



# NEWSLETTER #12 - 8 December 2025

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## Principal's Panui

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to making 2025 another very successful year. It has certainly been action-packed! My apologies if you missed our End of Year Assembly, we held it last Friday, a week earlier than usual, so that Whaea Marion could take part in the event. The students enjoyed getting to know Lilly and Evie, Whaea Marion's grandchildren. They in turn had a great time experiencing school life at Waitaria Bay and their adventures at Hopewell for the week.

This week we have our visiting author visit, a banner to design and paint, planting and harvesting in the garden and if the tides are right, our Manaroa Beach clean. What a great way to finish off the school year! As I work my way through end of year achievement data, I'm excited to share that 100% of our students have met the Ministry of Education attendance expectation of between 80% and 100% attendance. Well done everyone!

Progress at the Waitaria Bay wharf continues at pace and it looks like it will be ready for the Christmas break. This Wednesday the barge will be back to assist with the installation of the gangways. We are looking forward to making good use of it in 2026, when the various road closures are in force.

Swimming Pool keys - we have tracked down the swimming pool keys and they are once again available for hire over the summer. Pop in no later than the 12th of December to pick up a key. I had initially planned to close the pool for painting and maintenance over the summer holiday break however this has now been deferred until the end of Term 1. We are waiting on the delivery of the shade sail structure and the sourcing of the correct paint.

Our school calendars are flying out the door! There are limited numbers still available. Don't leave it until the last minute, get in quick before they are all gone.

2026 and the school year will be upon us before we know it. We look forward to welcoming a new family to our learning community in February. Our numbers will swell to 12! Double figures and some more boys to add to the mix. How exciting!

I wish you all a well deserved break, filled with family, friends, fun and laughter. Take care and be safe. See you in the New Year.

Ngā mihi,  
Tineke and the team.

## BOARD NEWS

Please complete the parent survey that came home in a special envelope a few weeks ago and send it off to Katie Tullet at ImpactED. A self-addressed stamped envelope was provided. Your input is vital as it will inform the Board's Strategic Plan 2026-2028 and the future direction of Waitaria Bay School.

Security- the board has invested in a security system to safeguard the school premises, especially during the school holiday breaks. This will be installed shortly.



The Bactosure system is now up and running, and 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. Leave a message on 03 573 4377.



\*Our School policies and procedures can be found at [www.schooldocs.co.nz](http://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.

## School Fundraisers



### 2026 Waitaria Bay School Fundraiser Calendars

These 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! The raffle tickets are due from the printers any day now. They will be available for purchase from;

The Hub Portage Bay

The Picton Bookshop-Te Whare Pukapuka o Waitohi

Te Mahia Bay Resort



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 Four 2025

Week	Date	What	Where	Who
<b>10</b> <b>8-14th</b> <b>December</b>	9 Dec 12 Dec TBC 12 Dec  14 Dec	<b>Juliet Cooper-author visit</b> <b>Manaroa Beach Clean and Survey</b> <b>LAST DAY OF SCHOOL</b>  First Aid Course	School Everyone Everyone  Waitaria Hall	Everyone Everyone Everyone
<b>Holiday</b> <b>Break</b>	<b>2nd Jan</b>  <b>TBC</b>	<b>Filled Roll preparation- Hopai Sports</b>  <b>Pool Shade Structure install</b>	Waitaria Hall  Pool	Everyone  Everyone

## Term One 2026

Week	Date	What	Where	Who
<b>During the</b> <b>students'</b> <b>summer</b> <b>break</b>	TBC  30/1/26	Board Strategic Planning Day  Maths training-staff call back day	School  Havelock	Board members  Teaching staff
<b>1</b> <b>2-8th</b> <b>February</b>	2/2/26  6/2/26	<b>School starts</b>  <b>Waitangi Day-School Closed</b>	School	Everyone
<b>2</b> <b>9-15th</b> <b>February</b>	  14/2/26	  Valentines Day		
<b>3</b> <b>16-22nd</b> <b>February</b>	  19/2/26	<b>Whaea Marion in</b>  <b>Board Meeting 3.00pm</b>	School	Board members
<b>4</b> <b>23rd-1 March</b>	 26/2/26	<b>Pelorus Cluster Junior Swimming Sports</b>	Linkwater	Years 1-3
<b>5</b> <b>2-8 March</b>	 5/3/26	<b>Sea Week-Manaroa Beach Clean</b> <b>Pelorus Cluster Senior Swimming Sports</b>	Stadium 2000	Years 4-8



