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## School Newsletter

TERM 4 – 17 NOVEMBER 2020 – WEEK 6

### From the Principal's Desk

#### Upcoming dates

- Week 6: *Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November – Athletics (Geraldine Domain)*
- Week 7: *Book Fair Week!*  
*Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November – Book Character Mufti Day*
- Week 8: *Production Week: Matinee and night show (Monday), night show (Tuesday), night show (Wednesday)*  
*Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> December – Year 6 Day at Geraldine High School*  
*Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December – Xmas parade (beach theme dress up)*

Kia ora koutou e te whanau,

I have been really impressed with the Perseverance all our tamariki are demonstrating as we practice for our **Athletics Day this Friday**. We are seeing huge improvements in the children's running, throwing and jumping, and they are so excited to be practicing (it would be nice to still be at an age when sprinting 100m was something to look forward to!!). Further information about Friday's Athletics Event is attached to this newsletter. The weather looks great for Friday and we are looking forward to a great competition.

Unfortunately for Woodbury School, I have to announce that our **Office Administrator Robyn Worthington will be moving on at the end of this year**. Robyn's husband Sean has won a teaching position in Auckland, and they will be moving soon with their children McKenzie, Matteo and Franki. In her time here Robyn has made a huge impact, with her efficiency and professionalism in the office and personable nature with children, parents and staff – she will be sorely missed! We are in the process now of appointing a replacement before the end of the school year.

**Production** practices are in full-swing, and we are looking forward to full rehearsals next week! Please contact the office if you would like to buy tickets for any of the shows, on the evenings of the 30<sup>th</sup> November, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> December. There is also a matinee on 30<sup>th</sup> November.

A reminder to contact the office if you are still interested in getting a **key for the swimming pool** for after hours use. We are happy to sort part payments for anyone who would like a key, but for a shortened period of time (i.e. a few weeks over Christmas). Teachers will be letting parents know when to start sending children to school with their togs for swimming at school. This may be less frequent while production practice is in full swing.

Finally I would just like to make mention of **our hard-working staff**. Currently they are busy getting children ready for production. They are fitting time within their daily programmes time to practice for athletics on Friday. Following this we will be squeezing in some swimming lessons. They will also be preparing for the Book Fair activities next week. Teachers also have been spending a significant amount of time compiling student data and writing end of year reports. On top of this they are planning ahead for moving furniture and swapping classrooms ahead of the 2021 school year. And already this term we have had Pet Day, farm trips, Top Teams, South Canterbury Cross Country, Rippa Rugby and Relay Race events. As a staff we discussed whether we still wanted to go ahead with these events (many of which were postponed due to Covid19), but decided that these activities give children a chance to shine outside of the classroom, and are what make our school an exciting place to be. It has certainly been a busy term and there will be a well-deserved break coming up in the Christmas Holidays!

Nga mihi

Mike de Joux  
Tumuaki / Principal

## Woodbury Classes 2021

In Week 9 of this term, we will be **re-organising our classrooms ahead of the 2021 school year**. We will be physically moving Piwakawaka (Yr 1-2) and Kereru (Year 3) into the large classroom that is currently Tarahaoa. Tarahaoa (Yr 4-6) will be moving into the spaces that these junior classes previously occupied. Apart from being in a different space, children will still be with the same teachers they have had all year for the final few days of school. The reason for the shift is a) this is quite a big change we are making, with regards to the spaces our year levels will be occupying, b) to establish if we need more furniture or resources for these spaces for 2021, and c) to give children a chance to see the new space and teacher they will be with the following year. On Thursday of this week (10<sup>th</sup> December) between 9.00 and 9.30 children will spend a short amount of time in their 2021 class, with their 2021 teacher. We will be in touch soon with parents, to let them know which class their child will be in for next year. Parents are welcome to pop in during this time to see how this will look, and Ms Jud Baynes will be here as well, in case any parents would like to meet with her. We will let parents know more about this closer to the time.

