Canvastown School NEWSLETTER

Term 4 Week 4 Thursday 5th November 2026

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Upcoming Events:

Friday 6th November
Assembly 2pm

Monday 9th November
Year 7 Tech

Wednesday 11th November
Year 5 & 6 Clued Up Kids – Brayshaw Park
Junior Room Open day

Friday 13th November
Privileges Day

Tuesday 17th November
District Athletics – Blenheim

Wednesday 18th November
Board of Trustees meeting

Friday 20th November
Assembly
Havelock Theatre Company Interval fundraiser

Saturday 21st November
Havelock Theatre Company Interval fundraiser

Monday 23rd November
Year 7 Tech

Monday 23rd November to Friday 27th November
Swim Magic

Tuesday 1st December
Year 7 Tech

Ngā mihi nui, Canvastown whānau!

A little bit of science, history and plenty of curiosity!

Our senior students enjoyed a fantastic field trip to Wharenui on Wednesday, exploring the fascinating Iridium Anomaly and discovering how a tiny trace of an element can provide clues to one of the biggest events in Earth's history.



We were fortunate to hear from local expert Leicester Murray, who shared his knowledge of the iridium record and how it provides important evidence supporting the theory that an asteroid impact contributed to the extinction of the dinosaurs around 66 million years ago.

There was plenty more to squeeze into the day, including stories and local history surrounding St Oswald's Church, getting up close and personal with a deceased humpback whale (certainly not an everyday experience!), and examining interesting samples under the microscope.

It was a wonderful opportunity to take our learning beyond the classroom, connect with our local environment and history, and explore some pretty extraordinary science. A big thank you to Leicester for sharing his knowledge and enthusiasm with our students. Plenty of food for thought on the journey home!

A great day out for our Canvastown crew!

Our Year 5, 6 and 7 students did themselves proud at the Rural Schools Athletics in Blenheim, competing against students from twelve other schools.

There was plenty of action across the day, with sprints, relays (joining forces with students from other schools to make teams of four), shot put, discus, long jump and high jump.

Our students gave everything a go, showed great sportsmanship and represented Canvastown brilliantly.

A special congratulations to **April Cummerfield, Louie Rutherford, Evie Hayter, Riley Hayter, Jael Dytingco and Cooper Greeks,** who, based on their results on Tuesday, have qualified to represent Canvastown School at the **District Athletics on Tuesday 17 November at Athletic Park!**

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Upcoming Events Continued:

Thursday 3rd December
Reports Out

Friday 4th December
Assembly
Reports out

Wednesday 9th December & Thursday 10th December
Kanohi ki te Kanohi Face-to-Face Meetings

Friday 11th December
Year 6 Tech Taster Day
Privileges Day

Monday 14th December to Wednesday 16th December
Year 4 – 7 Camp TBC

Thursday 17th December
Prizegiving

Friday 18th December
Term 4 ends

A fantastic effort from all our Caring Active Achievers! We're very proud of you all. ❤️

🐰🎨 A fantastic day for our Canvastown girls at Group Day!

A big congratulations to our students who headed along to Group Day at Linkwater last Thursday and came home with some fabulous results!

Mia Hiller had a terrific day, taking home **FIRST** place in both the Junior Care and Attention/Best Pet and Junior Best Fur/Fibre classes. She also picked up **THIRD** in the Junior Fattest Rabbit class. What a haul, Mia! 🏆

Big sister **Niah Hiller** wasn't far behind, claiming **SECOND** place in both the Middle Best Fur/Fibre and Middle Care and Attention/Best Pet classes, as well as **FIRST** in the Middle Fattest Rabbit class. Clearly, there's some serious rabbit expertise in that family! 🐇

Meanwhile, **Anastasia Lindsay** took out **FIRST** place with her beautifully decorated rock in a very competitive class, while **Jade Newlove** earned a very well-deserved **THIRD** for her artwork. 🎨

We're incredibly proud of you all. It's wonderful to see our students getting involved, showcasing their creativity, caring for their animals and giving things a go.

