



NEWSLETTER #1 - 3 February 2026

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Principal's Panui

Nau mai, haere mai,

Welcome everyone to the new school year. Our first term is shorter due to the later start date. Please check the term calendar below. We will make up the required number of days by finishing a little later in Term 4.

Our Hopai Sports school fundraisers over the holidays were once again very successful. Many thanks to the filled roll team - Lynley, Lucia, Judith, Kate, and Barbara, the dream team who made quick work of the 150 rolls.

We were fortunate to have a number of helpers at the BBQ on the day. Special thanks to Amy, Colin, Mike, Trevor, Kelly, Stefan, and Judith for making everything run so smoothly. It's always a very big day. Alice also sold the last of our calendars from the Memorabilia tent, along with copies of Tales of the Kenepuru and some raffle tickets.



Last week, Whaea Marion, Lucia and I attended the third PLD workshop supporting the introduction of the newly revised Math Curriculum. We are looking forward to putting all our new learning into practice over the coming weeks and throughout the year. You can help at home by focusing on learning all of the timetables off by heart, with instant recall.

Swimming Pool - the swimming pool is open to Key Holders each afternoon from 3.00pm during term time weekdays and throughout the weekends until the end of term. The heating will be on. A reminder that children need to be supervised by an adult at all times. We are missing KEY NUMBER 4 from the previous season - please have a hunt around and return it to the school letterbox, no questions asked. We hope to have our new shade sail in place before the end of the term and we will look to empty and paint the pool during the next holiday break.

I am at school this week from 9.00am until 3.00pm each day, preparing for the year ahead. Feel free to pop in for a visit if you are passing. I'm looking forward to seeing you all back on Monday 9th from 8.00am onwards.

Ngā mihi,
Tineke and the team.

BOARD NEWS

Security - the board has installed a security system to safeguard the school premises, which is now in operation.



The Bactosure system is in use for our monthly water testing regime. **We are able to offer water testing to the wider community.** Please get in touch with the Office if you are interested in this. Please leave a message on 03 573 4377.



*Our School policies and procedures can be found at 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.

School Fundraisers

We are incredibly fortunate that Pelorus Air has generously offered us a **Float Plane Experience flight over our stunning Marlborough Sounds**, departing from Picton!

It's the last few days to secure your ticket. The raffle will be drawn on Friday, 6th February at the Social Friday potluck dinner. **They are available for purchase from; The Hub Portage Bay and the school office.**



We have **signed up to help at the Havelock Seafood and Mussel Festival as a school fundraiser.**

This involves scanning tickets and putting arm bands on as people enter the festival. For a few hours of work, the school receives \$600, and the workers on the day get free admission

to the festival, once our early morning shift finishes at 12.00pm.

If you would like to be involved please let Agi in the office know.

The date is the **14th March, 2026.**



Hard Antler

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

Term One 2026

Week	Date	What	Where	Who
	30/1/26	Maths training-staff call back day	Havelock	Teaching staff
	6/02/26	SOCIAL FRIDAY- Potluck-Pelorus Air Raffle Draw	Community Hall	All Welcome

1 9-15th February	14/2/26	Valentines Day		
2 16-22nd February		Whaea Marion in		
3 23rd-1 March	24/2/26 26/2/26	Board Meeting from 3.15pm Pelorus Cluster Junior Swimming Sports pp 27/2/26	School Linkwater	Board Members Years 1-3
4 2-8 March	5/3/26 6/3/26	Sea Week-Manaroa Beach Clean Pelorus Cluster Senior Swimming Sports Social Friday	Stadium 2000 Community Hall	Years 4-8 All Welcome
5 9-15 March	11/3/26	Whaea Marion in GARDEN WORKING BEE- from 3.00pm	School	Everyone
6 16-22 March				
7 23-28 March		Whaea Marion in		
8 30-3 April	2/4/26 3/4/26	Last Day of Term Good Friday-School Closed		