



# KAHUTARA SCHOOL

Opening the gates to our future.  
Huakina nga kuaha ma a tatou ao ake tonu.

Manaakitanga

Connectedness

Confidence

Critical Thinking

## NEWSLETTER

Term 4 - Week 9

Kia ora koutou,

We have less than a week to go before the end of the year, where has the term gone?! Our community newsletter will be emailed out at the end of next week but I wanted to touch base with you all before then, with a few notices and reminders.

### Market Day

Well done to all of our students for their success at our Market Day. I am so proud of how hard they worked creating innovative products to sell and I was very impressed with how well they marketed and ran their stalls. A big thank you to parents and community members who were able to pop down and support our students, it was a great day and a valuable learning experience for all. We raised \$1848 on the day with \$248 going towards the Mangatete Wetlands. Our students are currently planning ideas about what they would like the money to go towards. One idea so far is to buy paint to repaint the 4-square lines on the court - this game is super popular this year!



### Disco

Thank you Rory, Samantha and Brooke for organising a FAB disco last week. Everyone had a great time on the dancefloor and I'm so pleased that we were able to have this before the end of the year. There were 70 students there on the night which is most of our school - great effort everyone!



### End of Year Prize Giving

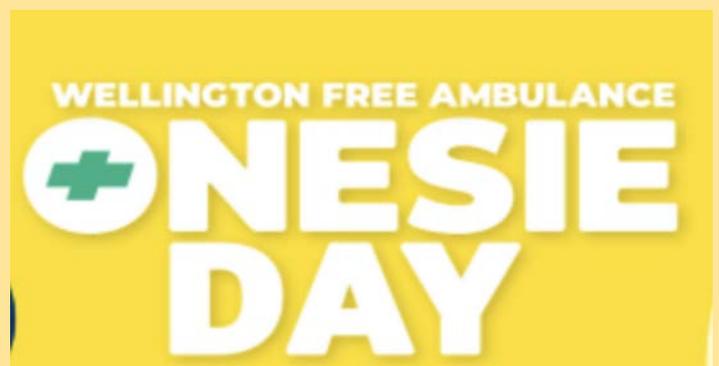
Our End of Year Prize Giving is on Wednesday 18th December at 5pm but we would like all students in classrooms by 4:45pm please. We have organised babysitting at the Kahutara

Check out our *AWESOME* certificate winners!



### UPCOMING DATES

- **Fri 13th Dec** - End of Year Student Reports sent home
- **Mon 16th Dec** - Year 8 Leavers Dinner
- **Wed 18th Dec** - End of Year Prizegiving (5pm start - 4:45 in classrooms please)
- **Thurs 19th Dec** - Last day for all students 1pm finish
- **Mon 3rd Feb** - First day of Term 1 2025



**Raised \$211.80**

Thanks so much

Community Hall from 4:30pm for preschoolers. There is no charge for this. We expect to finish around 6pm.

### End of Year Student Reports

These will be sent home tomorrow with students. A major focus that we have had this year, was to introduce a range of new assessments and I have worked closely with teachers to look at how we form overall teacher judgements when we are assessing and reporting. I hope that you find these end of year reports useful, and that they show you what your child can do, what their next learning steps are and the level of their achievement.

### Staffing 2025

A reminder of which teachers are in each class next year:

Hub 1 - Brooke Sims (Tues - Fri) and Ariana Te Whetu (Mondays)

Hub 2 - Inga Munro

Room 3 - Lara Hooper

Room 4 - Kimmy Rowland

Becky McGuinness will continue to work with us in 2025 for two days each week, as a curriculum release teacher.

If you have any questions or feedback that you would like to share, as I begin planning for 2025, please get in touch with me.

### Stationery Lists 2025

Next year we are asking all parents to provide stationery for their children, (school chromebooks will be provided for all Hub 1, 2 and Room 3 students). Stationery lists for all classrooms will be shared with you next week. I recommend purchasing this from Warehouse Stationery/The Warehouse in Masterton, and encourage you to make the most of the back to school sale prices in January.

Ngā manaakitanga,

Ariana Te Whetu

# ELF on the SHELF Competition

Come and find Jingles, our very own Bookshop Elf!

