



# NEWSLETTER #3 - 3 March, 2026

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## Principal's Panui

Nau mai, haere mai,

It's week 3 and it's great to be in the classroom! Our junior swimmers did us proud in the Pelorus Cluster Junior Swimming sports last Thursday. We were recognised for our overall Sportspersonship. Most importantly, our students gave it their best, participated confidently in their respective events and had fun! Thanks to our wonderful parents who were there in support. This week it's the turn of the seniors at Stadium 2000.

Whaea Marion and I have worked together to plan the curriculum for the year. This term, we are learning about Quiet People who Changed the World, specifically in the fields of Science and Technology. We've made a great start to our Numicon maths programme, using a daily rotation to ensure each group works with the teacher, practices their new learning, and uses games to reinforce math concepts. Please keep focusing on learning those timetables by rote.

It's **SEAWEEK**, and usually our Sustainable Coastlines Beach Clean falls within this week, however we will wait for a more suitable tide time and look to do our beach clean in Week 6.

Occasionally, an opportunity arises that's just too good to pass up. Our tamariki have the opportunity to meet and work with celebrity chefs Michael Van Elsen and Ganesh Raj prior to the Havelock Mussel Festival. On Friday, 13th March our Year 6-8 students will compete as a team of 4 in a mussel fritter sandwich cooking competition against other teams from local schools. We will travel as a school, via water taxi, to support our team. Further details to come in a separate newsletter.

Our first working bee of the year will be followed by a whānau BBQ hosted by Mr Giddy at the schoolhouse. Our working bee will focus on the gardens and the grounds. Bring your garden tools, wheelbarrows and smiles. Choose from the list of projects and dig in. We have timber to edge the Turf in the school storage container so some building skills would be most welcome. If you can't make it on the day, let us know which project you will tackle and when suits you best.

Have you seen our two gun staplers (one is orange and one is black) and a blue USB cord that we use to charge up the iPad for the trapline? I seem to have misplaced them.

Ngā mihi,

Tineke and the team.



The Board met for the first time this year last Tuesday. Kate Hutterd was once again elected as Presiding Member. Congratulations Kate. Along with Kate, our parent elected Board Members are Georgie Gerard, Braden Moleta and staff member Agnes Takacs.

The Board approved the [Attendance plan](#), the Annual Implementation Plan and the 2026 Budget. A copy of the Attendance Plan will go home to families and is available [on our school website](#). The Annual Implementation Plan will also go up on the website.

The Board has some capital works and maintenance projects on the go. There is a shade sail to go up in the pool area, a new 5000l water tank to be installed next to the pump shed, painting of the toilet block roof and a new sink bench and tap to be installed in the main classroom. These projects are in addition to the Ministry of Education's Small School Upgrade project, which will see new carpet installed in the bottom classroom. The Board also approved the purchase of more school t-shirts and a dedicated cell phone to support the Attendance Plan.

**Working Bee 3.30pm to 5.00pm**  
**Take your pick of the project:**



**TURF-** deal to agapanthus and re-strain fence, clear drains etc. of fallen leaves, box edge the bank side of the turf. Remove cabbage trees and tidy up pongas etc in the corner. Tidy up both sides of the front path that leads to the tennis court. Cut back flax etc.

**KEGS GARDEN-** complete the fencing on the paddock side, fix up the compost bin with slats to hold in the material. Empty the compost bin and start again. Complete the building of the corner garden and take one layer of wood panelling off the garden that has the passionfruit vine. Organise to have shell paths put down.

**LIBRARY GARDEN/COMMUNITY PLANT SHOP-** weed and cut back as necessary the plants around the library. Trim the magnolia tree that is hanging over the Community Plant Shop. Arrange the community plant shop for sale. Weed the plant shop. Dispose of anything that's past its best.

*N.B. Please leave the school only section.*

**SWIMMING POOL and seats-** weed-eat and mow the bank. Gather seats and picnic tables and give them a water blast in preparation for painting. Gather up and water blast benches in preparation for painting.

**FRONT PATH/NO DIG GARDEN--** trim back the lizard garden next to the boys' toilets. Trim/chop back renga renga so we have a full-width path. Do a big weed and trim to release the plants that are in there. *Add in the plants from the school-only section in the Community Plant Shop.*

**TOP FIELD/PADDOCK BOUNDARY-** Trim via chainsaw to preserve fenceline/boundary. Tighten barbed wire fence line. Deal with the barberry bushes.



**Whānau BBQ from 5.00pm**

We'd like to take this opportunity to welcome Kathleen and Callum to our school community. Mr Giddy will be the host with the most on the BBQ. Meat, snacks, and liquid refreshments provided. Please bring a plate to share.



