



# NEWSLETTER #4 - 19 April 2024

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## Kia tū, Kia māia, Kia rere Stand tall - Be brave - Fly high

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### Principal's Panui

Kia ora, the last week of Term 1 was action packed. Many thanks to Mr Cowie and Lucia Hartley for filling in on Monday and Tuesday so that I could attend the Biosecurity Awards event in Parliament alongside Agi and Emma. Emma was a wonderful ambassador on behalf of Waitaria Bay School and we couldn't have been prouder. While we didn't win the overall award in our category, we got to meet a host of VIP's including the Minister for Biosecurity and we were joined by Stuart Smith our local MP for the evening. Our award recognises all the work put in by the team over the last 5 years or more to make our "playground" pest free and the range of initiatives

the school has undertaken to protect the biodiversity of our native flora and fauna. This was just one of the many successes we enjoyed over the term.

We started the term with our new timetable, with school open from 8.00am and class beginning at 8.30am and finishing at 2.30pm, to better accommodate the bus runs. Overall we have adapted quickly to this new routine. Another change has been the way that the Principal Release time is arranged. Whaea Marion is energetic, enthusiastic and experienced, and the students are enjoying the weeks she is with us and the consistency of the timetable. Having a solid week in the office scheduled throughout the term has its advantages. It also means I am less available during the remaining weeks as my focus is fully on the students and the classroom programme. We will continue to adapt and adjust to this new arrangement.



As always during the student's holiday break, work continues in the background. Along with cleaning, caretaking, administration, and planning, this break sees the continuation of our 10 Year Property Programme. Our new HAZCHEM shed will be in place, ready for the new term and our locks and padlocks will be upgraded. We welcome these improvements to our overall safety and security.

I'm looking forward to seeing you all back bright and early on Monday 29th April.

## BOARD NEWS

The Board is delighted to have received 2 nominations for the vacancy on the Board and encourage all eligible voters to participate by casting their vote. We are grateful to Agi Takacs, our returning officer for her dedication and attention to detail in ensuring that we are following the correct process as set out by the New Zealand School Trustees Association.

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

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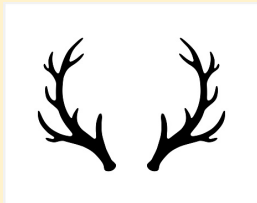
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**Helpful Info** on the dashboard will take you to:

**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..

**Education Review Office** the Board welcomes our Evaluation Partner, Victoria Irvine, who will be working with us as we complete a School Improvement Framework process and a Board Assurance Statement.- These documents are to be completed by **Tuesday 23rd July**. This will be followed by an onsite visit in Week 5 (19-23rd) August.



### NEW FUNDRAISING INITIATIVE- Hard Antler

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

We would like to express our gratitude to the people who sent us antlers. Thanks to your generosity, our collection is expanding.

## School Term Dates

**TERM TWO:** 29 April- 5 July 2024

**TERM THREE:** 22 July- 27 September 2024

**TERM FOUR:** 14 October- 13 December 2024

### Term 2 2024

Week	Date	What	Where	Who
<b>1</b> 29/4-3/5				
<b>2</b> 6-10/5				
<b>3</b> 13-17/5	<b>14/5</b> <b>16/5</b>	<b>Whaea Marion in</b> Board meeting Pelorus Principals Cluster	Classroom Havelock	Board members Tineke
<b>4</b> 20-24/5				
<b>5</b> 27-31/5	29-31/5	<b>Whaea Marion in</b> Rural Principals Conference	Wellington	Tineke
<b>6</b> 3-7/6	3/6 6/6 7/6	<b>King's Birthday- School Closed</b> Manaroa Beach Clean Pelorus Cluster Speech Competition <b>MoE PLD Day School Closed</b>	Manaroa Waitaria	Everyone Years 5-8

<b>7</b> 10-14/6	13/6	Speech Comp postponement		
<b>8</b> 17-21/6	20/6	<b>Whaea Marion in</b> Board meeting	Classroom	Board
<b>9</b> 24-28/6	28/6	<b>Matariki- School Closed</b>		
<b>10</b> 1-5/7	2-4/7 5/7	Whole School Production Rotoiti Last day of School	Rotoiti	Everyone



**Pelorus Area Health Trust**

We need your support to keep the shop open and to maintain ongoing local community projects.

We are more than just a charity

shop. Visit our website

[www.pelorusareahhealthtrust.co.nz](http://www.pelorusareahhealthtrust.co.nz) for information.

**VOLUNTEERS WANTED** - We need friendly, enthusiastic volunteers to give just a few hours of their time to support a local Trust that promotes health care in the Pelorus Area.

- Shop Volunteers- working a few hours a week in our Charity Shops
- Community Lounge Volunteers- working a few hours a week in our Community Lounge, making cuppas, talking to people, general help
- After-hours volunteers -doing odd jobs in the comfort of your own home

If you are a people-person, organised, and would like to work with a lovely group of volunteers, then we would love to work with a lovely group of volunteers, then we would love to hear from you!

Please call Glenda on 022 105 4672

**THE FIVE BUCK A DUCK DERBY**  
Sunday 5 May | Pollard Park  
PROCEEDS TO LIFE EDUCATION MARLBOROUGH

**WIN PRIZES**

- 1st Duck - \$500 CASH from MTF Finance Blenheim
- 2nd Duck - \$500 Interislander Travel Voucher
- 3rd Duck - \$100 Sunset Restaurant Voucher
- Lucky Duck Spot Prizes

Logos: Life Education, MORE FM, mtf Finance, Blenheim Rotary, MEN AT WORK, Quench, Interislander, Sunset Restaurant, South Trust, PrismaPrint, STIHL SHOP.

**NELSON ARTS FESTIVAL**

**WE'RE TURNING 30 - COME CELEBRATE!**  
**24 OCT - 3 NOV 2024**

**MASK CARNIVALE: FRIDAY 1 NOVEMBER**

Save the dates | Full programme launches in late August:  
[nelsonartsfestival.nz](http://nelsonartsfestival.nz)