

Wakari School Newsletter

"Wakari School - Happy Confident Learners"



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Calendar

November 21 - 29

Middle Syndicate swimming

November 29

Calendar orders due

December 2 - 6

Senior Syndicate swimming

December 4

School community BBQ

December 16

Reports come home

December 20

Last day of 2013.

Welcome

We welcome the following pupils and their families to Wakari. We hope you will enjoy being part of Team Wakari and our learning environment.

Dakota McLean

Jayden McCreath

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

The year is flying by and we are fast running out of time to fit in all of the neat activities that syndicates have planned for the pupils. Please ensure that levels of communication remain high between yourselves and classroom teachers to ensure all of our pupils benefit from the end of year activities.

So far in 2013 60% of our families have paid the school donation, this is very much appreciated. Remember that it is not too late to pay your donation!

A note came home today about a Community BBQ. This is the Board of Trustees and Wakari Staff's way of thanking all those parents and wider community members that have helped throughout the year. It would be great to see as many as possible of you on Wednesday the 4th of December at 5pm.

The Board of Trustees have regretfully accepted the resignation of Imogen Tapp from the staff at Wakari. Anna Lawson has been appointed in this position for 2014.

Kind Regards

Chris Smith

What has Keegan got here?

A snake skin.



Important Dates

Wakari School will close on Friday 20 December at midday. The school will be open for instruction on Tuesday 4 February 2014. However the office will open on Wednesday 29 January 2014.

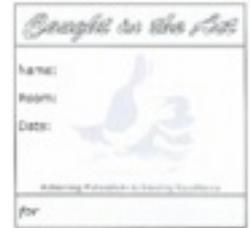
NEXT SCHOOL ASSEMBLY - Friday 29 November at 2pm

Caught In The Act

Once again there have been a lot of children caught in the act. Well done! Award winners from **November 8 - 20**

5 tickets = 1 telephone call + 1 ice block!

Bella Fuehrer	Charlotte King	Zane Broad-Solomon
Jack Maffey	Olivia Ross	Emma Grindlay
Maddix Duff	Maddison Sharapoff	Sam McLean
Jazmyn Oliver	Aliyah Epere	Kaitlyn O'Donnell
Keegan Shaw	Connor Waszczak	Milly van Betuw
Jakob Ferguson	Charlotte Sims	Riley Fitzgerald (R9)
Lachie Foxton-Smith	Samara Kelly	Paige Weatherall
Christian Irvine	Mackenzie Webb	Natalie McDonald
Eli Meikle	Sota Yamamoto	Fletcher Graham
Max Blair	Ali Taha	Lachlan Davies
Noah McSkimming	Harmony Cochrane-Pain	Alyssa Landrebe
Braxton Ratahi-Blakely	Jack McFarlane	Jordan Patterson



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Paige van Gorp
Bailey Marsden
Wyatt Hohaia

Kids Corner



Science Expo

Last Wednesday four Year 6s represented Wakari at the Science Expo. They shared their learning about parallel and series circuits, and then had to complete a challenge. The team did really well to come third-congratulations!

"I enjoyed going to someone else's stand and getting oil and putting water in it. Then we put in some food colouring and then we added a tablet that bubbled up lots and it looked really cool. It felt good coming third because I didn't think that we would."

by Ryan McAnally

"I really enjoyed going to other people's stands, my favourite stand was the pure fruit and vegetable dye. We had to draw a pattern onto a special piece of material. Once we had drawn the pattern on, we got to pick what fruit or vegetable dye the material got soaked in. I chose beetroot, we had to leave it for five minutes. The finished result was awesome, it came out red."

by Samara Kelly.

"The Science Expo was amazing! I honestly would love to go again. There was one disappointing thing about it though, you couldn't visit all the spectacular stands! It was surprising we came third in the challenge. We had to find out how to separate sand, salt and iron filings. It was very tricky and we didn't write much compared to other teams. That just goes to show it's not the quantity, it's the quality! We won some awesome prizes. We got a solar powered robot set, a packet of solar-beads (They change different colours in sunlight!) and some liquid droppers. We all hope Wakari school go again and maybe your child will get to go to it."

by Macauley Ward



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



IMPORTANT REMINDERS

2014 Classes

Planning for classes for the 2014 school year will begin shortly. There are going to be a reduced number of Year 5/6 classes next year due to the ministry allocation of staffing and differing numbers across the Senior Cohorts. Parents are welcome to speak with Syndicate Leaders if they have any questions about their child's placement for the upcoming year. It is important to note that while we consider parent preferences, the placement of each child is based upon the needs of the children, our staffing and the class structures within the school. The final decisions will be made by the Senior Management team. Children will be made aware which class they are in for 2014 over the coming weeks. Syndicate Structure:

Junior Syndicate

Year 2

Year 1/2

Year 1

New Entrants

Middle Syndicate

Year 3/4

Year 3/4

Year 3/4

Year 2/3

Senior Syndicate

Year 5/6

Year 5/6

Year 4/5

Skilled Labour Wanted

Do you have metal working skills? Do you know someone that can weld? Wakari School is looking for someone to make guards for some of our heatpump units. These have been vandalised and repairing them is getting expensive. If you can help, please contact Mr Smith on 476 3140. Thank you.

Chatbus Comes to Wakari

Wakari School is looking to 'employ' the services of the Chatbus for one morning a week in 2014. The Chatbus is a free, mobile counselling service for children under 14 years. Due to the cost of the Chatbus, we are looking for businesses or individuals who might be keen on sponsoring this fantastic service. If this sounds like you, please contact the school office.

For more information on the Chatbus, please go to www.chatbus.org.nz

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.

2014 Calendar Orders

Calendars can now be ordered. This is a great way to display your child's artwork for the 2014 year! Calendars can be purchased for \$8.50 (black) or \$10 (colour). You can get an order form from the school office or download one from www.wakari.school.nz/noticeboard.html

Road Patrol Helpers Required

With a number of current road patrol parents leaving at the end of 2013, we are needing a few new helpers for 2014. If you can assist, please leave your name at the office, or email us at office@wakari.school.nz

Wakari School Garden

As term 4 continues the children working in the school garden are starting to see the results of their labour. There are pods on the peas, radish leaves shooting up, little carrot tops and lettuces spreading their leaves! The children also planted a row of sunflowers. We wonder how tall they might grow? Planting continues with more seeds and some sprouting potatoes. The kids are also building on their weed spotting and watering can skills.

We are still looking for donations of tools and for volunteers from our community to join our garden group. Our contact details are gardens@wakari.school.nz, phone 467 5323 or talk to Mrs Logie or Ms Clark. Thanks.

The Wakari Garden Group.

Christmas Surprises

A night full of Christmas Surprises, it will be filled with Christmas food, crafts and joy. There will be things you can make, demonstrations to watch plus loads of ideas. A great night to invite someone else along to. Tuesday 26th November, 7:30pm at Flagstaff Community Church. This is a free event for our community, phone Carolyn on 476 3063 for all queries.



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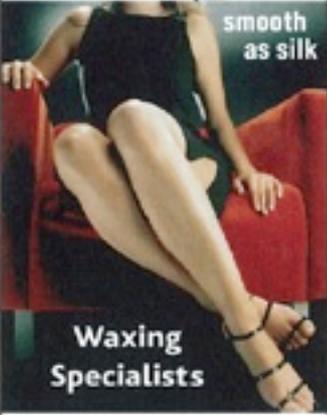
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