**EDUCATION REVIEW OFFICE**  
Te Tari Arotake Mātauranga

*ERO's research centre wants to hear from parents and whānau about your experience at the school, as part of a project about supporting schools across the country. Here is the link to a 3-min survey: [Parent and whānau survey School supports](#)*

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



### Fundraising Through Recycling!

We're turning paper waste into eco-friendly burnable paper bricks! Students collect and tear scrap paper, soak it overnight, blend it into pulp, press it into moulds, and dry it — and voilà!

This hands-on project helps our tamariki learn about sustainability, teamwork, and protecting our environment while raising funds for our school.

\$2 each and available at the school office.

Support our fundraising and help us care for our planet



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. **We need some more volunteers!** The date is the **14th March, 2026.**

Please email [office@waitariabay.school.nz](mailto:office@waitariabay.school.nz) and register with Agi.



### Hard Antler

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



### See week: National Ocean-Inspired Art Competition

15th February to 15th March, 8am-11:59pm

Info: <https://seaweek.org.nz/events/ocean-inspired-art-competition/>

# Term One 2026

| Week                        | Date                          | What                                                                                                                              | Where                                  | Who                                                    |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| 4<br>2-8 March              | 5/3/26                        | <b>Pelorus Cluster Senior Swimming Sports</b>                                                                                     | Stadium 2000                           | Years 4-8                                              |
|                             | 6/3/26                        | <b>Social Friday</b>                                                                                                              | Community Hall                         | All Welcome                                            |
| 5<br>9-15 March             | 11/3/26<br>13/3/26<br>14/3/26 | <b>Whaea Marion in GARDEN WORKING BEE- from 3.00pm</b><br><b>Cooking with Chefs</b><br><b>Havelock Mussel Festival Fundraiser</b> | School<br>Havelock<br>Havelock         | Everyone<br>All students<br><b>6 volunteers needed</b> |
| 6<br>16-22 March            | TBC                           | <b>Manaroa Beach Clean</b>                                                                                                        | Manaroa                                | All welcome                                            |
| 7<br>23-28 March            |                               | <b>Whaea Marion in</b>                                                                                                            |                                        |                                                        |
| 8<br>30-3 April             | 2/4/26                        | <b>Last Day of Term-Prepare for Bottom room upgrade by clearing out the room.</b>                                                 | Bottom Classroom/<br>Storage Container | Helping hands welcome                                  |
|                             | 3/4/26                        | <b>Good Friday-School Closed</b><br><b>POOL CLOSED FOR THE SEASON</b>                                                             |                                        | Keyholders to return keys                              |
| <b>SCHOOL HOLIDAY BREAK</b> |                               |                                                                                                                                   |                                        |                                                        |
| 7th-11th April              |                               | <b>Asbestos Removal</b>                                                                                                           | Bottom Classroom                       | Contractors                                            |
| 13th-17th April             |                               | <b>New Carpet Being installed</b>                                                                                                 | Bottom Classroom                       | Contractors                                            |

**PELORUS AREA HEALTH TRUST**

**ABOUT US**

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, such as funding grants for health education and helping fund our weekly community soup run - now in its 4<sup>th</sup> year.

**OPEN MON-SAT**

**MEETING SPACE AVAILABLE**

The Pelorus Area Health Trust lounge is a fabulous space to hold small meetings, appointments or presentations. Call Bruce to find out more and reserve a space.

**WE NEED YOU**

We are in real need for more volunteers! Come and join our fabulous team, even for half a day a week would be appreciated.

**NEW TRUSTEES WANTED**

We are on a search to find additional trustees. Our trust is growing and we need additional trustees to help support our future plans and strategies.

**WE NO LONGER ACCEPT ...**

Landline phones, internet or free view routers, DVD & Blu ray players, electric blankets, printers, batteries, electric or battery powered shavers, computers and screen (unless they come with a game controller).

**FOR MORE INFO:** Please call **Bruce Moffat - Trust Manager** 027 305 4 139

**TE RĀ O NGĀ TAMARIKI**  
CHILDREN'S DAY



**FREE EVENT**  
1-March-2026  
10am-to-1pm  
Brayshaw Heritage Park  
26 Arthur Baker Place  
Redwoodtown

**Children are our greatest gift**

He taonga te tamaiti

**FREE Bus:**  
10:00 - Seymour Square to Brayshaw Heritage Park  
10:30 - Seymour Square to Brayshaw Heritage Park  
13:00 - Brayshaw Heritage Park to Seymour Square  
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