



## WOODSTOCK SCHOOL

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*"E tū kahikatea"*

### OUR MISSION STATEMENT

To ensure all of our tamariki achieve success within our culturally dynamic society.

## School News

### School Activities to Diarise for Term Four

October	29	School Disco
	30	BOT Meeting 6.30 (staffroom)
November	04	PTA Meeting 7.00 (staffroom)
	07	Senior Athletics
	11	Senior Athletics PPD
	14-15	Year 4 camp
	17	Round the Bridges
	19	Whaanau Awhina 7.00 (staffroom)
	19	Junior Athletics
	21	Junior Athletics PPD
	22	Cluster Athletics
	25	PTA Meeting
	26	Road Patrol training for 2020
	27	BOT Meeting
December	05	Y6 Leaving Ceremony at Fairfield College (more details to follow)
	06	Road Patrollers outing
	13	Last day school closes at 1.30

### **Kia Ora Koutou Katoa**

#### **Dear Parents, Caregivers and Whaanau,**

Welcome back to term 4, which is traditionally a very busy time of the year and this year is no exception. We have had many new enrolments recently, which has meant we have needed to start a new classroom. We have great pleasure in announcing the appointment of Miss Dearlove to this new classroom, which is located in R 1a. This allows more space in R1 for Mrs Wickham to cater for our incoming five year olds.

We are already looking at the organisation of the 2020 school year and with this in mind it is an appropriate time to talk about class placements.



## Class Placements for 2020

Schools understandably get asked about how classes are organised. Below is some information that may be useful for you to help understand the process.

### How do we work out classes?

Factors taken into account include:

- Groups of students that work well together
- Students that do not work well together
- Expected enrolments
- Parent opportunity for input
- Class teachers input
- Number of students in each year level



### Do we stream classes?

Our classes are not streamed. The learning programmes planned by the classroom teachers are determined by the needs, interests and abilities of the students in the class. There are no separate programmes for each year level in the school; like most New Zealand schools we use curriculum levels, which have on average a two year band.

### Why does the school have some composite classes?

This allows the school to ensure classroom numbers do not get too high. Example, if we ran straight year groups then we could have classes of 35 Year 4's, and 40 Year 2's. It also allows us to put learners who may be working at the same curriculum level together.

At this time of year parents are given the opportunity to write to the Deputy Principal, [mareel@woodstock.school.nz](mailto:mareel@woodstock.school.nz) to express the attributes of a teacher that they deem important for their child(ren), friendships that may need to be taken into consideration and/or any information the school should be aware of when forming classes for the following year. Please note parent consideration are taken into account when forming classes but cannot always be guaranteed.

Please note: **do not write a request for a specific teacher**, as teachers often change year level. Letters are to be received by **Friday 8 November**.

It is just as important to inform the school now, in writing, if your child(ren) will **not be returning** to Woodstock School in 2020.

## Reach Assessments 2019

This year ICAS developed different assessments. It was decided that Woodstock would go with the Reach assessments as this format was more closely aligned with what was previously called ICAS.

The result categories has also changed to the following:

- Exemplary – the top 1% of participants
- Outstanding – the next top 10% of participants
- Commendable – The next 25% of participants
- Good effort – the next 10% of participants
- Participation – the remaining participants.

Results:

