

Wakari School Newsletter

"Wakari School - Happy Confident Learners"



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Calendar

Feb 22

Trip to Lake Waihola

Feb 25 - Mar 8

Middle syndicate swimming

Feb 26

Junior trip to Warrington beach

March 4 - 8

Year 6 Camp at Iona

March 25

Otago Anniversary

March 28

Heritage photos

Welcome

We welcome the following pupils and their families to our community. We hope you will enjoy being part of Team Wakari and our learning environment.

Brayden Thorburn

Bella Gurr

Kaylea Phillips

Jordan Beel

Kodai Yamamoto

Sophie Gibbs

Liliana Sneddon

Claire Bevin

Jasmine Bekhit

Millie Mason

Dawson Porthouse

Sota Yamamoto

Omea Fitzgerald

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Three weeks down already and it seems as though I have been here for a day. It has been pleasing to note the way the children have begun the year, both within and outside of the classroom.

There have been a few highlights already but the overwhelming friendliness shown by the children would have to be the most pleasing aspect as a new person to Wakari School.

Communication between home and school is a key for a school of our size to be able to provide a quality education for each and every child. Key events are posted

on the website in the Google Calendar. This provides an easy and timely view into what is happening for your child/ren. If you have any questions, or a query, a quick note/call/e-mail to set up a time to meet your child's teacher can quickly remedy any concerns you may have.

It was nice to see a small contingent of parents at our full School Assembly last week supporting the children. Great to see so many taking up the option of playing a sport for Wakari. Kapahaka will also be up and running shortly.



Junior Syndicate News

"On Monday we went on a trip to the Art Gallery.

First of all we looked at some paintings from Japan.

Then we watched TV programmes about the rocky shore.

Next we made pictures using coloured paper about rock pools.

It was fantastic."

- Story told by kids in Rooms 6 and 7

Paid Union Meeting

An NZEI Paid Union Meeting is being held on Monday the 18th of March from 1.30 - 3.30pm. NZEI staff will be attending this meeting. I therefore request that children be picked up from school at 12.30pm. A note with more details will follow.

Kind Regards

Chris Smith

NEXT SCHOOL ASSEMBLY - Friday 1 March at 2pm

Caught In The Act

Once again there have been a lot of children caught in the act. You can check out these great kids at wakari.wikispaces.com

Well done! Award winners from December 13 - February 20

5 tickets = 1 telephone call + 1 ice block!

Hamish Grindlay

Hamish Carroll

Zenah Taha

Lucy Irvine

Josh Harris

Kaylee Schaaf (2)

Sophie Williams

Daniel Linton

Brayden Rowe

Oscar Lambeth

Isabelle Stanton

Whetu Aitken

Jake Ward

Ollie Harrison

Dylan Hill-McLean

Max Blair

Lachlan Porter

Tristan Sigglesko

Tracey Sigglesko

Jody Johnstone

Belle Hohaia

Josephine Throp

Emily Hutton

Oisin Benn

Jake Hill

Daniel Clapham

Lachlan Foxton-Smith

Saorise Benn

Vaughan Collins



Kids Corner



Middle Syndicate News

The Middle Syndicate started their music rotation this week. We had to make a choice from Recorder, Percussion, Glockenspiels, and Ukelele.

We are learning how to play the Ukelele. We have learnt how to play "c" and "f" chords. We practiced the chords while singing nursery rhymes like "Baa Baa Black Sheep". It was a lot of fun.

We will be learning it all this term.

Kate and Alyssa (Room 14)



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Health tip: Diarrhoea or vomiting? Please stay at home for at least 24 hours after it finishes.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Friday Lunch Orders

Due to the Lake Waiholo trip on tomorrow, there will be NO sausage orders taken. Please ensure that you child has a packed lunch with them for the trip to Waiholo.

Bookclub

Scholastic bookclub order forms have gone home with your children. Please remember the following when ordering:

1. Due date: Friday 1 March.
2. Cheques are to be made out to "Wakari School."
3. Please pay the exact amount, as the bookclub organiser does not have change.

Staff Carpark

Please remember that the staff car park is for staff use only, unless you are picking up sick children or for emergency. Thanks.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Kaikorai Junior Rugby

Registrations for the Kaikorai Junior Rugby Club will be held at Bishops court clubrooms on the following dates:

Sunday 10th March 10am - 12 noon
Tuesday 12th March 6.30pm - 8.30pm

Cost: \$40 per single player and \$20 for each additional family member.

Better Breakfasts

Flagstaff Community Church monthly skills evenings are back underway for 2013. We are beginning with "Better Breakfasts", we have Rebecca Wilson (Nutritionist and has been working at Helensburgh Medical Centre) coming to speak to us about Breakfasts – why they are important, great foods for breakfasts and lots of great tips. This will be followed by a opportunity to try out some breakfast foods. This will take place on **Tuesday 26th February, 7:30pm at Flagstaff Community Church (9 Centennial Ave)**. Please direct all questions to Carolyn on 476 3063. This is a free event and open to all.

Ever Wanted to Learn to Play the Violin?

Suzuki violin lessons are open to children of Wakari School. Suzuki children learn to play the instrument before reading music. For more information please contact Hannah Cone on 476 2481 or 021 0240 3190 or hannah@planetnz.com. Check out their website www.twinklingstrings.com

SUPAKids

SUPAKids starts again on Monday 11 March , 12:30pm in the school hall (just 4 weeks this term due to holidays on Otago Anniversary and Easter)

Children of junior, middle and senior syndicates all welcome!

Children eat their lunch with leaders then join in a fun 30 minute programme of games, songs, crafts and Bible story based around a different theme each term, based on the NZ curriculum values.



The theme this term: God's Big Plan
NZ Curriculum value: EXCELLENCE through perseverance - Hiranga

If your child has not been before and you would like to know more, there will be yellow 2013 information and permission forms at the school office from Monday 4 March.

Or alternatively you can phone Cheryl or Carolyn at Flagstaff community Church office 476 3063.

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Junior Football Registration 2013

When:

Saturday 2nd Mar – 11am to 1pm
and

Wed 6th Mar - 5pm to 6:30pm

Ellis Park Clubrooms
Frasers Road

Further Details Contact:

Nigel Benn: 0272362648

benco.installations@xtra.co.nz

Peter Verwey: 454 4976

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