## Woodbury School Support Group

The **Woodbury School Support Group (WSSG)** met at the Running Duck recently. Woodbury School would like to once again thank all those who volunteer their time for this group, and any fundraisers we have.

As stated previously, this year we are again running our **Highlander Potato fundraiser**. Due to the generosity of several of our families, this serves as our biggest fundraiser of the year and with help from parents and students can help bring in a significant amount of money. Families can help out in a number of ways. When we harvest the potatoes, we will include the children during some days and ask families to come along during some evenings. Once the potatoes are in crates we will bag them up. Last time this was quite a fun, sociable time involving both students and parents. Once bagged, we also need a few families to help with selling. This can be either through the order form we will send home, setting up a wheelbarrow and honesty box on a busy footpath, helping at a Farmers Market, advertising through Facebook, etc... If you would like to help out with any of these aspects, please keep an eye on the WSSG and Woodbury School Facebook pages, and encourage friends and families to buy their new potatoes through us (as all the money goes back to your children!).

## Year 5 & 6 Rippa Rugby Tournament



*Well done!*

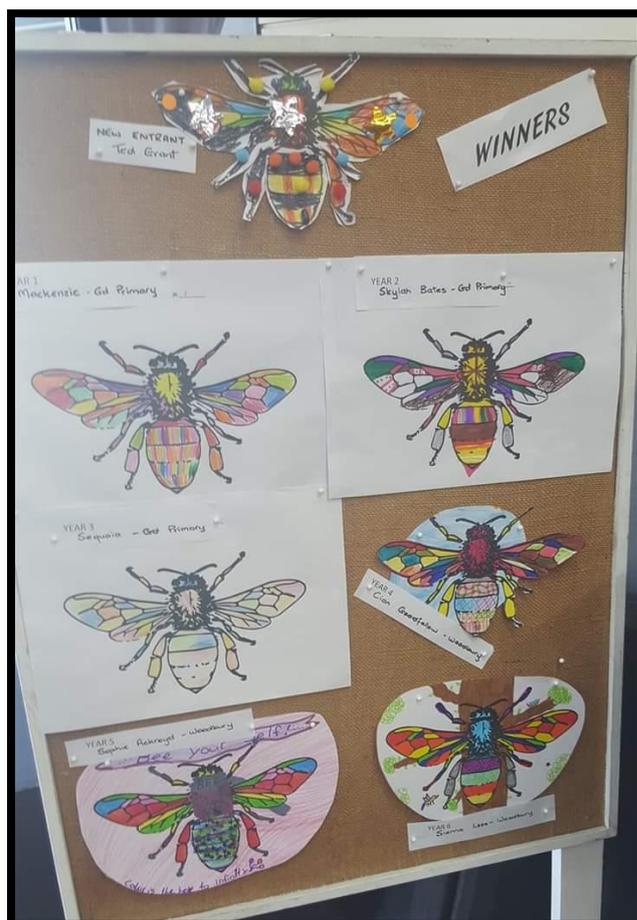
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# School Production

Don't forget to book your tickets with the office!



## 'Bee Happy, Bee Involved, Bee Here'

Well done to those children who entered the Alpine Energy Art Exhibition – Children's Art. Congratulations to the following winners: Ted Grant (New Entrant), Cian Goodfellow (Year 4), Sophie Ackroyd (Year 5) and Sienna Lees (Year 6). Amazing work! The display is still on this week at Kiwi Country in Geraldine.

## School Photos

The envelope photo order forms were sent home yesterday. Please could you return your completed photo order forms to the school office by this week Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> November to include in the schools bulk order. Apologies for the short turn around, but due to covid Kolourcare has been put under pressure to take all the school's photos and get them out within these last 2 terms of the school year. Should you not be able to return your completed order form by Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> November, you are welcome to send your order in directly to Kolourcare and drop it off with them in Timaru when it is convenient for you.

# Athletics Day: Friday, 20 November

Please find some **important** information ahead of the combined Carew Peel Forest and Woodbury Schools Athletic Event.