### Digital Technologies:

#### Year 4

Participation – Marnie Maiava, Quintin Williams, Caleb Williams, Juan Senekal

#### Year 5

Participation – Jesse Alderton, Nathaniel Hurly, Monson Tipene

Commendable – Jerome Byrne, Edward O'Connor

**Year 6**

**Participation** – Sophie Bankers, Angela Kim, Cameron Maiava, Carlos Nordstrom, Kirtan Patel, Trent Walker

**Good effort** – Ella Blomfield, Samuel Xia

**Commendable** – Isabelle Blackmore, Sam Alderton

**Science:**

**Year 4**

Participation – Marnie Maiava, Juan Senekal

Good effort - Quintin Williams, Caleb Williams,

**Year 5**

Participation –Nathaniel Hurly

Good effort – Jesse Alderton, Edward O'Connor

**Year 6**

**Participation** – Isabelle Blackmore, Cameron Maiava, Lachlan Shirreffs, Michelia Tanner-Stott, Trent Walker

**Good effort** – Sophia Bankers, Ari Narayan, Samuel Xia

**Commendable** –Sam Alderton, Oliver Lamberton, Kirtan Patel

**Spelling:**

**Year 4**

Participation – Marnie Maiava, Juan Senekal, Kate Marinkovich, Xander Hall

**Year 5**

Participation – Edward O'Connor, Monson Tipene

Commendable – Xintong Melody Guo

Outstanding – Ronan Macpherson

**Year 6**

**Participation** – Isabelle Blackmore, Cameron Maiava, Lachlan Shirreffs, Kirtan Patel

**Good effort** –Samuel Xia

**Commendable** – Sophia Bankers

**Outstanding** – Wayde Pan, Trent Walker

**Exemplary** – Aidan Pan

**Writing**

**Year 4**

Participation: Nesian Broomhall, Mila Charman, Kate Marinkovich, Juan Senekal

**Year 5**

Participation: Edward O'Connor

**Year 6**

Participation: Samuel Xia

Commendable: Kirtan Patel, Isabelle Blackmore, Sophia Bankers

**English:**

**Year 4**

**Participation:** Marnie Maiava, Kate Marinkovich, Juan Senekal, Quintin Williams

**Good effort:** Xander Hall, Caleb Williams

**Year 5**

**Participation:** Edward O'Conoor

**Commendable:** Jerome Bryne

**Outstanding:** Xintong Melody Guo

**Year 6**

**Participation:** Angela Kim, Cameron Maiava, Carlos Nordstrom, Lachlan Shirreffs, Trent Walker

**Good effort:** Samuel Xia, Ari Narayan

**Commendable:** Isabelle Blackmore, Ella Blomfield, Oliver Lamberton, Michelia Tanner-Stott

**Outstanding:** Sophia Bankers, Zara Hoad

## **Mathematics**

**Year 4**

**Participation** – Nesian Broomhall, Marnie Maiava, Kate Marinkovich, Hunter Nugent, Juan Senekal, Quintin Williams

**Good effort** – Xander Hall

**Year 5**

**Participation** – Edward O’Connor, Monson Tipene

**Commendable** – Nathaniel Hurly, Ronan Macpherson

**Outstanding** – Xintong Melody Guo

**Year 6**

**Participation** – Isabelle Blackmore, Michael Gilman, Cameron Maiava, Ari Narayan, Wayde Pan, Lachlan Shirreffs, Michelia Tanner-Stott

**Good effort** – Sophia Bankers, Ella Blomfield

**Commendable** – Angela Kim, Carlos Nordstrom, Aidan Pan, Trent Walker and Samuel Xia

**Outstanding** – Oliver Lamberton

## **Share with Care on Claudelands Bridge**

A big THANK YOU from Hamilton City Council for your patience over the last couple of months while work has been underway to change the layout of Claudelands Rd, ultimately to make it safer for people on bikes to connect with the centre of the city.

Here are some tips for using the new-look Claudelands Bridge:

- Please give way to people on bikes when they need to merge with the traffic;
- Remember the speed limit is now 30km/hr;
- Look out for new road markings called sharrows (sharing arrows) – they tell bikes to claim the lane and ride in the flow of traffic (not on the shoulder);
- When travelling behind people on bikes, maintain a safe following distance and don’t try to overtake them; and
- Share with care – we’re all in this together and staying safe is priority #1.

Check out the short video we’ve made about the changes [here](#).

For more information visit [hamilton.govt.nz/claudelandsbridge](http://hamilton.govt.nz/claudelandsbridge)



## Pohutukawa Syndicate



Dear Parents, Caregivers and Whānau,

Welcome back to term four! Firstly, we would like to say thank you for your support during term three. We appreciated your assistance during the sports events and the support for the students with the commitments they partake in. We hope that you had an enjoyable holiday with your family and friends, and made the most of those warmer days. We are excited for what our final term has in store for the Pohutukawa Syndicate.

At present we have four student teachers who will be completing their three week practicum in Room 12 and Room 15 this term. We would like to welcome Laura Harrop (Room 12), Emily Tuthil (Room 12) Shyla Goundar (Room 15) and Paris Philips-Hall (Room 15).

