

From the Principals Desk

Kia ora Koutou

Term 2 has arrived and it is always great to welcome our students back to school and see them reconnecting with their friends.

Due to roll growth, we are opening a new classroom in the library as of Monday 6th May. We extend a warm welcome to Cushla McKerchar and Glenda Begg, who will be team teaching and bringing a wealth of expertise to Waihao Downs School.

This week the student numbers in Kākano are 28 and Pihinga have 26. These two classes have been rearranged into the following: Kākano 17, Pihinga 19 and Māhuri 18. Parents and whānau of students who are moving classes were sent a letter home on Monday. If you have any queries or concerns, please contact your child's current teacher or myself. Teachers will work with students this week to ensure a smooth transition into their new classes.

My last day as principal at Waihao Downs will be on the 7th June. The decision to leave my principal role is bittersweet but the time is right and I need to reduce my work load. An acting principal will be appointed for the last 4 weeks of the school term.

Classrooms

Our classroom names reflect the growth of our school symbol the Oak Tree. Kākano – seed, Pihinga - the sprout, Māhuri - young tree or sapling, Rākau- tree. The old administration block will be used as break out spaces for small groups, our itinerant teachers for music, speech and drama. The Mobile Kindy will also occupy the space on a Thursday morning. We have named the area Tipu which means “to grow.”

Ngā Mihi Nui

Kere Adams



Cross Country

Keep this day free, Monday 20th May. (Postponement date 23rd May)
The school cross country will be held at the Henshaw's property. We will require parents to provide transport to and from the event. This is a whole school event and we always look forward to seeing our families and the wider community attend this sporting event. An update of the event will be in week 2's newsletter.



Mufti Day

Student leaders have organized a mufti day on Friday 10th May to help raise funds for our cat Tiger who had to have an operation to fix her dislocated hip. Tiger is at present recuperating in the old staffroom (Tipu) in a cage.



Welcome New Students

A very warm welcome to Toby Adams who has started in Kākano and Ella Stringer who has joined Rākau. We hope you have a fantastic time at Waihao Downs School.



Farming Day – “Think Safe Brain”

Wednesday 29th May. Postponement day 31st May

We will be joining Glenavy and Waituna schools at Glenavy school for the Farming Day. An educational day with a large variety of activities that promote safety on the farm.

The programme is designed by Harriet Bremner-Pinckney who is formally a primary school teacher and now a full-time farmer with her husband in Southland. Harriet runs her own business “Gurt and Pops” where she writes rural children's books with strong messaging around health, safety, wellbeing and wool. She is passionate about safety, health and wellbeing in the farming sector, having lost her partner in a farming accident five years ago.

Parent help will be needed on the day and information will be sent home closer to the date.

WAIMATE CHILDCARE CENTRE
QUIZ NIGHT
Fun night out for a good cause

Friday
May 17th
at Waimate Rugby Club
Doors open at: 06:00pm
Quiz starts at: 07:00pm

\$15
per person /
teams of 4
(5 max)
inc. supper /
cash bar

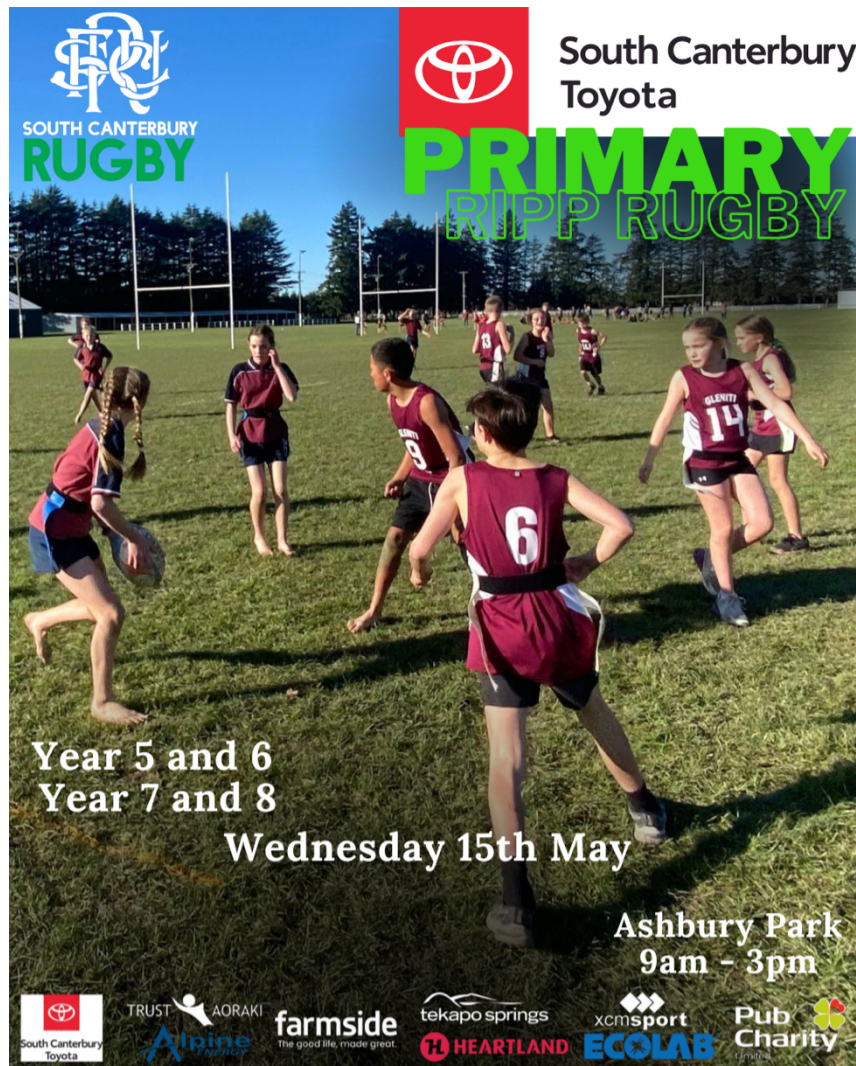
For registration & further information
Find us on FB - Waimate
Childcare Centre Quiz Night

