

# Wakari School Newsletter

"Wakari School - Happy Confident Learners"



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## Calendar

### March 28

Heritage photos

### April 3

Strike performance

### April 7 - 17

Junior Syndicate swimming

### April 17

Last day of term one.

### May 5

Start of term two

### May 21

Board of Trustees mtg

### May 30

Teacher-Only Day  
(Queens Birthday weekend)

## 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.

Lucy Fitzgerald

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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Notices have been sent home in regards to Parent-Teacher Interviews that are fast approaching. In 2013 we had an 86% turnout for these and it would be great to see this number improve. The discussions around your child's learning are extremely important and valuable for the Home-School partnership that is key in driving learning for your child.

On the school website we have added a page called 'On Board'. This page has information pertaining to Board goings on. After each meeting I will put a synopsis of what the Board is currently undertaking, this will be hyper linked from the date the meeting occurred.

The current focus for staff development is Technology. This is in-house PD led by our own teachers. We are making it contextual by basing a unit of work across the school on what we are looking into.

This unit is based on the Wakari Environment and has been titled **TIME**: Tidy, Improve, Maintain and Enhance. The children are already heavily involved and have come up with some great ideas about how we can launch into this topic.

On April 6<sup>th</sup> we are conducting a Working Bee beginning at 9am. There is plenty to achieve on this day so if you are able please support the school. If you are unable to come on the Sunday but would like to help at another time let the school office know.

Kind Regards

*Chris Smith*

Wakari School Code of Conduct: **Cooperation:** "Getting along with one another"

## Caught In The Act

Once again there have been a lot of children caught in the act. Well done! Award winners from **March 13 - 26**  
5 tickets = 1 telephone call + 1 ice block!

Ella Cone

Adam Irvine

Roree Latimar

James Pedersen

Lucy Irvine

Dean Gulliver

Michael Buttery

Lila Rohtmets

Maddix Duff

Corey Gulliver

Amelia McCulloch

Angela Joseph

Lachie Groves

Adam Restall

Hayley Ward

Matilda Andersen

Elisabeth Hutton-Neill

Jack Keen

Matt Harris

Jonty Hill

Aoife Benn

Emily Fryer

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Angel Brown

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Janet Cikamatana

Triston Sigglesko

Shalia Rowe

Kordelia Brown

Poppy Annison

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## Kids Corner



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### Room 12 News

In Room 12 we have been doing lots of fun things with our hats to try and keep track of them around the school. Some people have had silver paint put on them. Then we had a KVC teacher come and help us put some designs on our hats. We ironed the designs on with some special stuff that will stick them to our hats.

by Keira Meyer



### Room 15 News

Room 15 continue to produce great artwork! Below are two samples of sunflower artwork produced by Ethan Kerr and Grace Pedersen.



On Friday 14 March, Indy Ivamy and Poppy Annison took part in the 2014 Dunedin Xrace. As we can see from the photo [pictured above], the girls had a great time!

**Health tip:** Diarrhoea or vomiting? Please stay at home for up to 48 hours after it finishes.



## IMPORTANT REMINDERS

### Heritage Photos

Tomorrow Heritage Productions will be at Wakari School to take the annual photos of children and staff.

### Teacher Only Day

This year Wakari School will be using one of its Teacher Only Days (TOD) in term two. This will be on Friday 30 May, which will extend Queens Birthday to four days. We are informing you now, so you can make plans.

### Swimming

The Middle Syndicate will be making up their second week of swimming next week. So please remember to send along your child's swimming gear with them on Monday.

The Junior Syndicate will begin their swimming block on Monday 7 April. They will swim for two weeks ending on the last day of term.

## GARDEN GROUP NEWS

Our garden groups have been as busy as ever. The kids are getting involved not only in the growing and eating, but also in the management side of the garden. They are helping to make signs to educate us all on what should be in our compost and are suggesting ideas to expand our garden in the future. We have been donated a raised garden bed from Nichols Garden Centre and we will be at the school working bee getting it ready for the kids to use. We look forward to working out with the kids what should be planted in it!

We are on the look out for new parents to assist with the workshops. We really need your help to keep these sessions running. If you can offer just 45 minutes of your time over a school lunch break (12.45 to 1.30), this would be invaluable to the ongoing success of the project.

As always if you have any queries or concerns about your child working in the garden, please contact us by [gardens@wakari.school.nz](mailto:gardens@wakari.school.nz) or phone 467 5323.

## HOME & SCHOOL NEWS

### Montana Bakery Fundraiser

Montana orders were due today, but we have extended the deadline to tomorrow by 3pm. If you wish to put in an order, please drop in into the school office. You can download an order form from our website - noticeboard page. Thank you for supporting this fundraiser.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### Sandcastles at St Clair Beach

Callum & P from Classic Hits and Mitre 10 Mega are proud to host a NEW event in Dunedin - Sandcastles at St Clair.

There will be a sandcastle building competition on Sunday April 6<sup>th</sup> from 12pm to 3pm. Registrations are taken on the day, everyone is welcome and admission is FREE

There will be a sausage sizzle on the day with all money raised going to the St Clair Surf Club. Spot prizes throughout the day, bring your buckets, spades and anything else you need to create a winning sandcastle! There are 2 categories, best family and best group, winners receive prizes from Mitre 10 Mega valued at over \$500!

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