

### NEWS FROM AROUND SCHOOL



Today we say ka kite to Mya who has been a fabulous student teacher here for the past four weeks. We wish her all the best for the future.

Fridays are one of our favourite days of the week because it's Passion Projects - Here are Corbin, Banjo & Marley enjoying some mint tea in the garden.



Thanks to Moira for all the hard work in the garden - It's looking amazing!

**\*NEW DATE - END OF YEAR FUN DAY !**  
We will be taking the whole school by bus to the Botanical Gardens on:  
**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December**  
Come along and join us there with a picnic.  
(Drumming lessons will be on Wednesday that week.)



### COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

As the year draws to a close, it's time to start planning for an exciting 2026 at Waitati Kura!

We've successfully had our current class structure in place for the past three years, and now, we're asking for your valuable insights as we shape the future learning environment for our tamariki.

Your feedback is essential in helping us decide what works best for our school community going forward. Please share your thoughts by completing a short survey sent to you by email before Monday, November 24th. We have also been consulting with the children and will continue to. This will allow us to finalise the 2026 class structure and move on to creating the class lists.

Thank you for helping us make Waitati Kura the best it can be!

(A copy of the link to the survey is in the main newsletter email.)





## ORANGE DAY

We are excited to announce that the road patrollers, in recognition of their dedicated service and leadership on the road patrol this year, are attending **Orange Day on the 28<sup>th</sup> of November.** This day is a special celebration of their commitment to safety.

The group are heading to walk along George St as a parade, then up to Moana Pool, where they will explore the pool for the afternoon.

A notice, given earlier this week, is due back on Monday, the 24<sup>th</sup> of November.



Today in Passion Projects, the drama group's teamwork exercise was to be an octopus!

This week we had a visit from some local chickens!

Here's Atawhai enjoying a cuddle in Huatea class.



## FUNDRAISING

### SOCKS!

The Jolly Soles Christmas socks have arrived and are selling fast! We have Small, medium & large sizes available in the office at \$10 per pair

### HAMPER DONATIONS NEEDED

Thank you for all the kind donations so far, the hamper is looking very festive. Please keep bringing in grocery items to be raffled off soon.



### MARKET EVENTS

We are excited to be part of the Waitati Christmas Market on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December. Come along and support us at the church from 5-7pm.

Waitati Sunday Market 07 Dec  
We will be selling pizza, Christmas socks, crafts, honey, baking and we will be raffling a hamper. 10am - 1 pm.

### Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 04 March, from 3pm in the kitchen. Come along to reflect on our fundraising in 2025 and plan for 2026.



Thank you for all the donations so far the hamper, it's looking very festive!

Please keep the donations coming so we can start the raffle soon!

## COMING UP THIS WEEK!

### Monday 24 November

- Music lunch club with Robyn

### Tuesday 25 November

- Drumming with Jamie 12 - 3pm
- Music lunch club with Jamie
- Swamp lunch club with Nathan
- Blueskin Cafe Lunch order deadline - midday

### Wednesday 26 November

- Tech at DNI for yr7&8

### Thursday 27 November

- Piano with Brenda 11am-2pm
- Blueskin Cafe Lunch delivery
- Ceramic lunch club with Stephen
- Volunteer's Afternoon Tea 2-3 pm

### Friday 28 November

- Guitar and ukulele with Che, 9-9.30am.
- Passion Projects 11am-3pm
- Orange Day - Fun day out for Road Patrollers

## DATES FOR 2025

- **Thu 27 Nov** - Afternoon tea for volunteers 2-3 pm
- **Fri 28 Nov** - Orange Day Road Patrollers Fun Day
- **Tue 02 Dec** - BoT Hui, 5.45-7.45 pm
- **Fri 05 Dec** - Reports going home
- **Sun 07 Dec** - Waitati Market fundraising stall 10-1
- **Mon 08 Dec** - Fun day out  
End of Year Celebration for Year 6-8  
Programme 4-6 pm
- **Thu 11 Dec** - End of Year Celebration Hui at Waitati Hall, 1 - 3 pm. All families are welcome from 12.45 for a 1 pm start
- **Thu 11 Dec** - Christmas market at the church 5-7 pm
- **Fri 12 Dec** - Last day of Term 4 (Half day)

## The Christmas Socks have arrived!



## BLUESKIN NURSERIES' LUNCH MENU TERM 4

Place your order at the cafe by midday on Tuesdays for delivery at school on Thursdays.

Extra order forms are available in the office or at the cafe.

WEEK 8 27th November	COST
Chunky Fries	\$4.50
Raspberry Marshmallow slice (gf)	\$4.50

## Choosing a Good Toothpaste

Look for a toothpaste with at least **1000 ppm fluoride**



- ✓ Check the box/tube states it has fluoride (stannous fluoride, sodium monofluorophosphate, or sodium fluoride are ingredients)
- ✓ Not everyone loves that minty taste. Try one of the fluoridated non-mint flavours available (grape, vanilla, watermelon, berry...)
- ✓ A soft paste, a solid paste or a tablet? The choice is yours!



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## 2026 DATES

### Term 1

- Tue 03 Feb - First day of the year
- Fri 06 Feb - School closed for Waitangi Day (public holiday)
- Mon 23 Mar - School closed for Otago Anniversary Day (public holiday)
- Thu 02 Apr - Last day of Term 1

### Term 2

- Mon 20 Apr - First Day of Term 2
- Mon 27 Apr - School closed for Anzac Day (public holiday)
- Mon 01 Jun - School closed for King's Birthday (public holiday)
- Fri 03 Jul - Last day of Term 2

### Term 3

- Mon 20 Jul - First day of Term 3
- Fri 25 Sep - Last day of Term 3

### Term 4

- Mon 12 Oct - First day of Term 4
- Mon 26 Oct - School closed for Labour Day (public holiday)
- Wed 16 Dec - Last day of the year



## Tasty Treats for the Festive Season

Tuesday 25 November  
6-7pm  
Dunningham Suite  
Dunedin Public Library



Alison Lambert will share and demonstrate her ideas for using local ingredients to create some tasty treats for the upcoming festive season.

You can even bring along your own garden samples and ask the question 'What can I make with this?'

Join us from 5:30 for a chat and a snack

