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## *School Newsletter*

**TERM 3 – 23 JULY 2020 – WEEK 1**

### From the Principal's Desk

Kia ora koutou whanau,

Welcome back to all our families to Term 3 at Woodbury School. We are all looking forward to having a “normal” ten-week term, with hopefully few interruptions! This will ensure teachers and students are able to settle quickly into routines and learning. We have a few extracurricular activities we are looking forward to, which this first newsletter of the term outlines.

#### **Week 1**

- Harold from Life Education has been with us for the first 3 days of the term, which is always an exciting experience for the children

#### **Week 3**

- WSSG fundraiser clothing sale (Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> August) – see the WSSG piece in this newsletter for more information about this.
- Written Reports for all children go home (Friday 7<sup>th</sup> August) – please note that these would normally go home in Term 2, prior to interviews which would normally be Term 3. If you have any questions regarding these reports, please contact your child's teacher to organise a time to meet.

#### **Week 4**

- Several Year 5/6 students represent Woodbury School at the South Canterbury Cross Country (Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> August).
- The WSSG are putting on a disco for the children (Friday 14<sup>th</sup> August).

#### **Week 6**

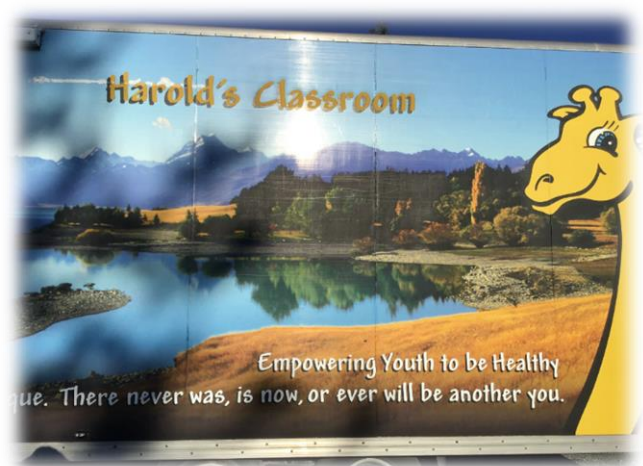
- We have our annual Ski / Skate trip to Tekapo and Roundhill. This is a family event which we encourage parents and other siblings to attend (Friday 28<sup>th</sup> August).

#### **Week 7**

- We have a Teacher Only Day planned (Monday 31<sup>st</sup> August) to work on our literacy programme and how we support students in this area.

#### **Week 10**

- Last day of school for Term 3 (Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September).



*Harold from Life Education*

I would like to congratulate all our children for their **Matariki Performance** at the end of Term 2. Despite not having an audience, the students did everyone proud with their singing, dancing and speaking roles. For those who have not viewed it, click on [this link](#) for the video of the performance. Parents are also welcome at any stage to come into classes to view the wide range of artwork the children have produced for Matariki.



This year the Woodbury teaching team (including our Teacher Aides) have had a focus on upskilling their skills and knowledge of teaching resources to **support students struggling in literacy** (particularly those with dyslexic tendencies). This has been derailed somewhat by the lockdown, but we will be getting back into this in Term 3. As part of this ongoing learning for staff, we will be having a **Teacher Only Day on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> August**, to allow staff to meet to review how we deliver literacy and how we cater for all students and particularly to those students who need further support.

### ***A wee update on the school structure for 2021...***

With a teacher leaving right at the end of 2019 we employed Mrs Nelson and Mrs Veaux on a fixed-term basis for this year, although with Mrs Veaux's happy pregnancy news Mrs Harley will be teaching with Mrs Nelson during Term 4. Very soon we will be advertising for a new teacher for 2021, to teach in our Year 1-2 class. We hope to have this process completed by the end of this term, at which point we will inform parents of the new appointment. Following this process we aim to have parents come in for an afternoon in Term 4, to further explain how the school will be structured for 2021 and to meet with their child's teacher for next year.

For those parents who missed the "Dojo" message on Tuesday, we will continue with **"Wheels Days"** **every Thursday and Friday** for children who would like to bring bikes or scooters. These can be stored in the pool area overnight Thursday if required. Also, your child needs to bring a mouthguard every Wednesday if they would like to play **tackle rugby** at lunchtime.



### **Communication**

Class Dojo will continue to be the primary method of communication for any reminders so please make sure you check any alerts that pop up. We will post to the Facebook page also things that may be of interest to other family members and the wider school community. Anything relating to accounts, buses or other matters which may be more urgent will be emailed directly to parents. It is hoped that through a variety of channels we can make sure parents are well informed.

Nga mihi

Mike de Joux  
Tumuaki / Principal



# Woodbury School Support Group

Kia ora,

We hope you had a restful holiday, welcome back for term 3. We just wanted to remind you the **'honey' orders** are due in **this Friday**. Children who want to be put into the prize draws need to have their forms in by Friday midday please! Last few days to sell, sell, sell!



