



NEWSLETTER #10 - 8 November 2025

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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

We are halfway through the term already and we still have a full calendar of events to get through.

Over the next few weeks the teaching team will be focused on end of year assessments in order to inform the students' end of year reports. We are expecting further guidance on the requirements for this from the Ministry of Education.

In maths we continue to focus on the quick recall of our basic facts and our current topic is Geometry, specifically Spatial Reasoning. For writing we are concentrating on learning and using our essential word lists in our daily writing and we are exploring persuasive writing. We continue to work our way through the BSLA phonics lessons as part of our wider reading programme.

Our local curriculum is enhanced by programmes such as KEGS, Kids Edible Gardens, so our spring/summer planting is underway and we are spending some time in the Community Plant Shop/Shade House and in our raised beds each week. Our rat trapline is currently in hiatus due to needing an upgrade and we are exploring possum control options as they've taken a liking to our vegetable garden. We have ordered fresh Vespex in preparation for the wasp season. I am also working on a visit to Titirangi to discover more about our local pre-european history in the Sounds. I'll add this to the calendar once I have finalised the details.

Daily swimming is underway from 12.00pm each day. Pool keys are available and the pool is open to the public from 3.30pm each weekday afternoon and during the weekends. The pool will also be available over the Christmas/New Year period and will then be closed during January to allow for maintenance, painting, and the construction of our new shade pro sail in the pool area. We would appreciate any and all offers of help with this major upgrade and will confirm dates as soon as possible.

It was great to have Ben back in action this week. We've certainly missed his expertise over the last few weeks.

Ngā mihi,
Tineke and the team.

BOARD NEWS

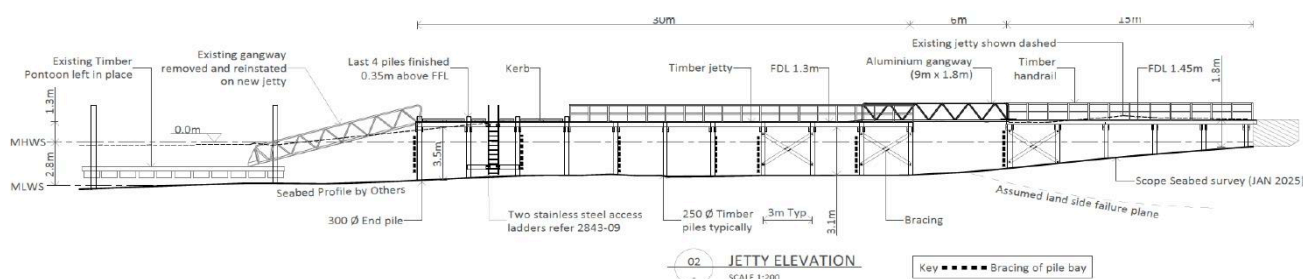
The Board is excited to be able to announce that work is due to begin on the new wharf/jetty next week. We look forward to the safety upgrade of this vital piece of infrastructure.



TO THE RESIDENTS/BUSINESSES OF WAITARIA JETTY AREA

We are undertaking the demolition and replacement of the Waitaria Jetty. This work requires our team to remove the existing jetty structure and shed, leaving the existing floating pontoon in place. We will then construct a new timber jetty to tie in with the existing pontoon. To allow room for construction the jetty pull in area and existing gravel boat ramp will be closed to all users. We appreciate your patience and cooperation so that we can get this work done as quickly as possible.

CONSTRUCTION PERIOD: Wednesday 12th November 2025 through to January 2026.



If you have any concerns about this upcoming work, please contact us:

Egypt Ltd - Mary Barnett - 027 5276211

www.egyptcivilconstruction.co.nz



The Bactosure system is now up and running, and we are able to complete our monthly water testing onsite. Some staff and Board members are now familiar with the system. We are able to offer water testing to the wider community. Please get in touch with the Office if you are interested in this.

