



NEWSLETTER #7 - 26th June 2026

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Principal's Panui

Kia ora e te whānau,

Firstly a big congratulations to all of Waitaria Bay School and families on the results of the Pelorus Schools Cluster Cross Country.

Our results:

- 🏆 Emma – 1st place (3km)
- 🏆 Annie – 1st place (1km)
- 🏆 Jazzie – 3rd place (1km)
- 🏆 Ruby – 5th place (2km)
- 🏆 Freddie – 5th place
- 🏆 Maxen – 6th place
- 🏆 Emma – 1st place Open race (2km)



Everyone gave it their best, and we are incredibly proud that Waitaria Bay School also took out 1st place overall.

As we head into the last week of the term, I thought it would be good to share some updates and to get as many of the term 3 school calendar dates as possible locked in. There will be a focus on technology and the build-up to our annual pet day. We have a macrame project we'd like to get underway, and welcome as many helpers to join us in term 3 on Wednesday afternoons from 1.30pm to 2.30pm.

At the board meeting it was my pleasure to present our overall mid-year student achievement data across reading, writing and maths for our Year 3 to Year 7 students using the new progress descriptors. I am still working away on the individual student reports, which I will email out to each family at the end of the term.

Part two of our swimming pool Shade Sail is in transit today and will be on-site before the end of term. We will be looking for some skilled volunteers from our school and wider community to put this together and attach it to the poles.

We are still working on getting the best coverage possible for our new school phone, so the more we use it, the better.

Incredible as it may seem, planning for 2027 is already underway for our students who will be Year 7 and 8's next year, especially around the provision of the technology component of the New Zealand Curriculum. An invitation to attend an open day at the Bohally Technology Centre in Blenheim has been extended. 2027 will also see an increase in our teacher staffing ratio to accommodate a Learning Support position.

On Wednesday morning, Lucia, our teacher aide, had some sad family news and has headed off to Christchurch. We look forward to having her back with us after the school holiday

break. Fortunately, Judith has been able to step in at short notice to support our teaching and learning programmes and ensure that our staffing ratio supports health and safety requirements.

Thank you, everyone, for supporting the Keeping Ourselves Safe programme through the Home and School learning activities. Constable Charlotte is keen to come back and work with us some more on Road Safety and other topics.

With Brownie no longer operating his water taxi and our increased student numbers, the logistics around travel have become even more complex. To this end, we will not be heading to Havelock on Monday to visit Harold in the Life Education Caravan, however Harold will visit us, via boat sometime in Term 4.

Ngā mihi nui,
Tineke and the team.



The school will host the August Community Dinner. It will be a Social Saturday on the second Saturday of the month, 8th August 2026, at the Waitaria Bay Settlers Hall.

The board met last night and acknowledged the students' excellent efforts at the Cross Country. We also looked at the mid-term student achievement data in relation to the new progress descriptors. Currently the board are working on;

- Finding out more about the legal and curriculum requirements for Years 7 and 8 technology and viable transport options
- Replacing the school bus as the current lease comes to an end in January 2027
- Possible roof replacement of the main block due to leaks
- Completing the shade sail project
- Options for painting the school pool
- Staffing for 2027

The board also approved the purchase of a 3D printer/laser cutter to enrich and support our local curriculum.

*Our School policies and procedures can be found at www.schooldocs.co.nz

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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

Marlborough Sounds Calendar 2027 – Photo Call!

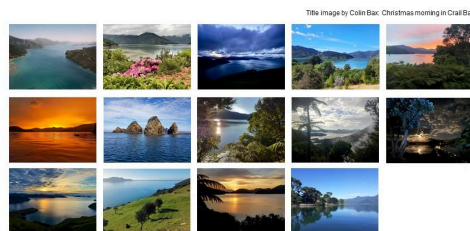
After the great success of last year's sold-out Marlborough Sounds Calendar, we're excited to start collecting photos again for our next fundraising edition! Thank you so much for the amazing support from our community – it truly means a lot to our wee rural school.



If you have a stunning photo of the Marlborough Sounds, we would love to see it! Please email your photo to office@waitariabay.school.nz.

Photo Criteria:

- Minimum file size: 1MB
- Orientation: Landscape
- Theme: Our picturesque Marlborough Sounds
- No people or pet animals included



Title image by Colin Bar: Christmas morning in Crail Bay

17 July **Deadline: 20 July 2026**

A selection of 14 photos will be featured in the calendar.

This calendar is a fundraising project for Waitaria Bay School. We thank the following photographers, who donated the right to use their images:
 Agnes Takacs, Alan Campbell, Braden Mōta, Colin Bar, Eilan Hunt, Glenda Page, Kara McKinley, Kristen Gerard, Krista Cook, Melissa Johnson

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Term Two 2026

Week	Dates	Date	What	Where	Who
11	29th -3 July		Reports to go home this week via email		
		3/7	Last Day of Term		
School holidays	6-17 July	10th	Matariki observed		

Term Three 2026

We welcome pre-schoolers to join us each Wednesday from 12.00pm. Feel free to spread the word.

Week	Dates	Date	What	Where	Who
1	20-24th July				
2	27-31st July	30/31st	Ewa in- Principal Release		
3	3-7th August	TBC 6/7th 8th	Board Meeting Ewa in-Principal Release School Social Saturday Dinner	Waitaria Bay Settlers Hall	Everyone
4	10-14th Aug				
5	17-21st Aug	20th 20th/21st	Pelorus Cluster Principal Meeting Ewa in- Principal Release	Canvastown	Tineke
6	24-28th Aug		Manaroa Beach Clean-TBC	Manaroa	Everyone
7	31-4th Sept	3rd 3/4th	EOTC MOTAT DAY- Picton TBC Ewa in-Principal Release	Picton School	All students
8	7-11th Sept	TBC 9th	Board Meeting Whaea Marion in STEM Day-Havelock	Havelock	Students Years 3-7
9	14-18th Sept	18th	Pelorus Schools Cluster Speech Competition		

10	21-25th Sept	24/25th 25th 25th	Eva in Drama Performance Pet Day TBC		
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