

Wakari School Newsletter

"Wakari School - Happy Confident Learners"



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Calendar

November 11 - 20

Junior Syndicate swimming

November 20

Board of Trustees mtg.

November 21 - 29

Middle Syndicate swimming

November 29

Calendar orders due

December 2 - 6

Senior Syndicate swimming

December 4

School community BBQ

Welcome

We welcome the following pupil who joins his siblings at Wakari. We hope you will enjoy being part of Team Wakari and our learning environment.

Hunter Glover

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Congratulations to all of the athletes who competed at the North Zone Sports on Tuesday. For those who have managed to qualify for the Otago Championships on the 19th November you should be especially proud of your efforts thus far. We will continue to practice over the next two weeks to ensure we give the children every opportunity to succeed.

Our Education Review Office visit has now been completed and a summary report has been orally shared with Board and Senior Management. The school team are very happy that ERO have picked up on the inclusive, caring, safe environment along with quality teaching that meets the needs of our fabulous children. Personally it is the strong team ethos that permeates throughout the school that I feel is special about Wakari School and it's Community.

Kind Regards
Chris Smith

Room 6 are learning to paint using different tools. Here are some samples of their work:

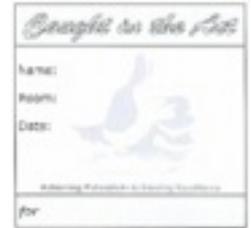


NEXT SCHOOL ASSEMBLY - Friday 15 November at 2pm

Caught In The Act

Once again there have been a lot of children caught in the act. Well done! Award winners from **October 24 - November 14**
5 tickets = 1 telephone call + 1 ice block!

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| Josh Harris | Brock Marsden | Jake Hill |
| Isabelle Stanton | Olivia Davies | Maia Epere |
| Ollie Rongen | Mouhammad Ali Taha | Lachie Groves |
| Sofia Freeman | Hunter Beale | Daniel Clapham |
| Paige Sigmund | Saoirse Benn | Ethan Lambeth |
| Kade Robbie | Olivia Thorn | Kaisey King |
| Marlee Silva | Kaylee Schaaf | Liam Rasmussen |
| Ruban MacGregor | Oscar Lambeth | Elisabeth Hutton-Neill |
| Will Cone | Susan Begg | Jade Scott |
| Sophie Gibbs | Kaylea Phillips | Summer Adams |
| Zenah Taha | Ty Gray | |



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Hamish Grindlay
 Aidan Mullenger

Kids Corner



DID YOU KNOW ?

The average human brain contains around 78% water!



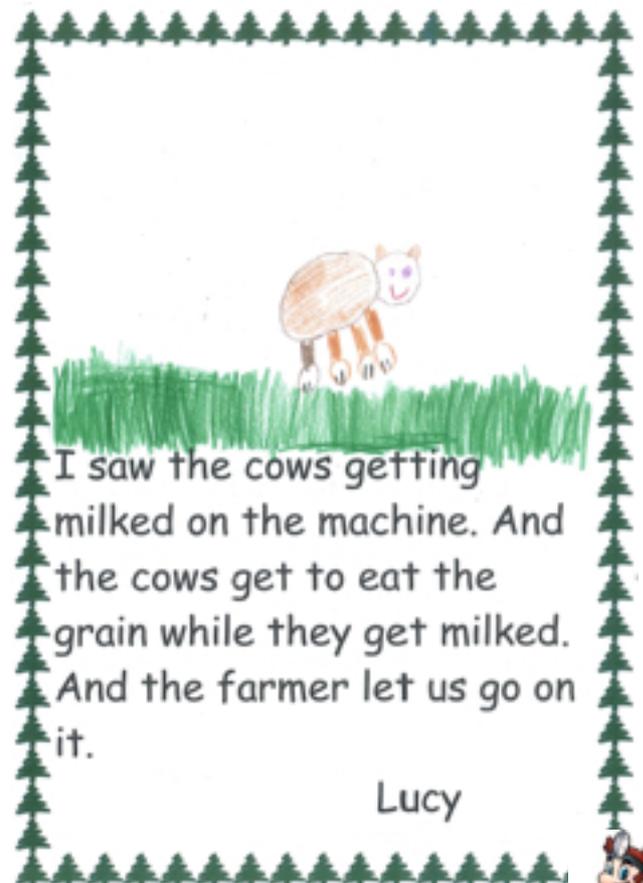
“The Day I Swam to School” by Ella Cone

Once upon a time there was a girl who was terrible at swimming. One day she opened her curtains and there was water everywhere!!!!
 “Ahhhhhhhhhhh”, she screamed, while she ran around in circles. At least it is Sunday she thought. Maybe it will clear overnight. Suddenly her mum walked in. “What’s all the racket”, she said. “Um well there is water everywhere and I am very very very terrible at swimming”. She showed her the window remembering her mother was colour blind.
 The next day was Monday. The water had not cleared!!!!!! Which meant she had to swim to school!
 She put on her togs and flippers, packed her bag and ate her breakfast. She said bye to her mum and set off. She held her breath and swam for her life. She saw extraordinary things such as floating cars and a pandemonium wave heading straight at her!!!!
 “Uho”, she said as she started doing flips under the water in all directions. She panicked as she tumbled.



