



Newsletter

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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.



Morena Everyone,

We welcome everyone back to school, unfortunately only four children on Monday which limits our productive start to our term, however everyone was back on deck yesterday and it was a pleasure to see the smiling faces of our tamariki. We welcome back Deb, Sue, Mary, Agi, Teresa, Grant and our newest member of staff Robbie. Welcome to the team Robbie, and of course all of our volunteers and community members that help our wee school.

School Bus:

Before I share the exciting teaching and learning we have this term I have some news that will impact on our school significantly. On the last day of term one I received a phone call from the School Transport Advisor informing us of the cessation of our school bus as at the end of term two.

After much toing and froing on the phone that day and an urgent board meeting on the Monday with letters sent out to – Chris Hipkins, Stuart Smith, Derek Rankin (MOE School Transport), Trevor Foote etc suggesting that due to our geographical spread and the unique/isolated nature of our environment we should be allowed to keep our bus running.

A two page letter arrived last week and I have added it as an attachment for your reading.

We are set to fight this, we are writing letters to the Ministry, we are questioning much of their letter along with evidence as to why we should keep our bus, and how the closure of this bus will impact current and future school families. We are considering going to the media. We have tried to suggest that should these people visit us they may change their minds but to no avail. So next best thing is we take our place to them through the media.

Should you wish to help us in any way then please contact either Emma Hopkinson or Emily Osborne to discuss options.



School

BIG IDEA: Digital Smarts: Getting smarter by using and creating digital technologies to solve problems and take advantage of opportunities, using technology to our advantage in this modern world. The children have, this year, begun to participate in a coding program called Scratch. So far they have learnt about algorithms and binary code – it is very exciting, with the children decoding code and even this old school girl is finding it easy to follow.

We are using a program called numeracy hub and literacy hub for our English and Math. We are looking at persuasive writing which will culminate in the children creating brochures on google docs.

Sue is taking a Health unit around personal hygiene. Today we have little Tovah and her Mum Toni in the classroom to help us understand how important it is to keep our selves clean. We are so lucky to have our willing community around us to help with some very special demonstrating like today ☺



We have orienteering this term as part of our Pelorus Cluster – watch this space, I may need some help with organization and man power on the day (check calendar for the date).



During the middle weekend of the school holidays the **Sounds Hunting and Fishing Competition** was held. Paula and I went and served the spit roast burgers – very tasty indeed – thanks to Shelly and Gareth who cooked the spit to perfection and donated this to the school and playgroup for fundraising. Thanks Paula for your help.



So an action packed term for our wee school.

We had a surprise visit from the community police officer during the last week of the term one. He came to school to talk about keeping ourselves safe, both at home and on the roads, he also talked about what his job was and what other jobs there were in the police force. He also showed us his tools of the trade, such as radio, handcuffs, vest and he showed us his car and turned on the lights and siren. We all thoroughly enjoyed his visit and in particular trying on his police uniform.



TERM TWO

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 |
|-------------------------------|--|------------------|-------------------------|
| April 30 th Monday | School starts | | |
| May 1 st Tuesday | Martin Hughes – Google Guru | school | |
| 2 nd Wednesday | Newsletter | school | |
| 7 th Monday | PD @ QCC Music lessons 11am-12pm | Picton school | Brenda Kristina&Paul |
| 13 th Sunday | <i>Mothers` day</i> | | |
| 14 th Tuesday | Music lessons 11am-12pm | school | Kristina&Paul |
| 21 st Monday | Music lessons 11am-12pm | school | Kristina&Paul |
| 23 rd Wednesday | Newsletter | school | |
| 24 th Thursday | Cluster Appraisal-Yacht Club- Canvastown | Canvastown | Brenda |
| 28 th Monday | Music lessons 11am-12pm | school | Kristina&Paul |
| June 4 th Monday | Queen`s birthday – school closed | | |
| 5 th Tuesday | Life Education Day 1. Te Reo 3 – Whaea Ngawai 11.30am | Linkwater school | |
| 6 th Wednesday | Life Education Day 2. Newsletter | Linkwater school | |
| 11 th Monday | Music lessons 11am-12pm | school | Kristina&Paul |
| 15 th Friday | Orienteering 10am-2pm | Waitaria Bay | Pelorus Cluster Schools |
| 18 th Monday | Music lessons 11am-12pm | school | Kristina&Paul |
| 20 th Wednesday | Newsletter | school | |
| 25 th Monday | Music lessons 11am-12pm | school | Kristina&Paul |
| 28 th Friday | Cluster meeting @Waitaria Bay | school | |
| July 2 nd Monday | Music lessons 11am-12pm | school | Kristina&Paul |
| 4 th Wednesday | Newsletter | school | |
| 6 th Friday | Last day of Term 2 | | |



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



Waitaria Bay Settlers Hall Rules and Hiring Conditions.

When hiring the hall for a function or to hire hall furniture there is a set of rules – these rules need to be signed by the person hiring the hall and aim to ensure our hall is left in the condition it was found. We are also more than happy to hire out tables and chairs – the cost of this is \$10.00 a table and \$2.00 a chair. Please do not hesitate to contact Brenda to make a booking or to enquire about using our hall for functions.

Helping a Neighbouring School

Riverlands School has reached the finals of the national Wall Worthy Competition. If they win they will be supplied with all the materials needed to paint a large, environmentally themed mural on a wall at their school. They are seeking the support of the wider Marlborough community to get as many on-line votes as possible to secure a win. Voting closes this Friday morning!



Please take a few minutes to visit the Wall Worthy website (<https://www.knzb.org.nz/wall-worthy-finalists/>) and vote for Riverlands. Then please encourage friends and family to do the same. Let us show the country how well we can support a local school as Marlbourians!

Bunnings is holding its **FREE Mother's Day Family Night** event on Thursday 10th May 5.30-7.30pm. Bring the family along for a great night of fun! Make a gift for mum, D.I.Y. workshops, Light refreshments, Free gift wrapping. Bookings recommended. For more information or to book ask one of our team in-store or visit www.bunnings.co.nz



PELORUS AREA HEALTH TRUST NEWS

- Flu Shots – Yes it is that time of year again, with one nasty strain already doing the rounds. Remember it is free for over 65 year-olds and only \$32 for the rest of us.
- Repeat Scripts – If you are a Havelock Medical Centre patient and need a repeat of your script, you can get it by just emailing the Medical centre with the name and dosage of your medicine. Don't forget to add your name, address and phone number, and remember the rural postie can bring it out to you. Easy!
- Shingles Vaccine – Enquire about the free shingles vaccine for over 65 year-olds. People with compromised conditions should also enquire.
- Bowel Screening - Thinking ahead now. Bowel cancer screening will be available this year on November 30th. You can book now.
- Charity Shop – The PAHT Charity Shop needs YOUR HELP. This shop is the main source of income to fund all the good that PAHT does in our community. We are running low on stock so are looking for donations of clean clothing and household items (no electrical appliances sorry). Time to do an Autumn-clean at your place and bring in any good items you no longer need.
- A HUGE thankyou to Sounds Engineering for providing a new ramp for the Charity Shop!

Visit our website for more information, www.pelorusareahealthtrust.co.nz