

# Wakari School Newsletter

"Wakari School - Happy Confident Learners"



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## Calendar

### **December 2 - 6**

Senior Syndicate swimming.

### **December 12**

Board of Trustees mtg.

### **December 16**

Reports come home.

### **December 20**

Last day of 2013.

### **February 4**

First day of 2014.

### **February 6**

Waitangi Day

## Welcome

We welcome the following pupil and her family to Wakari. We hope you will enjoy being part of Team Wakari and our learning environment.

Lilly Trickey

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

It was my pleasure to speak to our Year 6 cohort on Tuesday evening as they look to finish their time at Wakari School. It was great to see the Whanau support for the evening, we did not even have enough chairs to seat everyone in attendance! This showed me the value you have placed on the education that your child has received at the School, and how your crucial support of the children has continued to the end. I wish the leavers all the best for the future. Thanks for being a great bunch of kids this year!

Thanks to the Board for hosting the Community BBQ last night. With over 150 attendees, this was the Trustees way of thanking the community for the support they have given the school in 2013. The Staff and I would also like to thank the different groups from the Community that help in so many ways to assist us in delivering our curriculum.

With lots still happening for the children it is as important now, as with the start of the year, to ensure that the little things are still happening for the learners. Keep communicating with teachers and the office to ensure we all know what is happening.



Kind Regards

*Chris Smith*



The school year finishes  
at lunchtime on Friday  
20th December.

**NEXT SCHOOL ASSEMBLY - Friday 13 December 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 21 - December 4**  
5 tickets = 1 telephone call + 1 ice block!

Makayla Houpapa  
 Lilly Edwards  
 Kaitlyn Joyce  
 Kaylee Schaaf  
 Zenah Taha  
 Oceana McLean  
 Kate Ward  
 Ryan Kenton  
 Dominic McPhee  
 Keira Meyer  
 Jack Anderson

Ollie Harrison  
 Lachie Groves  
 Tyryn Keating  
 Poppy Annison  
 Maia Epere  
 Ashtyn Waszczak  
 Ethan Kerr  
 Bailey Marsden  
 Hanin Taha  
 Aliyah Epere  
 Liam Rasmussen

Sofia Freeman  
 Brayden Weatherston  
 Taymah Aitken-Wheeler  
 Jackson Boyd  
 Cheol Shin  
 Christian Bevin  
 Lucy Hopkins  
 Hunter Glover  
 Lexie Clark  
 Bailey Bates  
 Ella Cone

*Caught in the Act*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Room: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Whitby Primary School

for \_\_\_\_\_

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Maddie Millner  
 Morgan Crossley-Little  
 Lily Sime



## Kids Corner

### Room 9 News

On Thursday 28 November our buddy class visited from Kaikorai Primary School.

We have been writing letters to our buddies during the year. It was exciting to finally meet each other! We ate our lunch together on the deck and then played with our buddies at lunchtime. We had fun!

**DID YOU KNOW ?**

You burn more calories eating celery than it contains (the more you eat the thinner you become)



### Sports Corner

Our roving reporters were out last week to catch a glimpse of our flippaball team in action!



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



## IMPORTANT REMINDERS

### Last Day

School will finish at lunchtime on **Friday 20 December**. Please remember that there will be NO lunch orders taken on this day. The first school day of 2014 will be on Tuesday 4 February. Thank you.

### Lost Property

Has your child lost clothing or other items this term? There will be one last chance to locate any missing items of clothing next Friday 13 December before assembly. Feel free to have a look in the lost property cupboard before Friday. Any unclaimed clothing will be donated to charity.

### Scholastic Book Club

Book club order books went home with your child recently. Please remember the following IMPORTANT POINTS:

Cheques are to be made out to "Wakari School".

Please use the correct change.

Please write your child's name and room number on the order forms.

Book club orders are due back on Tuesday 10th December.

If you have any queries, please direct them to Aylene Carey on 464 0159.

### Library Books

Could all library books please be returned to school as soon as possible. We will be doing our annual stocktake next week.

### Lunches - Last Week of Term

There will be NO lunch orders on the last week of term due to smart lunches not supplying in this week and the free lunch on Wednesday 18 December. All ordered lunches finish on Friday 13 December.

### 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.

## HOME & SCHOOL NEWS

### Calendar Orders

2013 calendar orders are due tomorrow. If you have not already done so, and would like to show off your child's artwork in the 2013 year, then place your order now. Order forms are available from the office or can be downloaded at: [www.wakari.school.nz/noticeboard.html](http://www.wakari.school.nz/noticeboard.html)

### FREE Lunch - 18 December

The Home and School are providing a free lunch to all children on Wednesday 18 December. A notice went home earlier this week, but if you did not receive one, call into the school office or you can download a notice at [www.wakari.school.nz/noticeboard](http://www.wakari.school.nz/noticeboard).

### School Uniform?

A group of parents are investigating the possibility of introducing a school uniform. A parent survey will be conducted early in the new year. Should the survey support the introduction of a uniform some options will be put forward for discussion. We will try to keep the cost to parents as low as possible and it will be introduced over the next two years. Watch this space for more information. If you have any questions or feedback or would like to be involved in helping with this process please feel free to contact Nikki Shea phone 476 2596.

## SCHOOL GARDEN NEWS

### Wakari School Garden

Our garden group continues to develop with new ideas and projects in the pipeline. We have been hunting and gathering materials to build our compost area, maintaining and fixing our water line and undertaking our first rainy day workshop. The kids had fun planting sunflower seeds, making their own paper flowers, documenting their ideas for the garden and tasting the first of our garden produce, a beautiful pink radish!

We are still looking for volunteers to join our garden group to help it grow and flourish. If you are keen to help in anyway big or small we would love to talk to you. Please contact us by email on [gardens@wakari.school.nz](mailto:gardens@wakari.school.nz), phone 467 5323 or talk to Mrs Logie or Miss Clark. Thanks!!



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# Mountain Bike Coaching and Fun!

With coaches: ex-jnr World Champ, Scarlett Hagen,  
and two Junior International racers



Photo credit: Derek Morrison

### Session 1:

Sunday 16 February  
10.00-11.00am – 5-7 year olds  
11.00am-12.00pm – 8-13 year olds  
12.00-1.00pm – 14-18 year olds

### Session 2:

Sunday 23 February  
10.00-11.00am – 5-7 year olds  
11.00am-12.00pm – 8-13 year olds  
12.00-1.00pm – 14-18 year olds

### Session 3:

Sunday 2 March  
10.00-11.00am – 5-7 year olds  
11.00am-12.00pm – 8-13 year olds  
12.00-1.00pm – 14-18 year olds

### Where:

Meet at BMX track at Forrester Park

### Price:

\$15 per person.  
Numbers are limited.  
Attendance at all sessions is recommended.

### Registrations:

Scarlett Hagen | shagen@sportotago.co.nz | 027 695 8002 | 03 474 6414



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