

### WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND SCHOOL



Opening of Creatives in School installation. Te Timatanga.



Working Bee to add a sandpit to Kapuka.



[Link to news article "Art installation tells Māori creation story"](#)



Bee club meets on Mondays. They are harvesting the honey and working on labels. Watch this space as honey will soon be available for purchase.



Year 5 - 8 Bike skills day. Thanks to Bikes in Schools for organising this and DCC for funding.

### William Pike Challenge Waitati school building resilient young people

You may have heard the slow but powerful excitement of our Year 6-8 learners as they gear up to take part in this amazing challenge this year.

William Pike was the guy who got stuck up Mount Rua pehu and crushed and lost a leg. Pretty sad, but out of his experience he has started this challenge which is now in its tenth year. He is all about 21 Century learning experiences and taking on challenges to build resilience. Each participant, has to tick off three areas. 1. 5 outdoor activities. 2. 20 hours of community service and 3. 20 hours of a passion project (something you haven't tried before).

Here is a [link if you](#) would like to know more. First up, our Year 6-8's are heading for a tramp up Kapuka (Mount Cargil) on Tuesday 14th March. On the 21st March, the group is off for a beach day including a surfing lesson. Wow!

Watch this space for some exciting photos.

### WHAT'S COMING UP

**Monday, March 6**  
**SCHOOL CLOSED - Teacher Only Day**

- **Tuesday, March 7**  
**9:00am**  
**3 Peaks Swimming at Palmerston**
- **Wednesday, March 8**  
**9:00am**  
**TECH DNI**  
**and**  
**8:15am**  
**Puketeraki Marae - Powhiri**
- **Thursday, March 9**  
**11:00am**  
**Piano Lessons with Brenda at Playcentre**
- **Friday, March 10**  
**9:00am**  
**Guitar / Uke Lessons at the Playcentre**
- **Monday, March 13**  
**12:00pm**  
**Bee club visit to Mosgiel processing plant**
- **Tuesday, March 14**  
**10:00am**  
**Year 6-8 programme walk up Kapuka**
- **Wednesday, March 15**  
**9:00am**  
**TECH DNI**
- **Thursday, March 16**  
**11:00am**  
**Piano Lessons with Brenda at Playcentre 11-3**
- **Friday, March 17**  
**9:00am**  
**Guitar / Uke Lessons at the Playcentre**
- **Monday, March 20**  
**SCHOOL CLOSED - Otago Anniversary Day (Otago)**



## Learning Sign Language

Miggy Javier comes once a week on Tuesdays to teach us sign language. This week was our first session and it was amazing. Any child interested is welcome to join in.

Miggy is deaf himself and is a totally engaging teacher. Wow - what a fabulous learning experience!

## Pōwhiri (Mayoral Welcome) at Puketeraki Marae 8th March Wednesday

Permission slips need to be back by Tuesday

Not all children are attending this event

## Online Survey - PB4L (positive behaviour for learning)

Thanks to all who have filled this out. We really appreciate your time and thoughtful responses. We will use this information on Monday 6th Teachers only day. If you want to contribute, please do so before Monday.

This year we are developing clear guidelines for behaviour of ākonga so we know what we are expecting and how we can then support each one. We want to be on the same page as you. Please help us by answering this short questionnaire. Thank you so much. [Link here](#)

## VLN

The Virtual Learning Network is an online network of small, mainly rural but some urban schools. The Virtual Learning Network (VLN) Primary is well placed to support schools with remote learning across a range of subjects.

This year we are trialling a Te Reo course for Mapounui, Huatea and Mihiwaka. This runs initially for 5 weeks to see if we like it. Each child gets 30 min lesson as a class and then they have 30 mins of learning set for them accessed through their chrome book.

Extension Maths - we have five lucky students who are going to have a go at Maths extension. Again, they will get a 30 min lesson with a teacher and are set 30 mins of challenges after that.