### Our learning this term:

**Big Learning:** This term our major Big Learning focus is Science. The children will be investigating living things and their basic needs, features, adaptations, habitats, and interdependence with other living things. As part of this learning, students will work their way through the inquiry process to compare and contrast between different groups of animals.

**Maths:** Number - This term we will be revisiting addition and subtraction and multiplication and division, as well as ratios and proportions. We do ask that some home time is given to support students in learning their times tables. On the way home from school, in the car, during TV ad breaks etc are good for quick practice of instant recall.

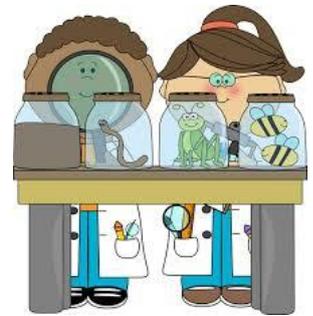
**Measurement:** weight, angles, money and time.

**Oral Language:** Extending children's vocabulary and conversational skills.

**Reading:** Reading for meaning (comprehension strategies, such as inferencing, summarising, retelling, visualising and questioning).

**Health and Physical Education:** Passing, catching and batting skills, Athletics training, the importance of being a good team player and building positive relationships.

**Maori Language:** Pepeha, Karakia, correct pronunciation, sentences in Te Reo and waiata. We will also be learning athletics related vocabulary in Maori as well as how to ask and answer questions about our favourite sports.



### Library Days:



Room 12 - Tuesday

Room 13 - Tuesday (wk 1-4), Monday (wk 5-9)

Room 14 - Thursday

Room 15 - Monday

**Senior Athletics:** Woodstock School's Senior Athletics will be held in week four on Thursday 7th November (postponement day: Monday 11th November). The Fairfield Cluster Athletics will be held in week six on Friday 22nd November. More details about this will come closer to the time.

### Hamilton Zoo Trip

*This term we have organised a fun outing for the Pohutukawa Syndicate to the Hamilton Zoo. The purpose of this outing is to explore and reinforce our Science learning this term around animals habitats, animal classification and animal adaptations over time. All four classes will be visiting the zoo on Tuesday 5th November. More details about this will come closer to the time.*

### Summer Months:

*We are back into the warmer months so hats must be worn for the entirety of term four. If your child does not have a hat at break times, they are required to sit under the shaded play areas.*

*Although the months are warming up, we do ask that a box of tissues is donated by every child. This is much appreciated!*

### Stationery

*As the year progresses stationery tends to diminish. Please check that your child has the stationery listed below and if not we please ask that you restock the necessary items.*

- Black, blue and green ballpoint pens*
- Pencils*
- Eraser*
- Black whiteboard marker*
- 30cm ruler*



### Science Fair

*Near the end of the term we would like to showcase our Science learning. In order to do this, we have organised a Science Fair event. This would be a great opportunity for students and parents to celebrate the student's learning together. More details about our Science Fair will come closer to the time.*

*Please do not hesitate to contact your child's classroom teacher if you have any queries, concerns or a positive comment to share. We look forward to the term ahead!*

*The Pohutukawa Syndicate Teaching Team -*

*Ayla Thompson, Kirsty Cathcart, Staci Buckman and Erin Drayson.*



**Kauri Syndicate**



Dear Parents, Caregivers and Whanau,

Welcome back to term four! This is going to be another exciting and busy term ahead. We extend a special welcome to all children and families new to Kauri Syndicate and Woodstock School.



**Big learning focus** – Our Kauri Syndicate's **Big Learning focus** is in the area of Science this term. We will be learning to think like scientists as we investigate flight, part of the physical world strand.

**LIBRARY TIMES:** Your child's class visits the library once a week.

Room 4 - Tuesday Room 5 - Tuesday Room 6 – Wednesday

Room 10– Wednesday Room 11 - Wednesday

**Junior Athletics:** Woodstock School's Junior Athletics will be held in week six on Tuesday the 19th November with postponement date of week six Thursday 21st November.

**Senior Athletics:** Year 4 students will participate in the Year 5 & 6 Senior Athletics event and this is being held in week 4 on Thursday 7 November with the postponement date of week 5 Monday 11 November.



