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## *School Newsletter*

**TERM 4 - WEEK 5 – 13 NOVEMBER 2019**

### Upcoming Reminders

- **Friday 15 November** Teacher Only Day (no school)
- **Friday 22 November** Athletics Day, combined with Carew-Peel Forest
- **Friday 06 December** Xmas Parade
- **Thursday 12 December** Reports Home, End of Year Prizegiving
- **Friday 13 December** Last Day of Term 4

### From the Principal's Desk

Kia ora koutou whanau,

The **Woodbury Hill Country Challenge** proved to be an enormous success once again. We are truly fortunate to have parents so committed to the school and our children that they are willing to spend so much time and effort preparing this event. Everyone I spoke to on the day were impressed with how smooth and professional the event was. Thanks also to all our community who volunteered their time on the day, everyone played their part and in the end our children will benefit from all the money raised.

We already have a number of parents interested in purchasing a key for the **school pool**, for use outside of school hours. Please contact the office if you are interested. Unfortunately (and frustratingly), parents will notice the new paint on the pool has started peeling on the bottom. Other than not looking great this has no impact on the pool, and will be fixed by Rangers once the swimming season is over.

A reminder that this **Friday is a teacher only day**, so school will be closed. As mentioned in previous newsletters, in recent pay negotiations teachers were awarded several days over the next 3 years as teacher only days, to help reduce workload. The Woodbury Board have decided that wherever possible these days will coincide with long weekends, or in this case on Canterbury Anniversary Day.

A note on the structure of our **school board**. Our Chairperson Keith Tyler-Smith has announced to the Board he will be stepping down as Chairperson at the end of the year. Woodbury School has been incredibly lucky to have been able to draw on Keith's wealth of knowledge and range of expertise. I thank Keith for all the support he has given myself, and the leadership he has demonstrated. Alistair Holmes will take over as Board Chair from next year. I would also like to thank Janene Adams for her time on the Board, as she also steps down. Again, Janene has brought a range of skills to the role, particularly her vast network of useful contacts!

To fill in our positions, we have co-opted Tim Saywell, Bec Lees and Kirstin Ross onto the Board. All three are passionate about Woodbury School, and bring a range of different backgrounds and experiences to the table.

Please see the attached form with information for next week's school **athletics day**, combined with Carew-Peel Forest. Please read this information, as the day will be quite different to the structure in previous years.

Nga mihi

Mike de Joux  
Tumuaki / Principal

## School Photos

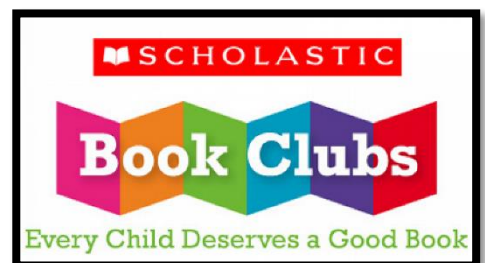
The school photo order envelopes have been sent home. Should you wish to order, please could you ensure you return the envelope, with completed details, to the school office no later than next week **Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> November 2019**. Please either include cash in the sealed envelope or your credit card details.



## Scholastic Book Club

Issue 8 is out now, closing date is **Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> November 2019**.

A reminder to all parents that you can **order online** (<https://mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz/> or via the Scholastic's mobile app) and pay by credit card if you wish. No need to select your child's class, all children are simply under Woodbury School, not individual classes. The order will come to Woodbury School all packed and ready for school to distribute with the school's total order for the issue.



## Caroline Bay Relays

Fantastic day out at the annual Caroline Bay Relays on Tuesday 12th November. We had 4 teams representing Woodbury School in the Year 5/6 race. Teams were made up of: Tim Bartlett, Hew McKeown, Tom McKeown, Harry de Joux, Alex Holmes, Tom Muff, Rio Anderson, Guy Holmes and the girls Neve Ball, Violet Adams, Harriet Harley, Kaitlyn Saywell, Bettina Lithgow, Emily Muff, Sophie Ackroyd and Amethyst Wano.

All students ran incredible times completing their 2km laps in 9min or under on average and ran well in the windy but warm conditions.

We had our first podium finish with the Girls Woodbury Red team coming in 3rd place with a time of 34.11 overall. The other girls team finished in 6th place and boys teams placed 7th and 11th in a very competitive boys race.

We are super proud of the commitment these kids showed to their training to running their hearts out and representing our wee school well on the day. The excellent running effort and their loud support crew have definitely put Woodbury School on the running radar.



# Woodbury Hill Country Challenge 2019



# Thank You from The Woodbury School Support Group

The Woodbury School Support Group would like to say a massive THANK-YOU to all the parents and grandparents who helped at our very successful WHCC. Sincere thanks to our entire school community for once again getting behind this awesome event and giving up your time to come and help, compete or support. The biggest thank-you goes to the WHCC committee who worked tirelessly, put in the hard and long hours to make this event the success it was. It is a credit to you all that it was such an outstanding success enjoyed by hundreds of happy competitors! Well done! That is an outstanding achievement!



## 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.)*



### GERALDINE KIDS SING!

We are looking for keen kids to join us at the Geraldine Academy on Tuesday afternoons from 3pm till 4:30pm. We are supported by the community and this is a low-cost activity for kids of all ages. If you are interested, please contact Adele on 0210 236 9674

### FlipOut Timaru

*For the Kids - Bounce on down for your **Birthday Party** at FlipOut. We have several packages to suit all budgets, which, can include catered or BYO food. Or we can make one to suit you!*  
*For the Adults - We have our new **Tramp-o-Lean Circuit**. Just like a gym circuit – but on trampolines. Mondays 6.30pm \$10pp. Bring a friend and bounce into your summer body.*  
**FlipOut Timaru**, 147 Hilton Highway, Timaru. Ph 03 688 2807 or message us on Facebook.



#### LEARN TO SWIM

Do you like water? Do you want to upskill while having fun?  
We need some keen helpers to deliver our new Learn to Swim programme in the Geraldine Pool alongside trained coaches.  
There are 2 Blocks of lessons this coming season to teach local children swimming skills.  
The first Block is starting when the pool opens in November and the second Block is in Term 1 2020.  
Lessons are on Tuesday and Thursday evenings.  
Please contact Rebecca as soon as possible for more information:  
[learn2swimgeraldine@gmail.com](mailto:learn2swimgeraldine@gmail.com)

#### SWIM SQUAD

The first night of swim squad training at the Geraldine pool will be on **Monday 11th November**.  
Swimmers and caregivers are to meet poolside at 4.30pm for a brief introduction and registration check before entering the pool.  
New swimmers are welcome but it would be advisable to contact the Secretary- Dallas Rae [secretarygasc@gmail.com](mailto:secretarygasc@gmail.com) or 027 2240237 for more information prior to the first night.

FACEBOOK - Geraldine Amateur Swimming Club (PM available)