A show of hands would also be much appreciated for the **pre-loved clothing sale on the 6th August**. Clothing can be dropped off the day before at the office, ready to sort. The students have no doubt been earning their spending money and decluttering the house. Tarahaoa will be encouraged to take responsibility of organising this but frankly some guidance from parents, grandparents, long lost cousins to help set up and tidy up, even for the more controlling parent, act as fashion police, it would be super helpful. If we can get a few people to give up just a couple of hours in either the morning or afternoon it shares the load. It should be a fun event, who doesn't love shopping with kids after all. Please go to the WSSG facebook page (see link below) to volunteer your services.



Remembering also get your glad rags out for the **14<sup>th</sup> August, its disco time**. Those who helped last year will be hit up for repeat turnout to hang lights, climb ladders and jazz the hall up but again anybody else with a spare couple of hours that afternoon would be appreciated.



Parents please [follow this link](#) to the private WSSG Facebook Page, and request to join. We plan on using this page to let parents know what is going on, and as an easy means for sending out reminders and asking for any help (such as for the upcoming clothing sale and disco).

The WSSG acknowledges that we all work, have busy lives but to keep a small school like Woodbury achieving great things like it does, is a group effort. If everyone can help out with just one fundraiser a year it really does make a difference.

Thanks for your ongoing support, now off you go and sell more honey!

WSSG

# Community Notices

(Disclaimer: We in no way endorse or otherwise any notice placed in this section. It is purely an information section for public notices.)



- **SOUTH CANTERBURY GYMSPORTS, Century Movement Centre, 8 Craigie Ave, Timaru Term 3 enrolments NOW OPEN!**  
We offer a variety of recreational and competitive gymnastics-based classes to help children develop strength, flexibility, and basic body management.  
For enrolments or information on our programmes contact Mandy on (03) 6989 6807 [scgymsports@outlook.com](mailto:scgymsports@outlook.com) or visit our website [www.scgymsports.co.nz](http://www.scgymsports.co.nz)
- **SEIDO KARATE CLASSES:** The beginners classes for Seido karate will begin on THURSDAY 23rd JULY at the GERALDINE BOWLING CLUB rooms on Wright Street, Geraldine at 5-00 pm until 6-00 pm. We welcome all members of the community to come and try a martial art that develops fitness, confidence, coordination and skills in a friendly, supportive and warm environment. Contact Lizzy on 02041764403.  
For all those karate students that need a refresher after being away, the white belt classes are also back from 6-7pm Thurs (higher grade belts always welcome).
- **2020 is a big election year!** Not only are we voting for the parties and candidates we want to represent us in parliament, we are also having our say in both the End of Life and Cannabis referendums. Are you ready?  
**It's easy to enrol, check, or update your details online at [vote.nz](http://vote.nz)** using a New Zealand driver licence, New Zealand passport, or RealMe verified identity. If you need information in another language you can also find it on the front page of [vote.nz](http://vote.nz)  
You can also use a paper enrolment form – download one from the website, call 0800 36 76 56 or text your name and address to 3676 to have a form sent to you.  
**Election day is Saturday the 19<sup>th</sup> of September** and advance voting begins on Saturday the 5<sup>th</sup> of September. Get ready to have your say!

**FREE!**  
Beginners Tennis Coaching Sessions

**SHOT SHOTS**

Sponsored by ACTION SPORTS and Wilson

**4 Weekly Sessions**  
Starting 30th August from 9:30am  
(30-45 Minute sessions dependent on age)

**BRING A RACQUET**

4 weeks of fully subsidised coaching sessions for beginner players  
At the Trust Aoraki Tennis Centre.  
Players will be grouped based on age

**REGISTER ONLINE NOW!**

Session times are dependent on the number of participants.  
Pre-registrations are essential!  
Please register by Wednesday 26th August 2020  
Online registrations only

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Four Peaks  
**Seido Karate**

Great Fitness Training  
Builds Confidence  
Great Self Defence & Martial Art  
Ideal for families  
Heated Dojo

Starting date: 23rd July 2020, 5-6pm

Venue: Geraldine Domain Bowling Club Room  
Training Days: Tuesday, Thursday & Friday

Contact: Liz Glasier

**020 417 64403**

Children under 10 years old must be accompanied by an adult.  
Parents are encouraged to join in. The cost will be just \$2 a session per person.

THE 2020 GENERAL ELECTION AND REFERENDUMS

**He tere, he māmā hoki te rēhita ināiane.**

whakahou i ō taipitopito mā tō raihana, uruwhenua rānei o Aotearoa, tō takiuru RealMe rānei i whakaungia.  
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ELECTORAL COMMISSION  
Te Kaitiaki Take Kōwhiri