



From the Principals Desk

Kia ora Koutou

Over the last 11 weeks we have watched with excitement the construction of our new administration building. The build is on target to be finished by mid-March 2024. Our teaching staff will be spending time during the holidays sorting out the staff room, offices, PE shed and the bus shed. We are so short of storage space so it will be great to be able to have more storage available.

We look forward to seeing our school community on Friday 24th November at our Pet Day.

Ngā Mihi Nui

Kere Adams



Pet Day

This year due to a lack of parking Pet Day is being held at the Ikawai hall. A survey was posted on HERO to establish who needs to be transported to the hall. (A big thank you to the PTA for organising this day.)

Arranging transport can be a logistical challenge and we require ALL parents/caregivers to inform us via the HERO survey on whether you are able to transport your children or not.

Click on the Survey tab then click on the yes or no button and if you are able to take extra children, please type in the number of extra children in the comments.

We do not have buses available for this event and will have to transport children via the van. This may result in a number of trips and students will not be arriving at the pet day on time.

Remember to provide a plate of food to share for lunch. Students need to wear school uniform, vest, sunhats (we will bring them from school) bring their own morning tea and a drink bottle.

Extra-Curricular Activities

Waihao Downs students came along and competed in the South Island Youth Jackpot hosted by the Waimate Rodeo Club at the start of November. This consisted of Steer Riding, Barrel Racing & Pole Bending and Breakaway Roping, with coaching in the morning and a competition in the afternoon. A great day was enjoyed by all!



Waihao Downs students who were involved were Alfie McKercher, Otis McKercher, Scarlett Harborne, Louella Harborne, Kendell Jamieson, Sadie Jamieson, Baxter Flett, Molly Higginbottom, Ellie Higginbottom and Olive Cameron

Notable placings included Molly Higginbottom 2nd in the Junior Steer ride, and Scarlett Harborne a 4th in the Barrel Race.

Week 5 Awards

Principals Award

Mac Farley

Playground Award

Indy Stowell

Class Certificates

Kākano – Hezal Shrestha, Rory Finch, Flora Cameron, Lara Reynolds, Aria-Mae Kerr, Beau Butler

Pihinga – Brooke Verrall, Riyan Tamang, Harper Bailey, Dudley Robertson

Mahuri – Pyper Zwies, George Studholme, Scarlett Harborne, Hamish Schumacher, Jaxon Boyd

Rākau – Mariana Bravo, Baxter Pattinson, Ruby Owens, Zoe Goodwin, Liam Bell



From the BOT

Strategic Plan

We are reviewing and rewriting our Strategic Plan for 2024, 2025 and part of the process is to consult with our school community.

Students took home a survey on Monday (Please get them to check their bags) to complete with their parents/caregivers. It is a very straight forward survey to fill out and will assist us with our strategic planning for the next two years.

All returned surveys go in a draw to win a \$100 New World Voucher.

There will be an opportunity to add your ideas to the review at the pet day on Friday.

Districts Athletics

We had 21 students qualify for the Districts Athletics, 20 competed on the day. I was extremely proud of their sportsmanship towards others. A huge thanks to our parents for their assistance.

The following students gained placings:

- 8yrs - Dudley Robertson - 1st Sprints, 1st Long Jump, 1st High Jump, 1st Shotput, 2nd Discus.
- 8yrs - Ellie Bell-Higinbottom- 2nd Sprints, 3rd Long Jump.
Georgie Johnston - 3rd Sprints, 1st High Jump.
- 9yrs - Claudia Studholme - 1st Sprints, 1st High Jump, 3rd 800m Open.
Scarlett Harborne - 2nd Sprints, 2nd Long Jump, 3rd Discus, 2nd Shotput.
- 10yrs - Maisie Mckerchar - 3rd Discus, 2nd 800m Open.
- 11yrs - Chloe Nobleza - 2nd Sprints, 3rd Long Jump, 2nd High Jump, 1st Discus, 2nd Shotput.
Chelsy Vergara- 3rd Long Jump.
- 12yrs - Otis McKerchar - 2nd Long Jump, 1st High Jump, 2nd Discus, 3rd Shotput.

We have 8 students that qualified to compete at the South Canterbury Primary Schools Athletics on Tuesday 28th November in Timaru.

Dudley Robertson, Ellie Bell-Higinbottom, Georgie Johnston, Claudia Studholme, Scarlett Harborne, Maisie McKerchar, Otis Mckerchar.

Chole Nobleza qualified but is unable to attend.

We wish all these athletes all the best for next Tuesday.

Southern Stricker's Cricket

Otis McKerchar & Fergus Robertson are lucky enough to be part of a south Canterbury cricket team, that are heading to Napier in January for a camp/Tournament. This will help develop their cricket and meet other like-minded children. The boys will be selling a **RAFFLE** at Pet Day to help the team attend. They would love your support.

\$2 a Ticket

Georgie, Olivia and Riley have demonstrated our school values this week. They have spend the last two lunch times picking up rubbish around the school grounds. Using their initiative and caring for our enviroiment, Great work!!!



School Pool

We don't have an opening date for the pool at this stage.

The pool needs be cleaned and painted for the season and there is scaffolding in the pool area which is a safety risk.

We will update the school community once we have more information.

Wood is Good

Today the team from "Wood is Good" visited our school. This is a forestry/log transport program which has been developed for New Zealand primary schools and funded by sector groups and the Ministry for Primary Industries.

Students have learnt about types of wood products, forestry work, environmental topics and how trees are planted, grown and harvested.

The highlight of the morning was to sit in the big logging truck and view the motor. The morning was completed with a demonstration of how they use drones in Forestry.



Term 3 Calendar

Term 4 Monday 9th October to 15th December

Week 5 Term 4 2023

Monday 20 November	
Tuesday 21 November	
Wed 22 November	BOT meeting Wood is Good
Thursday 23 November	
Friday 24 November	Pet Day

Week 6 Term 4 2023

Monday 27 November	
Tuesday 28 November	Subway Sth Cant Athletics
Wed 29 November	Rakau Camp
Thursday 30 November	Rakau Camp
Friday 1 December	Rakau Camp

Week 7 Term 4 2023

Monday 4 December	Book Fair
Tuesday 5 December	Book Fair



Archie Davis	22 nd November
Greta Waldie	29 th November
Maverick McKenzie	30 th November
Otis McKerchar	30 th November
Olive Cameron	4 th December
Chloe Nobleza	5 th December

School Values – 5C's

Communicator, Curious,
Conscientious, Caring,
Considerate

Our School Website

www.waihaodowns.school.nz

School Policy Review – Term 4

- Curriculum and Student Achievement Policy
- Student Achievement Information/Student Assessment and Achievement
- Home Learning
- Distance Learning
- Religious Instruction/Religious Education
- Health Education

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

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