**Date:**  
Friday 20th November (postponement Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> November). We will notify a postponement via Facebook and Class Dojo.

**Location:**  
Geraldine Domain. Each school will have their own base set up so look for this on your arrival, this is where we will store our belongings. This will be on the Hislop Street side of the oval, the same as last year.

**Time:**  
Students will need to be at the domain from 8.45am. We will address the children at 9.00 and start at 9.15. The day will finish at approximately 2.15pm (after the relays).

**What to bring:** Bag with sunhat, drink bottle, lunch (no bbq). **Wear school top on the day** and bring warm top if looking cold. **Coffee cart will be on site.**

**Transportation:** Students transported to the event by parents.

**Organisation:**  
The format will be 7 rotations (shotput, discus, softball throw, sprints, hurdles, high jump, long jump) with 30mins at each rotation. Juniors will do the same events and rotations as the older children, modified to suit their ability.  
There are 7 age groups from Under 5 to Under 11. These are ages as of 1<sup>st</sup> January 2020 – an easy way to remember is if your child turned 6 in 2020 they are Under 6, turned 9 in 2020 they are Under 9, etc...

	Under 5	Under 6	Under 7	Under 8	Under 9	Under 10	Under 11
9.15 – 9.45	Hurdles	Softball	Long Jump	Shot put	Discus	Sprints	High Jump
9.50– 10.20	High Jump	Hurdles	Softball	Long Jump	Shot put	Discus	Sprints
<b>Snack break</b>							
10.30 – 11.00	Sprints	High Jump	Hurdles	Softball	Long Jump	Shot put	Discus
11.05 – 11.35	Discus	Sprints	High Jump	Hurdles	Softball	Long Jump	Shot put
11.40 – 12.10	Shot put	Discus	Sprints	High Jump	Hurdles	Softball	Long Jump
<b>Lunch break</b>							
12.30 – 1.00	Long Jump	Shot put	Discus	Sprints	High Jump	Hurdles	Softball
1.05 – 1.35	Softball	Long Jump	Shot put	Discus	Sprints	High Jump	Hurdles
1.40 Pre-school Race for any 4 year olds From 1.45 – all meet to watch relay event (fun way to finish) Sort teams prior to day Fastest boys team and fastest girls team and any adult teams							

**Parent Help:**  
If parents are watching their children and are willing to help, we would appreciate help moving groups from one activity to the next (particularly the juniors).

**We are looking for gazebos to use on the day to provide shade so if you can help us out please email the office ASAP and bring along on the day.**

# Scholastic Book Fair

A reminder that our Scholastic Book Fair is coming up next week. A great way to start getting those Christmas presents early! A note went home yesterday with more details.

The Book Fair will be open in the Library from 8.30am until 9.15am and again from 2.15pm until 3.15pm.

## Special Event:

*Shared reading with Grandparents / Special visitor*

Date: Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> November

Time: 1.15 – 2.15pm

Grandparents and special guests are invited to come along for an afternoon of enjoying books. Children love hearing stories and they will read a story they have prepared for their visitor too!

Children please bring:

A small plate of afternoon tea food (4-5 things). This can be taken to the library before school.

Can invited guests please bring:

A picture book for sharing. You may choose one from our school library from 1pm if needed.

We can double up children to guests if visitors are unable to attend.

Afternoon tea will follow our book sharing.

Our Book Fair will be open for viewing/sales before and after our Shared reading.



## 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.)*



- **Christmas Trees for Sale**

Christmas tree variety of pine (extra branching) sourced from Southern Woods.

Grown on farm, up to 5 yrs old, can choose size. \$15-\$20. Can deliver to Woodbury 1st or 2nd weekend Dec. Delivery at other times or to other Geraldine by arrangement. Can arrange viewing/selection if wanting to pick up or choose tree. Will be ongoing as planting each year.

Please call Gus, Bryn, Hew or Kaid - 6922774 or email [knocklyn.farm@gmail.com](mailto:knocklyn.farm@gmail.com)