BOT News

The Board have purchased a new van for the school which is now in use. Our old van has served the school well and will be sold.

The Board are seeking sponsorship for the upkeep of the school van, if you are interested, please contact the school to speak to the principal.

Raewyn Francis will be acting principal from 10th June through to the end of term 2. The process to recruit a new principal has begun and we will update the community when we have information to share.



SOUTH CANTERBURY RUGBY
South Canterbury Toyota
PRIMARY RIPP RUGBY

Year 5 and 6
 Year 7 and 8
Wednesday 15th May

Ashbury Park
 9am - 3pm

South Canterbury Toyota, TRUST AORAKI, farmside, tekapo springs, xcmsport, Pub Charity



**FRIDAY
 AT 12:45**

YEARS 1-4

**HOCKEY STICKS
 WILL BE PROVIDED**

FEEL FREE TO BRING YOUR OWN

**MOUTH GUARDS
 TO BE WORN**

**COACHES
 SCARLETT, CLAUDIA AND OLIVE**

Thank you

Quilla Family for the donation of pine cones.

Grace Van Leeuwen for donation money towards Tigers operation.



Our School Website

www.waihaodowns.school.nz

School Pool

There are still a couple keys out in the community, please return these to the office by Friday 10th May.

Bookclub

Catalogues have gone home today. Orders need to be entered online or handed into the office by Friday 17th May.

PTA Meeting

There is a PTA meeting being held next Tuesday 7th May at The Forks Hotel at 7pm. All welcome to join.

Lunches

A reminder that students can bring food to be heated on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Food is to be wrapped in tinfoil and named or in an oven proof container.

Fish and Chips will start this Friday, 3rd May, we will also have Fish & Chips next Friday 10th May. Then will run fortnightly thereafter. Please note the change of day from Thursdays to Fridays. Please see attached price list.

Subway will start Tuesday 14th of May and then will be fortnightly thereafter. If you are needing more order forms please collect from the office.

Also noted on the term calendar.



Here are some handy things for all Parents and Caregivers!

School phone number: 03 689 2734

Absences: Hero app or phone the school

Admin email: Zoe Howden - office@waihaodowns.school.nz

Office hours: 9am – 2pm everyday

School opens for students: 8.30am

Website: www.waihaodowns.school.nz

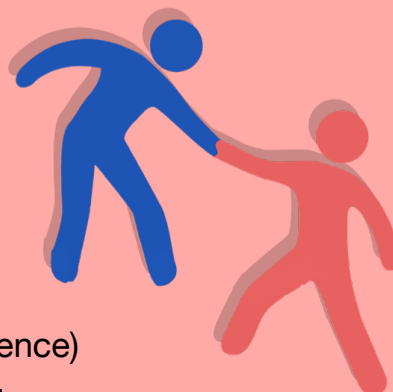
Facebook: Waihao Downs School

Bank account number: BNZ 02-0892-0010289-00

(Please always use students name as reference)

Please leave a message on the phone if the office is unattended

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Term 2 Calendar

**Term 2 Monday 29th April to
 Friday 5th July**

Week 1 Term 2

Monday 29 April	Hot Lunches
Tuesday 30 April	
Wed 1 May	Hot Lunches
Thursday 2 May	
Friday 3 May	Fish & Chips Hot Lunches

Week 2 Term 2

Monday 6 May	Hot Lunches
Tuesday 7 May	PTA Meeting 7pm
Wed 8 May	Hot Lunches Newsletter
Thursday 9 May	
Friday 10 May	Hot Lunches Fish & Chips Mufti Day for Tiger

Week 3 Term 2

Monday 13 May	Hot Lunches
Tuesday 14 May	Subway
Wednesday 15 May	Hot Lunches BOT Meeting 3.30pm

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

2nd May Fionn Murray
 5th May Hugo Brown
 7th May Zeke Bree



School Values – 5C's

**Communicator, Curious,
 Conscientious, Caring,
 Considerate**

School Policy Review – Term 2

- Employer Responsibility Policy
- Appointment Procedure
- Equal Employment Opportunities
- Teacher Relief Cover
- Safety Checking
- Police Vetting
- Classroom Release Time/Timetable

To review or read a policy at any time ... Google School Docs (For all Policies and Procedures)

Username: waihaodowns
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