**First Aid Course:** in **Waitaria Bay Settlers Hall** on **Sunday, 14th December**. Please contact Ellen Orchard 03 5734203 or email [gary@pelorustours.co.nz](mailto: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

Post this order form to Waitaria Bay School, 5668 Kenepuru Road, RD2, Picton 7282, or  
drop it into the school office, or email it to [office@waitariabay.school.nz](mailto:office@waitariabay.school.nz)



**MARLBOROUGH  
UPCYCLING  
CHALLENGE**  
1 FEBRUARY – 10 APRIL 2026

**turn junk  
into  
awesome**

For schools, groups & individuals

**GET CREATIVE  
RE-IMAGINE WASTE  
WIN PRIZES**

Register your interest and learn more:  
[thebluedoor.nz](http://thebluedoor.nz)

**Launching  
Feb 2026**



3 November 2025

Dear Principal / Teacher

**Invitation to participate - term 1 2026**

We're thrilled to announce that something exciting is coming to Marlborough on 1 February 2026 – the brand-new Marlborough Upcycling Challenge!

This inspiring initiative is all about turning the discarded into something awesome – whether that's a work of art, a clever functional item, or something completely unexpected. It's a chance for students to think creatively, work collaboratively, and make a positive impact on the environment.

There are two dedicated school categories, each with prizes up for grabs:

- School Team (up to 13 years)
- School Team (14–18 years)

(There are also Group and Individual categories open to the wider community.)

By registering your interest today you'll be:

- Among the first to receive the full brief and entry information
- Getting early updates and reminders about key dates

It's quick and easy to register your interest online. Simply visit: [thebluedoor.nz](http://thebluedoor.nz)

Join us as we celebrate creativity and repurposing in Marlborough. We would love to see your students' ingenuity shine in the Marlborough Upcycling Challenge!

The Marlborough Upcycling Team  
An initiative of The Blue Door



turning junk into awesome

# PELORUS AREA HEALTH TRUST

## ABOUT US

**OPEN  
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At Pelorus Area Health trust we promote, protect and foster primary health care in the Pelorus Area. We operate two charity shops in Havelock. each time you make a purchase it goes to a good cause, albeit a new medical aid or to help fund our weekly community soup run - now in its 3<sup>rd</sup> year.

## TWILIGHT OPEN DAY

Join us on the green behind the Havelock Takeaway shop and find a great deal. All donations will go to Nelson Marlborough Rescue Helicopter, free sausage sizzle, ice blocks for the kids, free prize draws and more see you there from 4pm - 7pm - No set prices - Donate & take it away

**5 DEC**

**HELP**

## WE NEED YOU

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS! COME AND JOIN OUR FAB TEAM EVEN IF ITS A COUPLE OF MORNINGS OR AFTERNOONS A WEEK CALL BRUCE ON 0273 054 139

## DO YOU HAVE A PERSON IN NEED OF MEDICAL SUPPORT

We are here to support the wider Pelorus Community and we have plenty of connections to help our residents in need please reach out to us anytime - We have medical aids available.

**HERE  
FOR  
YOU**



**MORE INFO:**

**PELORUSAREAHEALTRUST.CO.NZ**

## Marlborough Roads

Kia Ora,

Heading into the busy summer period, we want to provide an update and clarification of the works taking place on Kenepuru Road from mid-November 2025 to 8 February 2026.

### **Closures until Friday 19 December 2025:**

There are two closures in place on Kenepuru Road between Linkwater and the Heads:

- Between property numbers 955 and 2067, incorporating several sites.
- Near Portage Bay, approximately 1.5km prior to Portage Resort when travelling towards the Heads.

