

# Wakari School Newsletter

"Wakari School - Happy Confident Learners"



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## Calendar

### **September 23**

Kids Can Cook show

### **September 24-25**

Junior Production

### **September 26**

Year 4 sleepover at  
Otago Museum

### **September 27**

End of term three

### **October 14**

Start of term four

### **October 20**

School Fair

### **November 4-8**

Education Review Office  
visit

### **November 5**

North Zone Athletics.

## 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.

Riley Fitzgerald

Sophie Mosley

Angel Brown

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Congratulations to the 96 Students who performed at the Maori and Pacific Island Festival held at the Edgar Centre on Wednesday. What a lovely way to showcase the many talents of Wakari Pupils. Thanks to the Staff and support from the community to ensure that the children were given every opportunity to excel.

Brian Shea and I have had a meeting with representatives from the DCC Traffic and Roads departments. The meeting was largely positive. We as a parent community and school now need to gather "evidence" in the form of a 30 second survey that will be sent home at the start of term 4. This will look to gather data on how, when and where our children are dropped off at school. The more data we can gather for the council the more accurate their decision making process will be. They have not stated any changes but are willing to look at our situation.

I along with three teaching staff are currently in Auckland attending the KnowledgeNET Conference. Your child may have mentioned this Learning Management System to you at home. I know some parents have logged in as their child to have a look. We will be having a Parents Information and Introduction Evening at the beginning of Term 1 next year to fully inform you of the tool for your child's learning.

It is with great anticipation that I look forward to attending Walt's World next week to watch our Junior Production. To all the performers "Break a Leg!"

Kind Regards

*Chris Smith*

### **Start of 2014**

Wakari School will be starting 2014 on **Tuesday 4 February 2014**.  
Monday 3 February will be a Teacher Only day.

**NEXT SCHOOL ASSEMBLY - Friday 27 September at 2pm**

## Caught In The Act

Once again there have been a lot of children caught in the act.  
Well done! Award winners from **September 4 - 26**  
5 tickets = 1 telephone call + 1 ice block!

Samara Kelly	Lauren Buttery	Kaylea Phillips	
Ella Bishopp	Lachie Davies	Isabelle Stanton	
Eli Meikle	Emmy Kena	Amber McPhee	
Charlotte Sims	Finn Casey	Brock Marsden	Ella Cone
Violet Reid	Dom McPhee	Oisin Benn	Zane Broad-Solomon
Tom Rasmussen	Ethan Lambeth	Ezra Wilson	Wyatt Hohaia
Grace Pedersen	Oceania McLean	Cheol Shin	Corey Gulliver
Alyssa Landrebe	Rachael Pitts	Ben Freeman	Nico Cochrane-Pain
Liam Rasmussen	Maia Epere	Tracey Sigglesko	Ollie Harrison
Lucy Irvine	Aliyah Epere	Lily Sime	Dean Gulliver
Riley Fitzgerald (R9)	Cameron McFarlane	Ali Taha	
Jack Kennelly	Bonnie Wallace	Hanin Taha	
Jakob Ferguson	Maddie Millner	Sian Clark	
Vis Berry	Jazmyn Oliver	Luke Rooney	
Tayla Campbell	Harmony Cochrane-Pain	Emily Hall	



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## Kids Corner



**DID YOU KNOW ?**

Koalas sleep around 18 hours a day

### Otago Cross Country

Congratulations to all our cross country runners who participated in the 2013 Otago Primary and Intermediate Schools Cross Country on Friday 6 September. Below are the provisional results of the top 100:

#### Year 5 Boys:

Jack Parker (22nd)  
Harry Major (46th)  
Fletcher Graham (57th)

#### Year 5 Girls:

Jess Hill-McLean (53rd)  
Courtney Duff (67th)

#### Year 6 Boys:

Sam McLean (55th)  
Ethan James (56th)  
Hemi Aitken (58th)

#### Year 6 Girls:

Emily Hall (10th)  
Isobelle Allnatt (40th)  
Rachael Pitts (42nd)



### Maori & Pacific Island Festival

Yesterday the Wakari School Kapahaka group proudly displayed their skills at the Annual Maori & Pacific Island Festival.

Our children looked fantastic in their kapahaka uniforms and we should be very proud of the children that represent Wakari!

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the team and especially Miss Benwell, Miss Williams, Mrs Brown, Mrs Gribben, Mrs Lawson, Paul Tupai and Mrs Freeman for all their hard work in preparation for the festival.

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



## IMPORTANT REMINDERS

### Absences

Will your child be absent on a school day? Then please let us know by one of the following means:

1. Bring a note for your child's teacher,
2. Phone 476 3140 and leave a message either on the absence line or with any of the friendly office staff.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### Meet DCC Central Ward Candidates:

With local body elections coming up, we are hosting a "Meet the Candidates" evening for the DCC Central Ward candidates. There are 35 candidates standing for 11 positions, come along and hear them speak, there will also be an opportunity to speak to candidates personally.

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September, 7:30pm. Flagstaff Community Church (9 Centennial Avenue, Wakari). This is a free event for all to attend and there will be a light supper provided. This is a monthly skills evening hosted by Flagstaff Community Church. For more information, phone Carolyn Sims on 476 3063.

### Summer Golf

The Otago Golf Club offers membership through to the end of March next year at discounted rates ranging from \$100 for school pupils. We also offer nine hole membership options for those who prefer not to play full rounds.

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## SCHOOL NEWS

Over the past few weeks, Miss Benwell and her team of talented landscapers have put in a new pathway between Room 15 and the Dental Clinic.

Miss Benwell and her team (including her Dad) have dug out the new pathway, put in edging, planted flowers, painted the stepping stones and laid down new chipping.

Well done Miss Benwell and your team for a great addition to our school grounds - it looks fantastic!

**Pictured below:** The team proudly display their completed pathway.



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