**Hats/ Spare Clothing** – We are back into the warmer months so hats must be worn during term four. If your child does not have a hat at break times, they are required to sit under the shaded play areas. These need to be bucket style with a brim and can be purchased from the school office.

All students are encouraged to keep a spare pair of clothing in their bags in case anything happens during the day which results in dirty clothes. If students do not have a spare pair of clothes in their bags, parents/caregivers will be rung to bring in some fresh clothing for their child.



#### **Year 4 Camp Important Reminders:**

1. Full and final payment of camp fees were due - Friday 18 October.
2. Children's medical forms were due - Friday 18 October.

**Calendar of School Events and Activities-** Remember to check your emails regularly to keep up to date with school news, information and events. All notices are delivered this way now, including sports notices, unless you have previously advised the school office that you don't have an internet connection.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher as they are more than happy to help where possible.

**Kind regards,  
Kauri Syndicate Teachers**



## Rimu Syndicate Newsletter



Kia ora Parents, Caregivers and Whānau

Welcome back to school for what we anticipate to be an exciting term ahead. Hopefully you were able to enjoy a wonderful break with your family. A special welcome to those families joining us for the first time this term. We would like to take this opportunity to introduce our teachers...

Room 1 - Mrs Tracey Wickham (Reception Room)

Room 1A - Miss Tayla-Jay Dearlove (Year 0)

Room 2 - Miss Rebecca Gilbert (Year 1)

Room 3 - Mrs Danielle Devoy (Year 1)

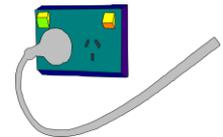
Room 7 - Mrs Sara Jane Kowalewski (Year 2)

Room 8 - Miss Caitlin Wheeler (Year 1/2)

Room 9 - Miss Hannah Goodbehere (Year 2)

### Our Learning

This term our major focus is Science. Rimu syndicate will be learning about energy in the form of electricity in order to find out "What lies behind the plug". We will explore this in the context of how electricity powers our everyday lives.



**Woodstock Learner:** Building Positive Relationships

**Health Education:** Making Healthy Choices: What does being healthy look like?

**Maths:** Volume and capacity; Numeracy

**Oral Language:** Expanding children's ideas and vocabulary in order to engage in conversations

**Written Language:** Conveying a clear message to an audience

**Reading:** Reading for Meaning, Prediction and Retelling, Making Connections, Questioning

**Physical Education:** Athletics

**Maori Language:** Pronunciation and Greetings; Mihi; Karakia; Waiata; Feelings; Following basic commands; Questions and response around activities.

### Library Times

Your child's class visits the library once a week. For your child to be issued with a book they need to bring back their previous book and have their book bag.

**Room 1:** Friday      **Room 1A:**      **Room 2:**Monday      **Room 3:** Friday

**Room 7:** Monday      **Room 8:** Wednesday      **Room 9:** Thursday

### Illness

Just a reminder that children who have experienced a vomiting illness need to be kept home for a 48 hour period before returning to school. This time enables your child to recover fully, and increase necessary energy levels, as well as prevent the likelihood of illness being spread among students and staff. Thank you for your support in this area.



### Sunhats and sun-safe policy

A reminder that in Term 4 all students must have a **brimmed sunhat** to wear during break times and learning outside the classroom. For health and safety reasons, students without a hat, or with a cap lacking a brim, will be asked to stay in the shade of the trees during break times. Your children are welcome to bring sunscreen to school but must be able to apply it independently.

### Class entry times

A timely reminder that it is Woodstock School policy that students do not enter classrooms before the **8.15 bell**, at which point teacher supervision begins. Thank you.

### Appointments with Teachers

We welcome opportunities to meet with you. Please do not hesitate to approach your child's teacher if you have an enquiry, question, concern or positive comment to share. To ensure there is quality time for a discussion please make an appointment with the teacher.

We look forward to the exciting term ahead.

### **The Rimu Syndicate Teaching Team:**

*Tracey Wickham, Tayla-Jay Dearlove Rebecca Gilbert, Danielle Devoy, Sara Jane Kowalewski, Caitlin Wheeler and Hannah Goodbehere*

## Rata Syndicate Newsletter



Kia Ora,

Welcome back! I hope everyone had a great break and are ready for a very busy term. We will be continuing with horse riding on a Monday every fortnight. Please let me know the night before if you think you may not attend as I will keep Hannah informed so they have the correct number of volunteers.

