING***

**School Fundraising Calendar 2024** - Thank you to everyone who generously shared their photos for our 2024 fundraising calendar. Once again, we were faced with the challenging task of selecting only 14 images for the final panel.

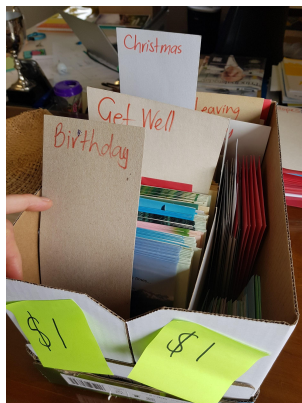
We are excited to announce that the calendars are currently in the capable hands of the printers. We anticipate that they will be ready for distribution by the end of November or early December.

If you wish to secure your calendar in advance, please find the pre-order form below. Alternatively, you can email your order (your name, your address - if you want to post them, number of copies you wish to order), to the school office at [office@waitariabay.school.nz](mailto:office@waitariabay.school.nz)

*Thank you for your continued support!*







# FOR SALE

**Paper bricks (\$2.00) & postcards (\$1.00)**  
 Enquire at the school office



**Thank you again to Martyn Birch and Helping Hands from Harcourts for the generous \$500 donation. We really appreciate your support!**

## School Term Dates

**TERM FOUR: 9 October - Wednesday 20 December**

Week	Date	What	Where	Who
<b>5</b> 6-10 Nov	Mon 6/11	Punjabi Language Week Pelorus Principal Cluster Meeting	Havelock	Tineke
<b>6</b> 13-17 Nov	Sat 11/11 Mon 13/11 Wed 15/11 Fri 17/11	KEGS Field trip N4L Network Upgrade Library Stocktaking Day BDO Auditor Visit	Blenheim School Library School	Keri/Tineke Agi
<b>7</b> 20-24 Nov	Mon 20/11 Tue 21/11 Thu 23/11 <b>Fri 24/11</b>	Tech Challenge Day Rural Women's Annual Visit MBC Orientation Day <b>Teacher-Only Day-School Closed</b>	Bohally School Blenheim Havelock	JM/Tineke Whole school JM/Tineke Tineke
<b>8</b> 27-1 Dec	Mon 27/11 Thu 30/11 Fri 1/12 Fri 1/12	Tech Day Board Meeting Manaroa Beach Clean/survey TBC Christmas Social Friday - Hosted by Rural Women	Bohally School Manaroa WBS Hall	Yrs 7 /8 Board members Whole School Whole community
<b>9</b> 4-8 Dec	Tue 5/12	Rai Valley Fun Day	Rai Valley	Whole school

<b>10</b> 11-15 Dec				
<b>11</b> 18-22 Dec	Mon 18/12 Wed 20/12	<b>End of School Year Assembly</b> /Garden Party Farewell Last day of the school year Pool opens for pool keyholders 20 Dec-29 Jan	School	Whole Community
<b>5 Jan 24</b> <b>6 Jan 24</b> <b>22 Jan 24</b>		<b>Hopai Sports Filled Roll working bee</b> <b>Hopai Sports Day</b> <b>Strategic Planning Day</b>	Hall Hopai School	Volunteers Volunteers Board members
<b>2024 START DATE: Monday 29th January</b>				

Netsafe delivers free, in-person sessions for whānau, parents, education staff, and senior leadership teams through schools. Our sessions focus on sharing knowledge and practical tips on how to keep your young people safe online. Our sessions are 1 hour each and include Q&A time. We bring with us a variety of free, printed resources too. We have space for sessions this term and in term 1 of 2024. Reach out to me if you are interested in booking. I have detailed info on our sessions below.

Whānau and Community Presentation | 60-90 minutes

In this presentation, Netsafe Education and Schools Team cover key online safety messages for parents and whānau. We provide information and tools to support tamariki in navigating online environments and safely managing the challenges and risks.

- Quick starter tips for parents, whānau and young people
- Information to enhance your digital parenting knowledge
- Details about the online risks and challenges your child may face
- Advice about how you can help your child if something goes wrong online



### 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.

*Martyn*  
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# Waitaria Bay School's Fundraising Photo Wall Calendar 2024

# Order Form

A/4 Monthly calendar - Public holidays - School terms - Moon calendar - 2025 Yearly overview



**Easy to post (A/4)**

**Plenty of Space for your own Notes**

**Perfect Gift** for friends and relatives

**Stunning photos** from local photographers

**Get your calendar now and support  
Waitaria Bay School at the same time.**

Each copy costs just **\$15.00** + \$6.00 postage.

✂----- Order Form -----

Yes, I would like to order my **2024 Marlborough Sounds** Calendars:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Town: \_\_\_\_\_ Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Payment:**  - I will collect at school office

- I will make a direct payment into the school bank account:

**Waitaria Bay School 03 0599 0307147 000**

PLEASE remember to put your **'NAME'** and **'CALENDAR'** in the reference.

I would like to order \_\_\_\_\_ copies at \$15.00 each. Subtotal: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Postage \$6.00 Postage: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Post this order form to Waitaria Bay School, 5668 Kenepuru Road, RD2, Picton 7282, or drop it into school office, or email to [office@waitariabay.school.nz](mailto:office@waitariabay.school.nz)



*Family Picnic and  
Sports Day*

*Saturday 6th of  
January 2024*

*From 10am onwards*

*Admission \$5 pp, kids*

*12 and under free*

Please bring cash for entry fees

*More information on Facebook:*

*[www.facebook.com/Hopai-Sports](http://www.facebook.com/Hopai-Sports)*

*Or phone 03 5798 232*

- ◆ Food stalls, sausage sizzle and raffles
- ◆ Gumboot throwing, tug-o-war and field races for all ages
- ◆ Hopai He-Man
- ◆ Boat races
- ◆ Wood chopping
- ◆ Prizegiving at 4pm
- ◆ BYO BBQ after prizegiving
- ◆ EFTPOS available at shop

**ACCESS TO HOPAI**

- ◆ Please check road conditions on the MDC website.
- ◆ Landing barge kindly provided by Johnson's Barge Services.
- ◆ Pelorus Mail Boat  
[bookings@themailboat.co.nz](mailto:bookings@themailboat.co.nz)  
03 574 1088
- ◆ Pelorus Tours  
[gary@pelorustours.co.nz](mailto:gary@pelorustours.co.nz)  
027 434 5488
- ◆ Kenepuru Water Taxis  
[kenepuruwatertaxi@gmail.com](mailto:kenepuruwatertaxi@gmail.com)  
027 472 7200

**Organised by the Pelorus Sound Sports Club**

**President:** Mike Gerard- 03 5798 232

**Treasurer:** Lynley Offen - 03 5798 113

**Secretary:** Ketta Gerard - 027 205 3372

**Patron:** Mark Houston

**Life Members:** Graeme and Elizabeth Clarke, Bev Foote, Martin Shand, Denise Harvey, Pat and Helen Williams, and Robbie Brownlee