



NEWSLETTER February 2023

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Principal's message

What a fabulous first day of term we had today! We welcome Xandez and Ruby and their families to our Waitaria Bay School community. The school roll is currently 18 students, as our school whānau continues to grow. During the holiday break the team has been busy at school preparing for the new school year. This year Miss Keane will be working every Thursday and every second Friday, as Principal Release teacher while I'm in the office. Mr D will be Office Administrator each Thursday and Agi is the Office Administrator on Fridays. We have two short weeks to ease back gently into the term, however there's a lot happening and the calendar is quite full. Please familiarise yourselves with the various dates and events.

Thank you to Thomas McFadyen for topping the school paddock during the holiday break, and to Ben Jones and Kelly Beech for keeping the pool up and running. Thanks also to everyone who helped keep our school veggie patch looking lush.

Parent/Teacher Conferences I will be in touch to arrange conference slots from 1.00pm on Thursday 9th February through to 12.00pm on Friday 10th February. If there is a specific time that would suit best, please email office@waitariabay.school.nz and I'll do my best to accommodate any requests. Please bring along your child/rens end of year report as a discussion starter.

Working Bee we need all hands on deck to give our school a bit of a refresh. The working bee is to be held on Tuesday 21st February from 3.00pm-6.00pm, following on from the St John's Wellness sessions at the Waitaria Bay Community Hall. Bring along your smiles and willing hands. We need gardening tools, a water blaster etc. to tackle our gardens, paths and buildings. We also need to clear out and do a general tidy under the school building. A skip is on order.

School Bus Passenger Agreement- the school bus passenger agreement will be updated in the next week or two and sent out to all families, not just those who use the bus regularly, so that everyone is familiar with the expectations. We will be adhering to the NZTA guidelines which will be attached to the refreshed agreement.

School Pool- The pool will remain open to school families/keyholders during Term 1, for after school and weekend use.

School Term Dates for 2023

Term One: School begins Wednesday 1st February 2023 - Thursday 6 April

Term Two 24 April- 30 June

Term Three 17 July - September 22

Term Four 9 October - Monday 18 December (TBC)

Week	Date	What	Where	Who
Week 1	1 February	First Day of term	School	Everyone
	3 February	<i>Important Roothing Meeting followed by Social Friday</i>	WB Community Hall	The community
Week 2	6 February	<u>Waitangi Day-School Closed</u>		
	7-10 February	Parent/teacher conferences	By appointment	Everyone
Week 3	16 February	Board of Trustees Meeting	School Office	Board members
Week 4	20 February	Pelorus Principals' Cluster Meeting	Havelock	Tineke
	21 February	St John's Wellness sessions for students	Multipurpose Space	Juniors/Seniors
	24 February	Junior Swimming Sports-Linkwater	Linkwater	Years 1-3
Week 5	1 March TBC	Manaroa Beach Clean Up	Manaroa	Everyone
	3 March	Senior Swimming Sports	Blenheim	Years 4-8
Week 6	10 March TBC	Awa to Moana day	Anakiwa/ Pelorus	Years 6-8
Week 7	17 March	MPA Swimming Sports	Blenheim	Parents/selected students
	31 March	Swimming Pool Keys to be returned		
Week 10	6 April	End of Term		

Ngā mihi nui,

Tineke Giddy
Principal