



NEWSLETTER #5 - 7 May 2026

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Principal's Panui

Kia ora e te whānau,

What a fabulous start to the term we have had. I am reminded of just how amazing our tamariki are and how they truly live our school motto of Kia tū, kia maiā, kia rere- Stand Tall, Be Brave, Fly High. This was especially evident during our Fundamental Skills programme and sleepover. Our students are to be congratulated for their sportspersonship, their camaraderie, the respect and understanding they show for others and for embracing new activities and experiences. A huge thank you to Agi and Trudie for their help and support. A special congratulations goes to Ruby Bosson who was awarded a special 'Player of the Day' award in recognition of her efforts on the court and in the pool on Friday.



We have left over a fresh lettuce, some tomatoes and a cucumber in the school fridge free for the taking. Please deposit the \$10 per student for food into the school bank account:

Waitaria Bay School 03-0599-0307147-000 Reference: *camp food*. Thank you.

Our teaching and learning spaces look refreshed with the new flooring and I've kept a piece of our original carpet which is in town being edged to make a large mat for the classroom. The Ministry of Education continues to invest in Waitaria Bay School and following on from our newly installed Fire Alarm system, next up we have an electricity upgrade. This is a positive sign and bodes well for the future of Waitaria Bay School.

It's great to have Whaea Marion in this week and my first week of admin release is always a catch-up. Frustratingly, I am still working on getting our SPARK phone up and running with the transfer of the landline number. In the meantime, you can help by texting, or messaging via WhatsApp to **027 540 7781** so that we can build up our contact lists.

Coming up next we have a visit from Kathryn from St Johns who will deliver 'Responding to an Emergency.' This will be a perfect opportunity to practice our emergency drills for fire, earthquake etc. using our new alarm system. Along with this we will update our policies and procedures to match. Later in the term we have the Keeping Ourselves Safe programme as part of the health curriculum. These lessons are delivered as part of our regular classroom programme alongside a visit and some lessons from Constable Charlotte. More details to come closer to the time.

We have been building up our fitness and stamina for the Pelorus Cluster Cross Country, with four weeks left to go we'll start on our paddock runs and circuit. This will mean we get wet feet as it's difficult to run in gumboots! An extra pair of warm socks or slippers will be needed. The actual distances our students will run on the day are as follows;

5 & 6 year olds	1 lap of the first paddock
7 & 8 year olds	1 km course
9 & 10 year olds	2 km course
11 & 12+ year olds	3 km course
Canvastown Open	2 km course (Open to adults and students)

Feel free to get some practice at home as part of Home Learning.

Following the Ministry's Assessment and Reporting schedule the next two weeks will see our students completing various assessment activities and more formal tests. This will be followed by the end of Term written reports for each child with the introduction of the new progress descriptors followed by parent interviews.

Emerging	Students require support to meet curriculum expectations for their year level and/or goals as described in their personalised learning plan.
Developing	Students are making some progress towards curriculum expectations for their year level
Consolidating	Students are meeting many curriculum expectations for their year level and are steadily strengthening their understanding across learning areas
Proficient	Students are meeting curriculum expectations for their year level
Exceeding	Students are exceeding curriculum expectations for their year level

Ngā mihi nui,
Tineke and the team.



Coming up in Term 3

The school will host the August Community Dinner at the Waitaria Bay Settlers Hall as one of our major fundraisers for the year on **1st August 2026**. It will be a Social Saturday on the first Saturday of the month. This will come around very quickly. We need your ideas and input. Possibilities include a bonfire night, surf and turf, a sea based dress up theme... I'm sure there are many more. Let's get our creative juices flowing. We'd love to hear YOUR ideas.

The foundation poles for the swimming pool shade sail are in! And the rest of the components are on their way. **Thank you to Prices Contracting for doing a fabulous job.**

The new water tank is in and up and running. We are fortunate to have a qualified plumber locally. **Thank you Callum Janmaat.**

Our new classroom sink bench is ready and awaiting pick up from the Portage.

*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



Tales From Kenepuru – Back in Stock! 📖

We're pleased to let you know that *Tales From Kenepuru – Fragments from History* by Helen Godsiff has arrived back from the printers!

If you'd like to secure your copy, please email us at office@waitariabay.school.nz, and we'll send you all the details.

You're welcome to:

- Have your book posted to you, or
- Pop into the school office to purchase in person

Price: \$50 per book, Postage: \$11.60 - **Don't miss out on this special piece of local history!**

♻️ 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



Hard Antler

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



Term Two 2026

Week	Date	What	Where	Who
3 4th-8th May	5/5 10/5	Whaea Marion in Mothers Day		
4 11-15th May	12/5 15/5	St John- First Aid Training Pink Shirt Day	Kererū Classroom	All students
5 18th-22nd May	21/5	Whaea Marion in Pelorus Cluster Principal meeting	Havelock	Tineke
6 25th-29th May				
7 1st-5th June	1/6 TBC 5/6	KING'S BIRTHDAY - school closed Manaroa Beach Clean Pelorus Cluster Cross Country	Manaroa Canvastown	All welcome All students
8 8th-12th June	11/6 12/6	Pelorus Cluster Solar Buddy Marlborough Gymnastics- TBC	Havelock Blenheim	All students Small group of students
9 15th-19th June	17-19/6	Whaea Marion in Tineke at Conference	Christchurch	Tineke
10 22nd-26th June		Keeping Ourselves Safe	Kererū Classroom	
11 29th -3 July	3/7	Last Day of Term		



To the communities of Havelock, Pelorus, Rai Valley, Linkwater and Pelorus Sounds,

Thank you for supporting the 2026 Havelock Mussel and Seafood Festival, which proved once again that our small community can deliver an excellent festival and draw people to our area from other provinces all around NZ.

The festival is designed to celebrate the wonderful seafood produced in the area and recognize the important part that Aquaculture and Fisheries play in our economy. One of the goals of the festival is to return profits to the community through a Grants application and selection process, if finances allow.

Although the festival was a success on many levels, it didn't bring in a surplus this year. So cash reserves were used to cover the shortfall. As a result, we are not able to offer grants this year.

However, the opportunities the festival provides for local groups to fundraise on the day via food stalls, campervan parking, accommodation & hospitality are of huge benefit to the community. This year we engaged even more community groups to help with the 'work on the ground'. This meant that around \$8,000 flowed into these 11 groups for the benefit of their organizations.

Another initiative this year was to contract our celebrity Chefs, Michael Van De Elzen and Ganesh Raj, to host a cooking challenge for local schools on the Friday afternoon prior to the festival. This was hugely popular and was a great way of giving back to the local community in a fun and educational way, providing an awesome opportunity for our young folk to work alongside and learn from NZ's leading food educators.

The festival would not be possible without the voluntary work of our committee or without the support of our many sponsors and I take this opportunity to acknowledge and thank all of them for their hard work. Our sponsors can be found on our website: havelockmusselfestival.co.nz Take a look and be sure to support them when you can. You will also find many photos and videos from the 2026 event.

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