



NEWSLETTER #2 - 26rd February 2025

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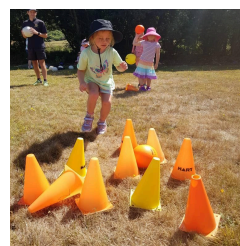
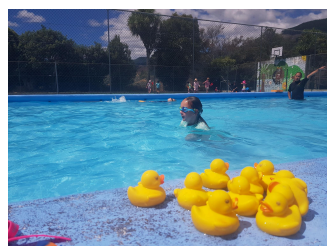
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**This newsletter is shared via email with our school families and the community email tree. It is available on our Facebook page and the school website. A printed copy is available by request through the office.*

Principal's Panui

Kia ora whanau,

Wow! Our first ever Fundamental Skills programme with Linkwater was a huge success. Our students enjoyed the activities and challenges. It was exciting to see their skills and teamwork develop over the week under the expert eye of the Stadium 2000 instructors. A special thank you to Agi and Samarah for your support throughout the week. We learned a lot and will reflect on Monday and feedback to the Stadium team. This week, it's the turn of our juniors (Years 1-3) to participate in the Pelorus Cluster Junior Swimming Sports hosted by Linkwater School. Parent information went home earlier this week.



Following the work done by Marlborough Lines, there was a massive clean-up operation. A huge thank you to Josh and Kate for clearing the bulk of the branches, and to Josh, Ben, Will and Lyel for moving all the logs and firewood into the school paddock. Lyel and Graeme did the final clean-up of all the needles left behind. Truly a team effort. Thanks again, everyone. I have a wood splitter on loan, ready and waiting in the paddock. This will be a fundraising venture for the school.

We have a **working bee** coming up in Week 7 with quite a list of jobs. If you can't make it on the actual day, feel free to call in when it suits you best and tick off what you can. See below for more details.

Attendance - At Waitaria Bay School, we use E-Tap as our SMS. The revised attendance codes are currently posted on the wall in the office. To help us record accurate attendance data, which is being analysed by the Ministry of Education, please let us know as soon as possible if your child/ren are not attending **and the reason**.



School Community Garden Success

Thanks to the generosity of everyone who donated plants, seeds, and shopped with us, in **2024** we raised a total of **\$488.70** in our **Community Garden**. We are delighted to announce that half of this amount will be donated to the **Nelson Marlborough Rescue Helicopter**, supporting their vital life-saving work, while the other half will go towards **our school bus service**.

A heartfelt thank you goes out to every member of our school community who contributed to this wonderful achievement. Your support not only helps our environment grow but also makes a positive impact on our local community. Let's keep nurturing our garden and our community spirit throughout the year!

Bus etiquette - Parents please inform Agi of any changes involving bus pick ups/drop offs, 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.

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
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-school closed	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	Manaroa Beach clean TBC	Manaroa	Whole School
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

*Our School policies and procedures can be found at www.schooldocs.co.nz

Login/Username: **waitariabay**
Password: **7283**

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.

Working Bee - on Monday, 10th of March 3pm - 4.30pm

To do list:

- Options for the green shade sail- Where and how to put it up
- Waterblast Playground
- Paint the letterbox
- Gather firewood
- Split firewood
- Chop down Pines (top field)
- Create a gutter for the turf, along the bank
- Cut back vegetation along the top field boundary
- General tidy of the gardens
- School Paddock- clear fence lines, slash bracken fern, broom etc. and/or spray weeds



Everybody welcome!



Teacher Aide position: Join Our Team at Waitaria Bay School!

Waitaria Bay School is looking for a special someone to join our team! If you have a passion for learning and working with children, we'd love to hear from you.

Position: Fixed Term, Term Time Only

Hours: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8:30am - 2:30pm (5 hours per day)

Key Skills & Attributes:

- A love of learning and children
- Flexibility and adaptability
- A positive outlook and attitude
- Strong administration and computer skills
- What else can you offer? Share your strengths and passions with us!

How to Apply:

Please email your application to principal@waitariabay.school.nz

Your application should include:

- Your work history for the past 5 years
- The contact details of 2 referees

Important Note:

A clear police vet is a condition of employment.

Additional Information:

Waitaria Bay School is a living wage employer.

Closing Date: 3:00pm, Friday 7th March

We look forward to hearing from you

SCHOOL FUNDRAISERS

Antlers: We want to thank everyone who donated deer buds/buttons and hard antlers to the school in 2024. We raised an incredible \$638.55!

We appreciate your generosity and continued support and are excited to keep collecting again this year. Every contribution makes a difference—thank you for being a part of this effort!



FUNDRAISING INITIATIVE- Hard Antler

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

Mussel Festival 2025 - We need helpers!

The school has the opportunity to assist at the entrance of the **Havelock Mussel and Seafood Festival on Saturday, March 8, 2025, from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM**, as part of our fundraising program.

Last year's event was a great success and a lot of fun. **We are looking for volunteers to help place wristbands of the appropriate colour on festival-goers' wrists, the job is easy and all necessary equipment is provided.**

All volunteers who help will receive a free general admission ticket to the festival and the school will receive \$600.

Please reply as soon as possible if you can help with this event. office@waitariabay.school.nz or call/message Tineke 0272982541. We need a total of 10 people on-site.

If you have any questions, please contact Agi.



havelock mussel and seafood festival '25

**8 MARCH 2025 | 10AM-6PM
HAVELOCK, MARLBOROUGH**

A **FAMILY FRIENDLY** DAY OUT

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