

# Wakari School Newsletter

"Wakari School - Happy Confident Learners"



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## Calendar

### July 8 - 9

Parent Interviews

### July 12

End of term two

### July 29

Start of term three

### July 31

ICAS English exam

### August 13

ICAS Maths exam

## 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.

Blayke McKenzie

Lachlan Davies

Will Cone

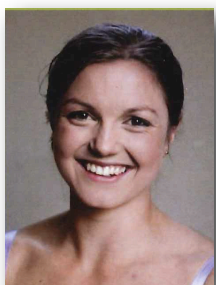
Dear Parents and Caregivers,

It is lovely to have a community feel and ownership around our parking and crossing of the road issues. Thanks to those parents who are, in various ways, reminding others around safe practices when picking up and dropping off our lovely children.

Last Friday some parents and staff were treated to a fabulous assembly. Ukulele, Choir and a Powerpoint of some Art Work amongst other things really highlighted to me some of the wonderful things happening within Wakari School. I would like to thank all the teachers for the little extras that go into making these activities a successful experience for pupils.

Interview slips are due to be returned to class teachers tomorrow. The term 1 turnout of parental support for these was 86%.

The Board of Trustees and staff would like to welcome Miss Katie Brooks [pictured top left] and Miss Jessica Shields [pictured below left] to the staff at Wakari. Katie will be taking over from Mrs Imogen Tapp in Room 16. She will be in and about Room 16 over the coming weeks and where possible will endeavour to attend the upcoming Parent Interviews. Jessica will be joining us around mid August as our new entrant numbers begin to rise. She will initially work with Mrs Stanbridge in and around Room 6. An exciting time for these two young ladies.



Kind Regards

*Chris Smith*



**NEXT SCHOOL ASSEMBLY - Friday 5 July at 2pm**

## Caught In The Act

Once again there have been a lot of children caught in the act. Well done! Award winners from June 12 - 26

5 tickets = 1 telephone call + 1 ice block!

Kaitlyn O'Donnell	Hayley Ward	Fletcher Graham	
Michael Bennett	Josh Harris	Liam Brogan	
Jake Hill	Odin Jacobs	Brayden Rowe	
Lucy Hopkins	Olivia Ross	Lauren Buttery	Emily Shea
Kade Robbie	Ruban Macgregor	Jessie Glover	Ashley King
Libby Wilson	Jazmyn Oliver	Jade Scott	Charlie Bauchop
Emma Dawson	Luke Taylor	Bella Gurr	Maddison Millner
Jake Ward	Paige Weatherall	Courtney Duff	Maddix Duff
Zac Ward	Lila Everett-Rohtmets	Max Robbie	Sam Moeke
Anika Texley	Todd Sutherland	Anya Clark	Jack Maffey
Sam McLean	Maddison Sharapoff	Hadi Taha	Shealah Weatherston
Tayla Campbell	Jerah Todd	Samara Kelly	Ben Black



## Kids Corner



### Room 15 Story Time

#### Poppy the Spinach

Once upon a time there was a bowl of spinach named Poppy. All day long he just sat in the fridge. Everyday day some of his friends left but new ones came in. As in milk, corn, ice-cream, soda and other foods we put in the fridge. Then one day he got taken out of the fridge and eaten. The end.

by Odin Jacobs

#### The Scientific Accident

In the year 500000 in a scientific lab there lived a great scientist called Kog and his apprentice Bob. One day Bob was bored and started making a mixture. Then Kog came in "BOB! WHAT ARE YOU DOING?" "Sorry Kog I...I...accidentally spilled the metal mixture, so...what happens now?" asked Bob. "You can now turn into metallic objects" said Kog. Five days later Bob changed his name to Metallic and started saving the world.

by Owen Wheeler

### Room 8 News

Room 8 has been exploring the properties of magnets. Magnets can stick to ...

Metal handles ...

Metal pencil holder...

and even whiteboards!