## Coming Up Next Week!

- **School Closed - Teacher only day Monday 6th March**
- **Swimming for years 4 - 8 on Tuesday in Palmerston - Arrive for the bus by 8.45am**
- **Don't forget your togs, towels & goggles if you are swimming**
- **Non-swimmers please bring posters to support your kura**

## [LINK TO THE SCHOOL CALENDAR](#)

[Check out this article in SchoolNews about "Teacher wellbeing builds collective resilience"](#)



## Blueskin Nurseries Lunch

Please remember to place your orders by midday on Tuesdays for a Thursday delivery. You can place your order at the cafe and pay there in the usual ways or if you cannot make it to the cafe, then you can drop an order form and cash payment into the office. Menu is shown at the bottom of this newsletter and order forms are available at the office or the cafe.



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### YEAR SEVEN VISION SCREENING

The Vision Hearing Technicians from Population Health, Southern District Health will be visiting your school to screen all year seven students for distance vision on **30th March 2023**

- **Distance Vision (Amblyopia & Hyperopia)**

This determines how well your child is able to see at a distance. It involves reading an eye chart.

(Not required if child wears glasses/ or is currently under care for their vision)

**If you do not wish your child to be screened please fill out an opt-out slip, which are available at the school office before our visit.**

THE WIDER BLUESKIN BAY AREA IS ON SHOW  
Blueskin Agricultural & Pastoral Society Inc.

**BLUESKIN Autumn Show**

SUNDAY  
2ND APRIL  
10-3pm

**BLAND PARK, WAITATI**

RIDES, Races & family fun \$3 entry  
LOCAL SCHOOLS & GROUPS Children 12 & under FREE  
CARBOOT trade displays CASH ONLY  
Classic & electric car display FOOD pony rides  
GARDEN PRODUCE BOUNCY CASTLE  
COMPETITION FIRE & NO DOGS EMERGENCY DEMO  
For more details please contact  
Alasdair Morrison 4822505 Matt Sampier 0210710895 Colin Thom 027518685  
Setting up from 7.30am ON SHOW DAY

## Parking on Wednesdays

Please note that the DNI Tech bus needs access to the carpark on Wednesdays. Please do not block the exit and entrance to the carpark, as the bus needs to drive in and swing the bus around so that the senior kids can get on the bus with out crossing the road.

## PTA

### A & P Show Sunday 2nd April Volunteers Needed!

BBQ - burgers and sausages for sale

(meat & vegetarian options)

Raffles

9:00-11:00 am 4 people

11:00-1:00 pm 4 people

1:00- 3:00 pm 4 people

Easter Raffle will be drawn Friday  
31st March

### Donations in by 17th March, please

These could be anything Easter-related... chocolates, hot chocolate, soft toys, wine or beer anything Easter-like.

Please contact

Kirby Leckie 0275568659

## A Casual Vacancy has Occurred on the School Board for a Parent Representative

The Board has decided to fill the vacancy by selection.

This means we're looking for expressions of interest from parents/guardians in the school community by March 23. The Board will select the new parent rep on March 28 at the next Board meeting.

If you have any questions about the role, ping an email to Tara (principal@waitati.school.nz), or myself (alan@waitati.school.nz), or say hi in the car park :)

That said, if 10% or more of eligible voters (parents/guardians) on the school roll ask the board to hold a by-election to fill the vacancy (within 28 days of this email), then that is what we will do.

Request for a by-election should be sent by March 23, 2023 to alan@waitati.school.nz, or by post:

Alan Bauchop (Chair)

Waitati Board

c/o Waitati School, Mount Cargill Road, Dunedin



## DRIVEWAY AND ROAD CROSSING

To ensure the safety of our students, they are NOT PERMITTED TO USE THE DRIVEWAY at any time, (even with parents). Children should follow the path to the road crossing area. Please do not drive down the school driveway between the hours of 8.30am and 3.30pm unless you are involved in transporting children to a school event. If you must use the driveway keep your speed below 5kmph.

PLEASE USE THE ROAD CROSSING AFTER SCHOOL -Our tamariki have been trained for road patrol. Please set a good example by using the road crossing rather than elsewhere on the road.