DRAW us a picture or DESCRIBE where you found him on the entry forms available in store, or email us a PHOTO, to be in the draw to WIN.

Jingles will be exploring For the Love of Books Bookshop (89 Fitzherbert St, Featherston) each day until Christmas Eve.

The more times you find him, the more chances to WIN!

Good luck and

## Happy Christmas!



Entry forms and further details available in store, on our website; [www.welovebooks.nz](http://www.welovebooks.nz)  
Facebook, and Instagram: [@welovebooksnz](https://www.instagram.com/welovebooksnz)  
Email: [competition@welovebooks.nz](mailto:competition@welovebooks.nz)



# PACK THE BUS

## THANKYOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION

Pack the Bus is all wrapped up for 2024 and on behalf of More FM and all of our local sponsors we would like to extend our gratitude to all of our incredible local schools for getting involved.

Because of the outpouring generosity of our beautiful region and the massive contributions of all of the local schools involved, we were able to pack the bus full of enough Christmas gifts and food donations for over 1000 local children from almost 500 families!

All of these families and children will wake up to a little magic this Christmas and it is all thanks to you. The Pack The Bus mission is to ensure every child in the Wairarapa wakes up to a present on Christmas, a simple mission but the impact for those children is priceless. Thankyou for getting behind us and this mission.



# KIDS

## SWIM LESSON

Summer intensive lessons with Mrs Hooper, a qualified swimming teacher.

- Heated swimming pool
- 20th - 24th December
- \$150 for 5 lessons
- At Dalziell Swimming pool, 3 km from Kahutara School.

Ring Cec on 027 553 8711



# SPORTS & RECREATION SURVEY



**Are you involved in sport and recreation in the South Wairarapa? If so, we would love to hear from you.**

We are surveying the community to understand the needs, challenges and opportunities for South Wairarapa sports clubs and recreational groups, to help Council understand what support can be provided for now and into the future.

Scan this QR code for a link to the survey OR visit:  
[www.swdc.govt.nz/community/sports-and-recreation-survey/](http://www.swdc.govt.nz/community/sports-and-recreation-survey/)



\*Survey closes 14 January 2025



## PONY PALS HOLIDAY PROGRAMME



### Activities

- Horse riding
- Horse pampering
- Swimming
- Games
- Christmas tree decorations on the 16th
- Scavenger Hunt
- Movie for those staying later



### Details

- 16 Dec., 10 Jan and 28 Jan
- 9am – 2pm for \$60.00 or extended hours for \$85.00
- South Wairarapa
- 5-11 year old
- Call or txt 0273866698 for more details or to make a booking
- Limit of 6 children per day

### What to bring

- Hat
- Closed in shoes
- Lunch box and drink bottle
- Jacket
- Togs, towel and goggles



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## Ako <∞> Tech Summer Holiday Programme

Venue: Queen Margaret's College

Dates: 6-9th Jan & 13th-16th Jan 2025

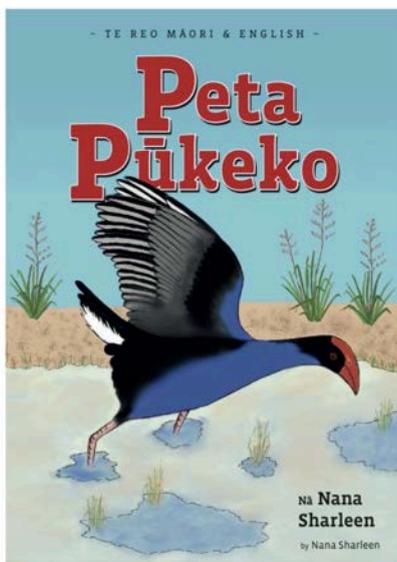


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## Book Launch

Join Sharleen launch her second bilingual children's book



**At Chicken and Frog bookshop**  
**Thursday 19 December**  
**5.30-7pm**  
 Light refreshments provided  
 and books will be available for sale

# Hello Summer

**Download our Skool Loop app today to keep up to date with school information.** Notices, newsletters, absentee notifications and much more!

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