

Wakari School Newsletter

"Wakari School - Happy Confident Learners"



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Calendar

March 4 - 8

Year 6 Camp at Iona.

March 18

Paid Union meeting in the afternoon.

March 25

Otago Anniversary.

March 28

Heritage photos.

March 29 - April 2

Easter break.

April 19

End of term one.

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.

Olivia Thorn

Tui Adams

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

We have nearly hit the halfway point of Term 1 and routines are now becoming entrenched for our children and their classmates. There has been plenty happening for the children, I managed to stumble upon the entire school (and some staff) getting stuck into Jump Jam on Wednesday. What a great initiative and attitude shown by all.

Our current Year 6 Cohort are enjoying the Outdoor Experiences that Camp Iona offers and I thank our Senior Syndicate for the work that goes on to ensure a successful camp for all. Also thanks to those parents who have taken the time to assist in one way or another with the camp without your support these activities would simply not be possible.

Thanks to those Parents who have returned slips around the NZEI Paid Union Meeting on Monday the 18th March.

Kind Regards

Chris Smith

Senior Syndicate News

In the Senior Syndicate we are learning about coping in war times. Our student teacher, Mr Heron brought along some authentic items that were used during various wars.

Here is Ben Williams-Davies modelling some of the clothing. Looking good Ben!



NEXT SCHOOL ASSEMBLY - Friday 15 March at 2pm

Caught In The Act

Once again there have been a lot of children caught in the act. Well done! Award winners from February 21 - March 6
5 tickets = 1 telephone call + 1 ice block!

Alyssa Landrebe
Dom McPhee
Ali Taha
Courtney Duff
Jordan Matapo-Beel

Aidan McEwan
Hamish Carroll
Maddison Sharapoff
Bella Fuehrer
Liliana Sneddon

Bella Gurr
Hamish Grindlay (2)
Emily Hall
Lila Everett-Rohtmets
Sophie Gibbs

Jordan Patterson



Kids Corner



While the Year 6's are getting ready for camp the Year 5's have been enjoying some 'island' activities. They have designed a desert island and attempted to get rescued. Bronwyn, Courtney and Tayla [pictured top] are showing off their SOS message.

In the middle picture, Natasha, Maddison and Kaitlyn show off their SOS message, while Riley displays his artwork in the bottom picture.



IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Paid Union Meeting - 18 March

On Monday 18 March, the Primary Teachers Union (NZEI) will be holding a collective meeting for all Dunedin teachers. This meeting is scheduled for 1.30 - 3.30pm. As the majority of our staff will be at this meeting, we ask that you collect your child(ren) from school from 12.30 on this day. Thank you for your support in this area.

Absences

If your child is absent from school, please phone the office and leave a message on the absence line: 476 3140 and press 1. This way notes will not get lost.

Home and School AGM

The Home and School will be holding their AGM on Monday 11 March at 7pm in the school staffroom.

With a number of members moving on at the end of last year, the Home and School is looking for a number of parents who could join the team. Your involvement on the committee can be as much or as little as your time allows. Just come along to one of the meetings and see what is involved, and have fun at the same time! All are welcome to attend the meetings.



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

BOARD OF TRUSTEES NEWS

February Report

Some things to note from the recent BOT meeting are:

1. There are three policies up for review at the moment (EEO, Police Vetting and Consultation). Staff are being consulted on these. If you, as a parent, are interested the policies are available on the school website for viewing. Please pass any feedback to Chris (Principal) or Brian (BOT Chair).
2. The 5YA (which is the 5 Year Property Plan) was discussed. Teachers are being consulted on this and will compile a 'wish list' that will cater for the school and children's needs.
3. The Board of Trustees elections are coming up in May. If you are interested in finding out more about what this job involves have a chat with any of the current BOT members.

Staff BOT rep - Caroline Brown

COMMUNITY NEWS

FREE Horse Manure

Does your vege garden need an extra 'kick' before winter? Then take advantage of this opportunity to spice up your vege patch. Bring your own bags or even your trailer. Phone Leanne on 021 0824 8489 to arrange a time to collect your 'black gold'!

Saturday Morning Music Class

Let's Make Music (part of the Saturday Morning Music Classes system) Level 1 is a music class for 4 – 5 year old children. Children learn basic music theory and prepare to learn instruments in this fun, interactive class. Taken by the irrepressible Victoria Bernard, it's a fantastic way to learn the foundations of music. Classes are on Mondays 3:15 to 4pm at Mornington School, starting now!

Level 2 is an extension of Level 1. We spend all our time making music – two terms of recorder (including recorder karate...), a term of violin and a term of chime bars. This class

is for 6 – 7 year olds and provides a fun introduction to playing an instrument. Classes are on Tuesdays 3:15 to 4pm at Mornington School, starting now.

Contact Justine for more details and to enrol. 4727893 justine.r.pierre@gmail.com

Stewart Island

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New Parent Morning Tea

Thanks to the Home and School for running the New Parents Morning Tea this morning. It was great to see some familiar faces, firstly enjoying the Junior Assembly, then the majority of Parents staying on to have a cuppa, some cake and a catch up.



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