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

## IMPORTANT REMINDERS

### School Donations

We would like to thank those that have paid their school donation so far. Donation rates for 2013 are:

\$70 for one child and \$35 for every subsequent child.

Remember that it is never too late to pay your donation. All donations go into the general school fund and help fund resources for your children.

### Parent-Teacher Interviews

Parent-teacher interviews have been scheduled for Monday 8th and Tuesday 9th July. Notices went home with your child earlier this week. If you would like an interview with your child's teacher, the notice needs to be returned by tomorrow. The notice can also be downloaded from the school website at:

<http://www.wakari.school.nz/noticeboard.html>

### Wakari Swimming Pool

The Home and School committee is investigating the idea of making the School Pool available to the community during the Christmas holidays (and potentially other dates). For this to be achieved certain conditions have to be met, ie. daily testing, security and heating. To make this idea viable, a fee of \$70 plus a \$30 bond for the key is envisioned. Availability to book for children's birthday parties is also being explored.

This notice is to seek interest to see if this venture is viable. If you would be interested in such a project, go to the Home and School page (<http://www.wakari.school.nz/home-school.html>) on our website and click on the SWIMMING POOL PROJECT link. Please return your feedback by Friday 12 July.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### Wakari School Garden Revival

There is a group of parents keen to reintroduce the idea of an edible garden at Wakari School to be run by and for our children. We share a vision that the students with adult facilitation will create a productive

fruit and vegetable garden which they will plant, nurture, harvest and eat! We would love any contributions large or small from our local community. We will be holding a planning meeting soon for anyone interested in participating. Date to be confirmed. If you would like any information or wish to share your ideas before the meeting please email us on [gardens@wakari.school.nz](mailto:gardens@wakari.school.nz) or phone 467 5323.

### BASKETBALL OTAGO – July School Holidays Camps

Basketball Otago is proud to produce another school holidays program that will include basketball skills & other fun activities. Come and see if you like basketball or continue to hone your skills.

#### Camp 1:

Tue 16<sup>th</sup>, Wed 17<sup>th</sup>, Thu 18<sup>th</sup> July, 9am-1pm  
Edgar Centre

#### Camp 2:

Mon 22<sup>nd</sup>, Tue 23<sup>rd</sup>, Wed 24<sup>th</sup> July, 9am-1pm,  
Edgar Centre

Cost \$92pp for one camp (\$161 for two children from the same family)

Cost \$161pp for both camps (\$299 for two children from same family to attend both camps)

Daily Rate \$45pp is also available

Please note that the camp will be run subject to numbers.



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*We warmly invite students and their families to our  
Open Night on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> August at 6pm.*



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## Holiday Camps over July at CYC Waihola

This year CYC Waihola has been running 'sweet as' holiday camps for kids and teenagers for 50 years!!! I am pleased to email you about our up-coming July camps at CYC Waihola - all these camps can be found on our newly designed website at [www.cycwaihola.org.nz](http://www.cycwaihola.org.nz)

Many campers enrolling at our camps have indicated they heard about our camps through school, so thank you if you have published our camp details previously. Our camps provide a life changing holiday through adventure based activities, themed activities and fun camp activities.

Our promo video shows a lot more of what we have to offer and can be watched at <http://youtu.be/pXty3ABaJRr>

Enrolment forms can be downloaded from our website - [www.cycwaihola.org.nz](http://www.cycwaihola.org.nz) or requested from our office on 03 417 7120.

## Kaikorai Valley College Information Evening

It is at this time of the year that parents thoughts might turn to where they will send their children for their secondary schooling. This is a very important decision. The principal of Kaikorai Valley College, Mr Rick Geerlofs, has offered to come and speak to any interested parents about the College and what it has to offer. This is not confined to only Year 6 parents, but parents of any age group who want to know more about the College. A brief meeting is planned for Wednesday 31 July at 7.00pm. This meeting will be held in the Wakari School staffroom. He will also bring some students to give a student perspective and answer any of your questions. Please mark this date in your diaries or on your calendars.

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