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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

Kia ora e te whānau,

The second half of term 3 saw us host the local Cluster Schools, Hugh Lensen from the Science Fair team and Angela and Sarah Huntly from the Marlborough District Council Enviro Schools team. We learned so much from these experiences. Emma represented the Tasman region at the Inter-Regional Cross-Country being held in Nelson and placed 21st. Congratulations Emma! Emma will also go on to represent the Pelorus Cluster in the Marlborough Lions Speech Competition.



We welcome Jim Bridman-Smith and his family to Waitaria Bay School and the wider community. Our school roll is now 13. We also welcome back Karoly as our number one bus driver. Term 4 means hats are back in fashion and must be worn as part of our Sunsmart policy. Usually we would begin swimming in Term 4, however, our pool requires some maintenance, including a repaint, which is weather dependent. I'll give you an update on progress when I know more. In the meantime, we are gearing up for the Pelorus Cluster Athletics, which is coming up fast.

I want to thank Whaea Marion for stepping in so that I could be with my father and family at such an important time. Losing both parents within ten months has been challenging to say the least. It has also highlighted the importance of the team as a whole, who keep the school running smoothly in the absence of the Principal. I look forward to being back with you all on Tuesday 27th October and hearing all about your holiday adventures and the learning so far this term. There are some new dates on the calendar as we head into what is arguably the busiest term of the school year.

Ngā mihi nui,
Tineke.

Term Four 2026

Week	Dates	Date	What	Where	Who
2	19-23rd Oct	21th 23rd	Whaea Marion in NZ Shake Out 1:30 pm N4L Secure Access Migration Pet Day	School School School	Everyone Smartcom Everyone
3	26-31st Oct	26th 29th 29th 30th	Labour Day-School Closed Board Meeting Group Day (A and P) Pelorus Cluster Athletics	Classroom Linkwater Athletic Park	Board Members All Students
4	2-6th Nov	2nd TB	Marlborough Anniversary-School Closed Life Education Visit	Waitaria	All Students
5	9-13th Nov	10th 12th 13th	Whaea Marion in Curriculum Day Pelorus Principals Cluster Mtg Annual Rural Women Visit TBC	Nelson Linkwater Waitaria	Tineke Tineke All Students
6	16-20th Nov	16th	Pelorus Cluster Maths PD Day- School closed	Havelock	Teaching staff
7	23-27th Nov	27th	Whaea Marion in Marlborough Principals Assoc Dinner	Blenheim	Tineke
8	30 Nov - 4th Dec	1st 3rd 4th	Manaroa Beach Clean TBC Board Meeting Supreme Team Cluster event	Manaroa School Rai Valley	Everyone Board members All students
9	7-11th Dec	11th	Year 6 Orientation Day	Marlborough Technology Centre-Bohally	Stella Ruby Henry
10	14-18th Dec		Last day of term		



We're excited to share our FREE online SAFETY magazine with you. We want to get to as many parents, whanau and caregivers as possible to keep reinforcing messages to the tamariki.

The publication is aimed at primary aged tamariki and we thank Safekids Aotearoa (Starship Digital and Community Engagement) for editorial. Our shared vision is that every

child in the Top of the South region and Aotearoa New Zealand enjoys a childhood free from traumatic, unintentional injury.

To access magazine on your PC go to: <https://communitysafety.co.nz/magazine.php?m=292>

For FREE ACCESS just scan the QR Code (This is only for Mobile devices)





Waitaria Bay School's Fundraising Photo Wall Calendar 2027

Order Form

A/4 Monthly calendar - Public holidays - School
terms - Moon calendar - 2028 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

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Helping tamariki find their school rhythm again

Returning to early starts, busy days and familiar routines can bring excitement, tiredness and big feelings. A little extra support at key times can help.



1

When they come home

Offer kai and a little quiet before asking questions.

Transitions take energy. Give them time to land.

2

Through the evening

Keep plans light and use fewer instructions.

Tired brains cope better when there is less to process.

3

Before the next day

Choose one anchor: bags ready, clothes out or a story together.

Knowing what comes next helps tamariki feel settled.

A SIMPLE TIP

Expect a little wobble

A tricky first few weeks doesn't mean everything or anything has gone wrong.

You're all finding the rhythm again. A little steadiness is enough.

real parents

realparents.org.nz

Real Parents offers practical, evidence-informed support to help parents understand what's happening beneath behaviour and respond with confidence and connection.

Lights Over Marlborough Fireworks spectacular

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Sat, Nov 14

A WHITNEY STREET SCHOOL FUNDRAISER

From 6.00pm (Gates open at 5.30pm)
A&P Park, Maxwell Road
(Postponement Day: Sunday November 15, 2026)

Admission: Adults & Children 5 & over: \$10
Family of Five: \$40 / Children under 5: FREE

For more information go to facebook.com/LightsOverMarlborough

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A WINC fundraiser for Whitney Street School

Take the Train to Santa in Seddon!

Make this Christmas one to remember and climb aboard Steam Incorporated's heritage train for a festive railway adventure from Blenheim to Seddon on Sunday the 13th December. Gather the family, bring your Christmas spirit and step back in time aboard our beautifully restored heritage train as we travel through the spectacular Marlborough countryside. There'll be a heritage train, beautiful scenery, a festive stop in Seddon — and, of course, a very special visitor waiting at the other end...

Sunday 13th December | Departing Blenheim Railway Station at 8:45am, 11:40am, 3:05pm

General Admission (3+) - \$49 | Family Pass (4 People) - \$169 | Infant (2 & Under) - FREE



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GET READY TO Shake Out

OUR NATIONAL EARTHQUAKE DRILL AND TSUNAMI HIKOI

21st
October
1.30PM



We signed up! And you?

This year's world-wide earthquake drill is happening on Wednesday, 21 October. It's a simple way to get people practising "Drop, Cover, and Hold" and talking about their earthquake plan at home.

We live close to the Alpine Fault, with a 75% chance of a magnitude 8+ rupture in the next 50 years — and we're overdue. Getting households prepared matters, sign up and take part!

Sign-up:

<https://getready.govt.nz/involved/shakeout/sign-up>

These 4 road rules will become law soon



Children 12-years-old and under will be able to
ride their bikes on footpaths

People will be able to ride e-scooters
in cycle lanes

Drivers will need to leave a 1.5-metre gap
when passing other types of road users

People will have to give way to buses
leaving bus stops