



Newsletter

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We are:



VISION

Waitaria Bay School has a learning culture that challenges its students to be successful learners through the development of individual programs, e-learning, and practical tasks. The children will strive for personal excellence. Waitaria Bay School develops positive relations with home, school, and community. Our students will become global citizens ready for future challenges.



I am adding to the newsletter a week early, as I sit with Mary and awaiting Cyclone Gita. We have closed the school as a precaution and to ensure our children are safe.

Congratulations to **SOL** who competed and came first in her section of the Triathlon, and **BOH** McDonald who participated in the team adult race with his parents. Deb and I prepared and cooked and served a BBQ at the Triathlon, making a tidy profit for the school of \$319.00.



Thank you John and Diane for giving us the opportunity, and thank you Pete for cleaning the BBQ, I had that on my list to do on Monday. Much appreciated!!!

We have had a very busy two weeks and loads of visitors to our school:



We had a very special visitor on Monday after the Tri – Rod Dixon – an Olympian athlete and marathon runner who is the founder of a foundation named Kidsmarathon

<http://www.kidsmarathonfoundation.org/>The children were eager listeners and participated in conversation and shared their own knowledge with Rod. The discussion covered topics such as aspiration (one of our school words) inspiration, and pride and how these characteristics can shape your life to be enable/encourage you to become anything you want to be or achieve and to excel at what you do. Rod was very impressed by the energy of our small school and our school children and has suggested that we have some very aspirational/inspirational children. He also mentioned that he would like to bring a film crew back with him next time he visits his brother. WOW!!! Have a look at Rod Dixon's photo section on Facebook.... there we are.



On Wednesday of last week the children participated in the ASB First Aid session. We have participated in this day for the last five years and it is pleasing to see that the children are now quite confident practicing first aid. One of the high-lights mentioned was learning how to bandage people. They also had to practice phoning 111, and it was highlighted to us that many of our children do not know either their phone number or



their address well enough. Some knew the road they lived on, some gave an area – please help your children to learn their full address and phone number, this could well save someone in an emergency, including themselves.

Yesterday, Sigi had asked if a musician friend could stop by and play with the kids. Everyone went down to the bottom classroom and played with “Vic Manuel”, an internationally known artist with five albums under his belt. He taught the children two songs and they played ukulele and guitar along with him.

For a small school we are very privileged to have such distinguished guests visiting our school to share their stories, expertise and knowledge with our children. The children are opened up to a variety of experiences that help them to realize the diversity of people, occupations and places in the wider world.

Should you wish to leave a message with regards to your child please phone the school. I teach on a Monday, and Friday. Deb on a Tuesday and Thursday, Sue on a Wednesday. Often if I am out of the school I am not able to check my phone as regularly as I would normally be able to do so.



JUNIOR children have a book to read each night, and a homework sheet to complete over the week, a page a night is quite sufficient to support what they are learning in class. Please support your child to complete their homework. Definitely read the book that comes home each night as this encourages a learning and love of books.

We wish our junior children good luck at the junior swimming at Linkwater School. I have attached the events that your child will enter in to this newsletter. Deb Parker will meet you there.

We farewell Sol this Friday – we have loved having you at our school again Sol and hope to have you back with us again next year. All the best, take care and travel safe.

Kind Regards Brenda



Playgroup will continue every Wednesday 10-12pm. Contact person is Toni Gray 022 300 3158



TERM ONE

Term One: Monday 29th January – 13th of April

Term Two: Monday 30th April – Friday 6th July

Term Three: Monday 23th July – Friday 28th September

Term Four: Monday 15th October – Wednesday 19th December

Brenda on site Monday/Wednesday/Friday

Deb Parker Tuesday and Thursday, **Sue Altoft** Wednesday

Mary Tuesdays, **Agi** Wednesdays

Newsletters every 2nd Wednesday

Date	What	Where	Who
Feb 28 th	Board of Trustees Meeting – Strategic Review Music – Paul and Kristina		
March 1 st	Roll Return		
March 2 nd	Junior Swimming	Linkwater	Juniors
March 5 th	Paul and Kristina Music		
March 7 th	PLD – Writing @ QCC		
12 th	Music – Paul and Kristina		
15 th	Pelorus Principals Cluster Meeting	Havleock	
16 th	Kahui Ako Lead’s Top of the South	Greymouth	Brenda
19 th	Top Team – Deb Parker attending	Rai Valley	All School
22 nd	Pelorus Principals Cluster Appraisal Day		Brenda
28 th	Agi in – Newsletter, Sue Altoft in Meeting with Appraiser		Brenda
29 th	Marlborough Swimming Sports	Blenheim, Stadium2000	
30 th	Good Friday – School closed		
April 2 nd	Easter Monday – School closed		
3 rd	Easter Tuesday – School closed		
13 th	Last day of term		

We have a very successful school garden this year ☺ We enjoy to doing the gardening work but the best is when we can harvest! Thank you for your help Teresa!