We also have our Special Service standard review at the beginning of December. They will be working with staff as well as contacting a few parents. Please let me know if you are happy to speak with them.

This term our major focus is Science with a focus on electricity. We are learning about how it is a form of energy that we use in our everyday lives, and that it is harnessed from an environmental source. This topic will also be covered in our Oral Language time. Please take this opportunity to talk to your children at home about their learning and any new information you can provide.

**Woodstock Learner:** Building Positive Relationships

**Health Education:** Making Healthy Choices: What does being healthy look like?

**Maths:** Time, Numeracy, Money

**Oral Language:** Expanding children's vocabulary, Conversations - Explicitly teaching that clever thinking and clever talking promotes learning

**Written Language:** Conveying a clear message to an audience

**Reading:** Reading for Meaning, Prediction and Retelling, Making Connections, Questioning

**Maori Language:** Pronunciation and Greetings; Mihi; Karakia; Waiata; Asking and answering questions about our feelings; Following basic commands.

**Enviroschools:** Continue to look at school systems: worm bins, class recycling, milk cartons, water usage, waste free, gardens

### **Appointments:**

Please let us know of any appointments. When appropriate and possible Niki would like to attend. This will help her in the development of her programme. It is also much appreciated if you double check that Niki and I are on the emailing list for any follow up reports.

### **Library Times:**

Our library day is Thursday. For your child to be issued with a book they need to bring back their previous book and have their book bag.

### **Portfolios:**

This term we will present learning stories and work samples in their portfolios so you can see your child's work habits and some enjoyable moments from their days. These will be sent home in Week 9. If you have any concerns about your child's development in any areas please talk with us.

### **Illness**

Just a reminder that children who have experienced a vomiting illness need to be kept home for a 48 hour period before returning to school. This time enables your child to recover fully, and increase necessary energy levels, as well as prevent the likelihood of illness being spread among students and staff. Thank you for your support in also keeping your child home if they are continually coughing and sneezing. We know how easy it is for our children to pick up colds which can become serious quickly. It is really appreciated that we minimize the spreading of this.

### **Clothing:**

Now that the weather is getting warmer it is essential that your child has a named sunhat at school each day this term. Being an enviro school it will be compulsory to wear a brimmed sun hat over the next term.

If you have any questions or queries please ask.

The RATA syndicate - Bronwyn, Niki, Ben, Colette, and Rebecca

### Keep in Touch with Woodstock School:

We have numerous forms of communication with our school community that complement our tradition newsletters.

#### School Website

There is lots of information regarding Woodstock School held within [www.woodstock.school.nz](http://www.woodstock.school.nz). The website is updating regularly with dates, information, photos and appropriate online learning links.

#### School Facebook Page

Join us on our Facebook page called 'Woodstock Primary School'. It is an excellent way to stay informed of events and reminders. We also regularly post photos of everyday life and learning celebrations at school.



### Subway Lunch Orders – please read carefully

Subways are available on Thursday only and orders must be in before school. Please note that the ingredients are set and that you cannot request a particular sauce or no tomato etc. However you can request “no cheese”, but this is the only special request available. Cookies are not available for ordering. Please ensure the order includes your child’s name and room number as well as the type of subway to be ordered.

## News From the P.T.A.



**Don't forget our**  
**Crazy Hair Disco**  
**Is today,**  
**29th October.**

Welcome to the following children:

*Scarlett Gifkins, Asna Anish, Leila-Grace Skjolden, Ozuf Atifi,  
Sienna Mills, Madison Dunlop, Cooper Harrison,*

*Paige Cassidy, Mohamed Farah, Christopher Casey,  
Arlo Turner, Jared Hippolite, Benjamin Hippolite,  
Kyle Bambrick, Charlotte Marshall, Mia Namua,  
Ammon Hippolite, Ella Anderson, Sundus Ayanle,  
Sa'ad Ayanle, Kairo Tunncliffe, Liam Millward,  
Ruth Volau and Regan Antonievic.*

Tōfā soifua  
Nga mihi  
Have a great day

**Jenny Mills**  
**Principal**