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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,

We had a very successful lunch with the Rural Women Kenepuru Branch last Friday. We enjoyed the opportunity to get to know each other better and there were lots of compliments about the authenticity of the menu and the conversations with the children. The students' knowledge shone through at Quiz time, thanks to Whaea Marion's excellent preparation the previous week. Thanks to Kat, Trudie, Lucia, and Ben for helping out through the week and on the day.

I have an update on the pool, the water blasting and preparation has begun. This should be completed by Christmas, and then we can arrange to have the new shade sail fully installed. The pool will be back in action, ready for the first day of Term 1, February 1st 2027.

Unfortunately, due to various logistical issues, Waitaria Bay School will not be attending the Rai Valley Top Team day this year; instead I am working to organise a day trip to Titirangi Farm Park before the end of term.

With most of the formal testing now complete, Whaea Marion and I will be working on the individual student reports so that they are ready to go out at the end of the year. The data from the students' tests will also be used by the Board to determine the strategic goals for the next two years. The Strategic Plan will go out to the school community to be finalised for the January 1st 2027 deadline. It's important that this document reflects the aspirations and feedback that were shared with Katie Tullet from ImpactED.

HELP! We need some offers of assistance for upcoming annual fundraisers. Please contact Agi, office@waitariabay.school.nz if you can help with the filled roll fundraiser ready for the Hopai Sports Day on January 2nd, 2027. These will need to be prepared on New Year's Day, January 1st. We have all the details and information here at school.

We have also been invited once again to do the wrist tagging for the Havelock Mussel Festival on Saturday 13th March, 2027. We need 10 people for this, working in pairs. Once again email office@waitariabay.school.nz for this.

We also need to have a working bee to clear our water intake, tidy up around the water tanks in the paddock and a big tidy up around the pool during the January school break.

Ngā mihi nui,

Tineke Giddy



Waitaria Bay School's "Journey of water" outfit, modelled by Annie Gerard featured a hat, top and skirt inspired by the water cycle in the Kenepuru Sound.

A big thank you to Marion, Annie, Kat and Georgie for seeing this through and to our school parents for supplying the wool.

Term Four 2026

Week	Dates	Date	What	Where	Who
7	**23-27th Nov**		**Whaea Marion in**		
8	**30 Nov - 4th Dec**	1st 3rd	**Manaroa Beach Clean TBC** **Board Meeting**	Manaroa School	Everyone Board members
9	**7-11th Dec**	11th TBC	**Year 6 Orientation Day** **Titirangi Day Out**	Marlborough Technology Centre-Bohally Titirangi	Stella Ruby Henry Whole school and parents welcome
10	**14-18th Dec**	18th	**Last day of term**		

BOARD NEWS

Water Source- The Board are working with the New Zealand Schools Property Agency, who are keen to secure a roof water supply for the school. This is a work in progress as we are keen to continue with our current spring water source. We will keep you updated with developments.

Boundary Fence- The Department of Conservation is paying for 50% for a new boundary fence that runs between the school paddocks and the Department of Conservation Lease land. This work will get underway shortly.

Our School Calendars are selling well, and we have around 50 left to sell. These are available from the office.

*Our School policies and procedures can be found at https://policies.schooldocs.co.nz/waitariabay
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.

TOP OF THE SOUTH SAFEZONE Magazine
ka tango i tetahi kainga ki te whakatipu tamaiti

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)



FUNDRASER - We still have some delicious **Premium New Zealand Greenshell™ Mussels available for purchase at just $8.00 per 1kg bag!**
If you would like to get your hands on some, please contact the school office at office@waitariabay.school.nz. Thank you for supporting our school!

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

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Name: _____

Address: _____

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Email: _____

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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





SCAN FOR TICKETS!

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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

NZ TRANSPORT AGENCY
WAKA KOTAHI







MGC Touch Xmas Disco Fundraiser - Please complete this form to register your child for the event, provide parent/caregiver permission and emergency contact details, and confirm that both you and your child understand the expectations for a safe, respectful and fun evening.