SCHOOL FUNDRAISERS



2026 Waitaria Bay School Fundraiser Calendars

Our 2026 Waitaria Bay School calendars are now with the printers! Once again, we received an incredible selection of photos that showcase the beauty and uniqueness of our stunning environment — thank you to everyone who submitted their work. It was no easy task choosing from so many amazing shots!

We are now taking pre-orders (*Order Form is below*), and as soon as the printed calendars arrive, we'll begin posting them out. We will also inform you when they are available to pick up from the school office.

When making your payment, please include **“Calendar” and your name as the reference**. Thank you for your wonderful support — every calendar sold helps our small school thrive!

We are incredibly fortunate that Pelorus Air has generously offered us a **Float Plane Experience flight over our stunning Marlborough Sounds**, departing from Picton! To make the most of this exciting opportunity, we'll be running a **raffle to raise funds for our school**. This could be a fantastic Christmas gift for someone special, while also providing wonderful support to our school community. Keep an eye out — as soon as the raffle tickets are ready, we'll send out all the details. Don't miss your chance to be part of this amazing experience and support Waitaria Bay School at the same time!



Hard Antler

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

We have once again signed up to help at the Havelock Seafood and Mussel Festival as a school fundraiser. This involves 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.

*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.

Term Four 2025

Week	Date	What	Where	Who
5 3-9th November	3 Nov	Marlborough Anniversary- School Closed		
6 10-16th November	10 Nov 15/16 Nov	Motuweka Marine Learning Day Lights Over Marlborough	Havelock	Everyone
7 17-23rd November	18 Nov	Marion in Rural women visit-Canada quiz	School	Staff and students
8 24-30th November	TBC 28 Nov	Board Meeting MPA Dinner	School Blenheim	Board members Tineke
9 1-7th December	1 Dec 4 Dec	Marion in Manaroa Beach Clean-tbc Supreme Team Day- Rai Valley	Manaroa Rai Valley	Everyone Everyone
10 8-14th December	DateTBC 13 Dec 14 Dec	Juliet Cooper-author visit Christmas in the Park First Aid Course	School Blenheim Waitaria Hall	Everyone

Holiday Break	2nd Jan TBC	Filled Roll preparation- Hopai Sports Pool cleaning and Painting		
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Term One 2026

Week	Date	What	Where	Who
During the students summer break	TBC	Board Strategic Planning Day	School	Board members
	30/1/26	Maths training-staff call back day	Havelock	Teaching staff
1 2-8th February	2/2/26 6/2/26	School starts Waitangi Day-School Closed	School	Everyone

First Aid Course: in **Waitaria Bay Hall** on **Sunday, 14th December**. Please contact Ellen Orchard 03 5734203 or email gary@pelorustours.co.nz for details and bookings. Cost \$120 pp for full and refresher covering NZQA 6401 and 6402. 10 people minimum.



Waitaria Bay School's Fundraising Photo Wall Calendar 2026

Order Form

A/4 Monthly calendar - Public holidays - School terms - Moon calendar - 2027 Yearly overview



Easy to post (A/4)

Plenty of Space for your own Notes

Perfect Gift for friends and relatives

Stunning photos from local photographers

**Get your calendar now and support
Waitaria Bay School at the same time.**

Each copy costs just **\$15.00** + \$6.00 postage.

✂----- Order Form -----

Yes, I would like to order my **2026 Marlborough Sounds** Calendars:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Town: _____ Postcode: _____

Email: _____

Payment:

- I will collect at the school office

- I will make a direct payment into the school bank account:

Waitaria Bay School 03 0599 0307147 000

Please remember to put **your 'NAME'** and **'CALENDAR'** in the reference.

I would like to order _____ copies at \$15.00 each. Subtotal: \$ _____

Postage \$6.00 1- 3 copies

Postage: \$ _____

\$9.00 4- 6 copies

Total: \$ _____

\$12.00 7- copies

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