Please refer to the attached map for these closure locations.

These closures will be in place **until 12pm Friday 19 December 2025** on weekdays at the below times:

- Monday to Thursday from 8am to 12pm and 12.30pm to 5pm
- Friday from 8am to 12pm and 12.30pm to 3.30pm

These closures now have coordinated midday openings between 12pm and 12.30pm. Please be assured that as long as vehicles are at their nearest closure point by 12.30pm at the latest, crews will ensure traffic does not get stuck between these closures. This applies whether vehicles are travelling from Linkwater to the Heads or from the Heads to Linkwater.

### **Additional opening time:**

On Thursday 4 December 2025, from 2pm to 4pm a community drop-in session will be held at Portage Resort. This will be an opportunity to discuss work in the Kenepuru with members of the Marlborough Roads Recovery Team. From 12pm on Thursday 4 December there will be no construction closures in place on Kenepuru Road to allow people to attend this drop-in session. Construction closures on Kenepuru Road will recommence on Friday 5 December at 8am.

Prearranged school traffic will continue to be given access until the end of the school year.

### **Current closures off Kenepuru Road:**

- Te Mahia Road, please go to the [MDC Alert](#) for further details.
- Torea Road, please go to the [MDC Alert](#) for further details.

Work may be undertaken outside of these days and times, under stop/go traffic management with delays of up to 15 minutes.

Emergency services will always be accommodated.

To view the closure locations online, please see the [Emergency Management Public Information Map](#).

### **Shutdown period:**

There will be no work on site **from 12pm Friday 19 December 2025 until Sunday 11 January 2026** as crews take a break over the Christmas period. During this time, unattended traffic management may be in place, with minor delays.

Please note the Marlborough Roads Recovery Team office will be closed from 12pm Friday 19 December 2025 until Sunday 4 January 2026. If you have any urgent traffic management or roading concerns, please phone the on-call Marlborough Roads Recovery team member on 0800 213 213.

### **Work recommencement in 2026:**

All construction recommencing in the Kenepuru from Monday 12 January 2026 will be under stop/go traffic management, with delays up to 15 minutes.

**There will be no construction closures in place for the Kenepuru Marlborough Roads Recovery sites earlier than Monday 9 February 2026.**

*All work is subject to weather and other unforeseen circumstances. In the event of unsuitable conditions, work will be rescheduled to the next suitable workday, and an Antenno sent.*

Thank you for your patience as we undertake these works.

Kind regards,

MRR Communications

Communications | **Marlborough Roads Recovery** | P: 027 246 7300

### **Kenepuru Road closures in place until 12pm Friday 19 December 2025**



These closures are in place on the below days and times with coordinated midday openings:

- Monday to Thursday from 8am to 12pm and 12.30pm to 5pm.
- Friday from 8am to 12pm and 12.30pm to 3.30pm.

As long as vehicles are at their nearest closure point by 12.30pm at the latest, crews will ensure traffic does not get stuck between these closures. This applies whether vehicles are travelling from Linkwater to the Heads or from the Heads to Linkwater.

From 12pm on Thursday 4 December there will be no construction closures in place on Kenepuru Road to allow people to attend the community drop-in session at Portage Resort. Construction closures on Kenepuru Road will recommence on Friday 5 December at 8am.

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**MERRY CHRISTMAS!**  
**MERI KIRIHIMETE**  
**MANUIA LE KIRISIMASI**



# PELORUS AREA HEALTH TRUST



## THANK YOU

- Thank You to Havelock Four Square for their outstanding support.
- Thank You to the Havelock Volunteer Fire Brigade helping with the heavy lifts
- Thank You to everyone who made a purchase at one of our shops - Its for a good cause!

## WISHING YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS

On behalf of the team at Pelorus Area Health Trust, we wish you and your family a safe and happy Christmas and New Year

## WE NEED YOU

Our New Years wish is to find more volunteers to help support our community

If you help for a couple of mornings or afternoons Monday to Saturday we would love to hear from you



## CHRISTMAS HOURS

Our shops are closed Christmas Day only, See you on Boxing Box for a great deal