Then she crashed into a yellow submarine. The people inside were chanting “We all live in a yellow submarine, yellow submarine, yellow submarine.”

WELL DONE ELLA!!!



I saw the cows getting milked on the machine. And the cows get to eat the grain while they get milked. And the farmer let us go on it.

Lucy



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

Year 5 Camp

Last week our Year 5 children went on their three day camp to Waiora. Here are some comments by our Year 5 children:

Connor Cochrane-Pain

"I thought that camp was going to be terrifying but it was so fun. The best bit was the 'nature trail' because we got to build a dam, cross a river and be on the look out for the unexpected ... I better not say anymore.

I loved all of the food but the meatloaf was awesome. I loved playing the game with the parents - they were very scary."

Maddi Sharapoff

"Camp was really fun. The fun parts were doing things with your friends. My favourite part was archery and air rifles because I got heaps of points in archery. The parents that came to camp were really helpful and great cooks. I hope the Year 5's enjoy camp next year too."

Hunter Beale

"Year 5 camp was fun. I liked abseiling the most. I liked all of the food. I wish that camp went for longer because I had so much fun."

Liam Brogan

"I really enjoyed doing the abseiling at camp. I also really liked the baking that people bought along too. The bunkrooms were really big and I got to sleep on the top bunk, which was fun. I really enjoyed the 'nature trail' because we had to go down a big mountain. Orienteering was cool too."

Vaughan Collins

"At camp I loved the archery and the air rifles because I was able to pull the string back on the bow and then I was able to hit the board. The meatloaf was really good for tea. I was terrified to have a go at abseiling but I made myself do it and it was fun!!"



IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Swimming Block

As many of you are aware, the Junior and Middle Syndicate children will be enjoying their summer swimming block with Jill Clarke Swim School. This begins next week. 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 \$27 (Middles). If you have difficulty paying, we are more than happy to make a payment plan to suit your needs. Thank you.

Lost Property

Next Friday before assembly we will be having a clear out of Lost Property. If you are still missing any items of clothing this will be the last chance to double check for your missing clothing as all unclaimed items will be placed in the charity clothing bins.

Commemorative Pavers

Many families often look for ways to commemorate their time spent at Wakari School and at the same time make a donation to the School. If you would like to buy a brick for our "Walk of Names", contact the office. Bricks cost \$50 for a single and \$90 for a double. Order forms are available at the office, or from the memorabilia link on our website.

Change of Contact Details

Have you changed your contact details lately? Has there been a change of primary caregiver for your child(ren)? Then please email your change of details to office@wakari.school.nz

Sports Fees

We would like to thank those who have paid their sports fees so far. However there are 26 subs unpaid to date. We would appreciate these paid as soon as possible, as the school is carrying the cost of these fees. Thank you.



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(free call from mobile phones)



Wakari Gardens

Springtime in the garden continues with weekly lunch time workshops for the kids. The children have been planting seeds, watering the plants and learning how sometimes gardening doesn't always go to plan! The Dunedin winds took their toll on the fragile bean plants and the group are currently brainstorming how best to protect the garden in the future! The group have also been busy installing a system to bring water directly to the site.

Workshops are currently being held alternately on Mondays and Wednesdays during the school lunch break. We would still love more parent helpers during these times! Please also feel free to donate any child sized tools, gloves or watering cans that you no longer need. Our contact details are gardens@wakari.school.nz, Becky on 467 5323 or contact Mrs Logie or Ms Clark.

Amber's Journey

One of our star pupils - Amber Daisley and her family are working towards buying a mobility van. Amber was born with severe Cerebral Palsy, Microcephaly, Scoliosis and Epilepsy.

Amber's family appreciate any support you can give them. If you wish to contribute to their goal, please go to ambersjourney.co.nz There you can purchase some beautiful photos, posters or just make a donation.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Jack & Jill Fundraiser

The Wakari Scouts are holding a Jack & Jill portrait fundraiser on Sunday 17th November. It is to be held in the school library. For more information, please contact Aylene on 464 0159 or you can download a notice on our website <http://www.wakari.school.nz/noticeboard.html>

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