

NEWS FROM AROUND SCHOOL

STAFFING NEWS

As many of you know, our Kaiako, Charlotte, has been navigating ongoing health challenges related to chronic fatigue. To focus fully on her recovery, she will be taking temporary leave until her health improves. Our whole community sends Charlotte our warmest wishes for a gentle and speedy recovery.

In the meantime, we are delighted to welcome Bea into the Huatea classroom. Many of you will already know Bea as a valued member of our Playcentre community — a former parent, PTA member, and Board member of our school. She has been relieving with us over the past six months, and we are honoured to have her join our kura in this role.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES NEWS

Welcome Nicola!

Last week we held our first Board hui for the year. Here we welcomed Nicola Winter onto the BOT. She brings with her a wealth of knowledge, and we are looking forward to working with her.

Thank you Alan!

We also said farewell to our Presiding Member of the last 3 years, Alan Bauchop. It has been an honour to work alongside Alan for this time. His calm and calculated manner will be missed around the table. Thank you Alan for all your hard work and dedication over the 3 years, but especially for walking our kura through the changes.

Welcome to Maia!
We are so happy to have you join our Mihiwaka class.



This week the **Enviroschools** kaiko came out to our school. This programme supports children and young people to plan, design and implement sustainability actions that are important to them and their communities.

Tēnā koutou e te whānau,

It has been a busy and productive few weeks at kura. Our teachers are currently diving into iDeaL Structured Literacy training and are thriving with the new math curriculum. It is also wonderful to see the warm, welcoming environments and strong relationships growing within our classrooms.

Key Updates:

- **School Improvements:** A huge thank you to the whānau who have helped with the recent hard work around our grounds—the school is looking fantastic!
- **3-Way Conferences:** Thank you for the great turnout this week. It was wonderful to discuss your child's progress together.
- **Attendance Plan:** Our new Attendance Management Plan is now on the school website. Please review it to stay informed about the updated government requirements and our shared responsibilities.
- **PB4L:** Our focus of the week is going well, reminding tamariki of our school expectations. You can find these details in the classrooms and our newsletters. I hope you all have a restful weekend and that the sun makes an appearance!

COMING UP THIS WEEK!

Mon 09 Mar

- Music lunch club with Robyn
- Futsal practice at lunchtime

Tue 10 Mar

- Music with Jamie 11am - 3pm
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- Year 6 - 8 Hui in Mapounui with Debbie, 3-4pm

Wed 11 Mar

- Tech at DNI for Yr 7 & 8s
- Futsal after school at the Edgar Centre
- Fern Fever Girls Have a Go Day, Y5-8

Thu 12 Mar

- Piano with Brenda 11am - 1pm
- Lunch delivery from Blueskin Nurseries' Cafe
- Game On Boys Have a Go Day. Y5-8

IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM 1

- Mon 23 Mar - School closed for Otago Anniversary Day (public holiday)
- Wed 25 Mar - BoT hui 5.45-7.45pm
- Sun 29 Mar Blueskin Show Possum Cafe at Bland Park, Waitati
- Thu 02 Apr - End of Term Assembly, 2 - 3 pm. All families are welcome from 1.45 for a 2 pm start
- Thu 02 Apr - Last day of Term 1

BLUESKIN NURSERIES' CAFE LUNCH DELIVERY

Here is the latest menu from the Blueskin Nurseries Cafe. Place your orders at the cafe by midday on Tuesdays for delivery to school on Thursdays. This menu is also available on our website.

WEEK 5 12th March	COST
Cheese Burger (gf on request)	\$6.50
Vegetarian burger	\$6.00
Orange Chocolate Chip Muffins	\$4.00

At school we eat brain-fuel foods, not lollies.
Thanks for helping us keep our classroom healthy!

PB4L Focus of the week

Stop and think before you say something.



Watching out for others' personal space.

THIS WEEK - YEAR 6-8 PARENT HUI

Time & Date: Tuesday, 10th March, at 3:00 pm

Venue: Mapounui classroom

Topic: Year 6-8 Programme

Bring your thoughts, your big ideas, and your questions. We can't wait to hear what you have in mind!

SAVE THE DATE - SUN 29 MAR

THE POSSUM CAFE - AT THE BLUESKIN SHOW

This year it is our turn to run the cafe at the Blueskin Show. Please let us know if you can help on the day in the cafe. We will need donations of baking dropped to Bland Park on the day.

More information to come soon!

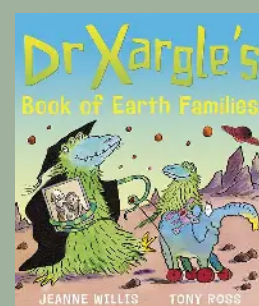
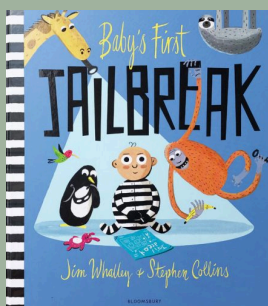


CHOCOLATE SEASON!

Please bring in chocolate donations for an Easter hamper raffle! We will start selling tickets on Friday 13th March, and announce the winner at the end of term hui on the 2nd April.

Do you have these library books at home?

The library are asking for us to pay for them if they don't come back, so please double-check!



FREE Whānau HAUORA Day

PUKETERAKI MARAE
520 APES ROAD (OFF COAST ROAD), KARITANE, OTAGO

SAT, 14 MARCH
10AM - 2PM

KIDS ACTIVITIES
YUMMY KAI
FREE PARKING

HEAPS OF
PRIZES

FREE HEALTH CHECKS



Kāti Huirapa Rūnaka ki Puketeraki

WellSouth
Primary Health Network
Hauora Matua Ki Te Tonga

Today we had a very successful fire drill. Do you have a fire safety plan at home?



Celebrating our wildlife & community

BLUESKIN SHOW DAY

Sunday 29th March 2026
10:00am - 2:30pm at Bland Park, Waitati

A fun day out for the whole family!

- ✓ Pony Rides
- ✓ Noddy Train
- ✓ Bouncy Castle
- ✓ LIVE MUSIC - Tiny Pieces of 8
- ✓ 1pm JAY THE JUGGLER & BALLOONS
- ✓ Fire & EMERGENCY
- ✓ Vegetable & Produce Competition
- ✓ Best Mullet Competition - 1.30pm
- ✓ Local Businesses & Groups on Display



- ✓ Local schools cooking BBQ, baking & sweet treats in Possum Cafe, Donuts & Candyfloss
- ✓ CARBOOT SALE
- ✓ Apple Press
- ✓ NO DOGS

\$10 Family Entry
Children 12 & under
FREE (Cash Only)
Adults \$5

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Health Star Rating
A good choice for teeth?



but still have **ADDED SUGAR!**



Did you know?

Some foods, like flavoured milks, cereals or juice, may have a high star rating but still contain **added sugar**. Higher amounts of positive nutrients, like fibre or protein, can increase the star rating of a food with added sugar. A high star rating guides you towards a healthier food but doesn't mean it's a good choice for our teeth if we **have it too often!**

Health New Zealand
Te Whatu Ora

Community Oral
Health Service



Talkteeth Southern

28 Feb - 8 March 2026
Toi Moana - Toi Tangata
Healthy seas - Healthy people

SIR PETER BLAKE



Karitane School

150th Jubilee 2026



Friday 3rd - Sunday 5th April
Reunion & Gala Dinner
Tours • Activities • Memorabilia

Register at www.karitaneschool.co.nz