

# Wakari School Newsletter

"Wakari School - Happy Confident Learners"



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## Calendar

### **March 25**

Otago Anniversary.

### **March 28**

Heritage photos.

### **March 29 - April 2**

Easter break.

### **April 19**

End of term one.

### **May 6**

Start of term two

### **June 3**

Queens Birthday

## 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.

Autumn-Rose Mackay

Jazmyn Oliver

Oliver Ushakov-Colling

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

It is hard to imagine that we would feel a sense of relief when the rain finally hit Dunedin, but it was a welcomed change for those relying upon water for their livelihoods and our gardens.

We are well into the term and about to hit a mucky period with Anniversary Day and the Easter Holidays both falling within the school term this time around. I hope families can make the most of the Easter Break and spend sometime together and that the weather returns to play its part.

Parent-Teacher Interview slips have been sent home earlier in the week, these important opportunities to discuss where the children are at and how best to take on the next steps in their learning can prove to be a valuable exercise and ensures that the partnership between home and school continues to be focused on the education of your child/ren.

The Board as part of its Self Review plan are currently looking at policies surrounding Equal Employment Opportunities, Police Vetting and Community Consultation. These Policies are available for you to look at on the Wakari School website in the Policies section. If you have any suggestions you wish to make around these then please email these to [principal@wakari.school.nz](mailto:principal@wakari.school.nz)

Board elections are approaching and information around this will be sent to all parents in the near future.



Kind Regards

*Chris Smith*

## **Easter Break**

The Easter break this year falls during term time. Therefore school will be closed on Friday 29 March, Monday 1 April and Tuesday 2 April.

School will also be closed on Monday 25 March for Otago Anniversary.

**NEXT SCHOOL ASSEMBLY - Friday 12 April at 2pm**

## Caught In The Act

Once again there have been a lot of children caught in the act. Well done! Award winners from March 6 - March 20

5 tickets = 1 telephone call + 1 ice block!

Olivia Thorn

Cam McFarlane

Christian Irvine

Xavier Aitchison

Mackenzie Webb

Brayden Thorburn (2)

Cheol Shin

Charlotte Sims

Samantha Elliott

Ty Gray

Hamish Grindlay

Hamish Carroll

Kaylea Phillips

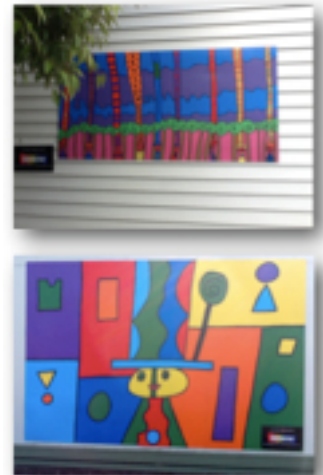


## Kids Corner



### Keep Dunedin Beautiful

Miss Benwell nominated the murals we made last year for the Keep Dunedin Beautiful 2012 Competition. Last Monday we went to a big ceremony at the Dunedin Public Library. There was a lot a people and we had butterflies in our stomachs as we listened to all the awards. Finally we heard Wakari school being called out! We had won a Highly Commended award. We had to go up the front to get the award and have our photo taken with the



Mayor, Dave Cull. It was the first award ceremony we had ever been to and we thought it was really fun. **by Paige van Gorp & Charlotte King**

### Success Interviews

Room 10 have been learning about **success** and as part of this, we have been interviewing some successful people. **Ethan Carruthers** (brother of Will) has just returned from a basketball academy in the USA. He was an Otago Nugget last season and is playing for the Southland Sharks this year. Ethan had some great advice for the students about achieving success. Key ideas from Ethan were:

- Keep on trying,
- It doesn't just happen,
- Be responsible and focused.

The class loved Ethan's visit, learned a lot from him and wish him all the best for his upcoming season.



### Junior Syndicate News

These are our pictures of jellyfish. They have lots of legs. We had to practice our counting in 2's, 5's and 10's. They were heaps of fun to make! **by Jacob Room 4.**

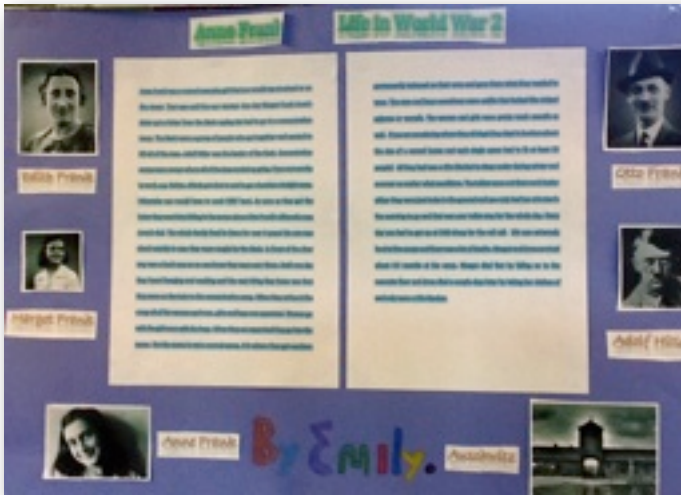
We were learning about the different parts of a sea horse. We had to label the picture and got to use water-colours to colour them in. It was fun putting the pretty glitter on them. **by Evie Room 4**



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

## SENIOR SYNDICATE NEWS

The Senior Syndicate have been learning about how people cope in times of war. Emily Shea made this fantastic poster about Anne Frank and her family.



## IMPORTANT REMINDERS

### Parent-Teacher Interviews

Goal setting interviews are going to be held on Monday 8th and Tuesday 9th April. Notices went home earlier this week outlining the purpose of the interview. If you wish to have an interview with your child's teacher, please fill in the form on this notice and return to your child's teacher. Forms can also be downloaded from our website at [www.wakari.school.nz/noticeboard.html](http://www.wakari.school.nz/noticeboard.html)

### Bookclub

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

1. Due date: Friday 12 April.
2. Cheques are to be made out to "Wakari School."
3. Please pay the exact amount, as the bookclub organiser does not have change.

### Swimming Block

As many of you are aware, the Junior and Middle Syndicate children have been enjoying their summer swimming block with Jill Clarke Swim School. It is great to see the children enjoying their lessons and seeing them progress in such a short time.

For those parents that have not yet paid for this, we encourage you to call into the school office as soon as possible to arrange payment.

The cost is \$32 (Juniors) and \$40 (Middles). If you have difficulty paying, we are more than happy to make a payment plan to suit your needs. Thank you.

### Easter Bunny Has a Makeover!

Excitement is building as early reports indicate there may be a visitor hopping along to school next week. Word on the street is, our visitor has changed appearance, so look out for the change in bunny!

This long-standing traditional event is part of our Wakari Culture. Celebrating these traditions is one way we come together as a learning community. It gives us a strong sense of place and helps remind us that fun times are an important part of our learning.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### Easter Extravaganza

Voted as our next monthly skills meeting we will be hosting an Easter Extravaganza, and will include a demonstration of hot cross bun making, 4 Easter crafts or edible workshop stations. Our finale will be a performance by Flagstaff Community Choir with some Easter songs. This is definitely not one to be missed, bring a friend or a neighbor. **Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March, 7:30pm at Flagstaff Community Church (9 Centennial Ave, Wakari).** Supper provided, this is a free community event. Hosted by Flagstaff Community Church, any questions phone Carolyn 476 3063.

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