Last Wednesday the children enjoyed building machines with wood, nails, screws and an assortment of tools. Electra made a plane and Boh built a car. Boh practiced with the saw to get just the right shape for his car and Electra learned how to use the drill to make a hole for her nail. Everyone shared the tools very well and spent a lot of time to make sure their machine was just right.

Beau is our champion possum-catcher. He regularly sets, checks and unsets our traps in his lunchtime. Beau usually takes another child to help him and they are very successful catching around two possums each week. Thank you Beau for saving our birds!



It's **BUSH TELEGRAPH** time again!

Deadline is **March 9th**: send submissions to: thebushtele@yahoo.co.nz

Thanks for your continued support of the BUSH TELEGRAPH from your happy and grateful editors, Kristina & Emily

Sanitarium Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon

There's just 1 week left to register online for the Nelson **Sanitarium Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon** if you want to receive the online discount!

Come and join the hundreds of other Kiwi Kids giving it a TRY at Tahunanui Recreation Ground on Sunday 4 March 2018 and you'll have the chance to win some awesome spot prizes and meet your sporting heroes. Register now and pay only \$46.50 per individual participant. Be quick this offer ends midnight on Monday 26 February 2018! For more information about the Sanitarium Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon check out www.try.weetbix.co.nz, send an email to tryathlon@sanitarium.co.nz or contact us on 0800 WEETBIX (0800 933 8249). Our Registration and Call Centre is open Monday to Thursday 9am – 5pm & Fridays 9am – 1pm.



Presentations by Bill Brett, gardener extraordinaire



Bill has always been a keen gardener, and prides himself on being self-sufficient in fruit and vegetables for 11 months of the year. He started his career with Ivon Watkins- Dow and became the company's North Island Technical Officer. This was followed by some time at the Ministry of Agriculture (Biosecurity), and then with Yates. At the latter employment, Bill was responsible for the 60th Edition re-write of the Yates Garden Guide, and became manager of the Yates NZ Home Garden Division. Subsequently he had several consultancies in the gardening industry, including with Mitre 10, before retiring in 2011.

Thanks to an initiative by Pat Williams, Bill has agreed to visit us on 12 March and give three presentations in the Waitaria Bay Settlers hall relating to gardening during the afternoon and evening:

1:30-2:30 – **Vegetable Gardening**

2:30 – **Afternoon tea**

3:00-4:00 – **Home Orchard**

6:00-6:45 – **Pot-luck dinner** (please bring a plate)

6:45-8:00 – **Pest & Disease Control**



All welcome to attend and learn new tips for improving the productivity of your veggie gardens and orchards.

Organised by the Veggie Garden Discussion Group, Enquiries to Ralph Powlesland, 579-8083



Pelorus Area Health Trust



Mobility Aid Equipment - We have a great range of Mobility Aids available for use.

Mobility Aids are available at no cost to Pelorus residents. Please enquire at our Charity Shop the Treasure Chest, Main St, Havelock for our full

range and availability.

Would like to acknowledge and greatly thank the *Rata Foundation* for granting the Trust the funds to ...



- Produce & Distribute the Pelorus Emergency Phone List.
- Purchase a Cold Plate for Hospice Outreach Marlborough Sounds & Farewell Trust Services.

Additional copies of the Pelorus Emergency List are available from their Charity Shop the Treasure Chest, in Havelock.

Shop Hours - Monday to Saturday - 10am until 3pm

Hours can be altered at Volunteers' discretion



Country Harvest Fair 2018

Saturday 3rd March, Rapaura School, Hammerichs Road, Rapaura
10am – 2pm

INCLUDES:
.... to name a few!

- Farm Fresh Produce
- The Country Cafe
- The Lemon Heaven Stall
- Cake Stall
- Chocolate Wheel
- Crazy Trailer Rides
- Bouncy Castle
- Silent Auctions