Well done, girls! Some very happy Canvastown achievers! ❤️

Interval Fundraiser: We've been given a lovely opportunity to support Canvastown School by selling baking at the interval of the Havelock Theatre Company's upcoming production at the Havelock Town Hall on 20 and 21 November.

We'd love our fabulous school community to get their mixing bowls out and help us with donations of homemade baking — think slices, muffins, biscuits, cakes and other delicious treats! 🧁🍪

Every donation will help us raise a little extra money for our tamariki, while giving theatre-goers something yummy to enjoy during the interval.

If you're able to whip up a batch of something delicious, we'd be incredibly grateful. ❤️

Thanks, as always, for your wonderful support of Canvastown School. You're a fantastic bunch!

🏊 The School Pool Is OPEN! 🌞

Great news, whānau — our school pool is now open for the swimming season! 🫧

🔑 **Pool keys** are available from Sandra at the school office for $60, including a $10 deposit that will be refunded when the key is returned.

🩱 Please send your child to school with their togs each day so we can make the most of the warmer weather and enjoy plenty of swimming!

🚫 **A quick but important health reminder**: If your child has had vomiting, sickness or diarrhoea, please keep them out of the pool until they have been symptom-free for at least 48 hours. This helps protect all our tamariki from the spread of bugs.

Fingers crossed for plenty of sunshine, splashing and happy swimming days ahead! 🌞🫧

Reading Eggs and Mathletics: All students are welcome to log in to their Reading Eggs or Mathletics accounts at any time and continue their journey! If they're unsure of their log in details, please contact your child's teacher!

Alistair Dalziel
Principal

REMINDERS

- **Lunch orders –** 

Tuesday's sausage/s in bread
Thursdays Pub lunches
Teachers will be giving lunch orders to all children, so please check your children's bags for lunch order slips.

- **Lost / Found Clothing -** 

There is a bin full of found clothing here outside the senior room here at school. Perhaps your child has left an item of clothing here at school? Please pop in, take a look, and see if any of the clothing belongs to your child/children

Thank you

Our kids – Edible Garden



Our kids – Swimming



Our kids –
Taopenga 2026



Our kids – Athletics









Our kids – Iridium Anomaly Field Trip











CANVASTOWN SCHOOL

CALF Fundraiser



We are continuing our calf donation programme and extending the range of options to provide our school community with flexibility in donation choices.

We really appreciate your consideration of our stock scheme and hope we can continue with this valued initiative.

100% of proceeds stay with Canvastown School to help enrich all the children at our school.

Together we're investing in the future of our rural community.

Weigh In Day!

Early December – Date TBC

Join us for our calf weigh-in day! Enjoy a BBQ, prize giving, and celebrating our supporters. More details to follow.

DONATION OPTIONS

WEANED CALF

Fully weaned beef calf donated.

CULL COW

Timeframe flexible. Notification given to meat processor on booking animal. Please contact the school for more information.

FATTENED LAMB(S)

Timeframe flexible. Notification given to meat processor on booking animal.

DONATION OF GRAZING

Farmers graze a weaned animal/s through to processing weight.

PLEASE COMPLETE AND EMAIL BACK

Name: _____ Ph: _____

Address: _____ NAIT NO: _____

Email: _____ Number of animals: _____

Preferred donation type: ☐ Weaned Calf ☐ Cull Cow ☐ Fattened Lamb(s) ☐ Donation of Grazing

Additional details / notes: _____

EMAIL COMPLETED FORM TO: office@canvastown.school.nz

For all questions please contact: | *Mason Coleman* 027 926 8766

Canvastown School Policies and Procedures –

The first newsletter of each Term, to the end of term newsletter, we will be popping in the Newsletter one of our school policies or procedures. This month is Student Attendance.

Parents, you can view all the school policies and procedures in the parent portal (school docs).

Student Attendance

For information about enrolment, see Enrolment.

At Canvastown School, we recognise that regular attendance at school is crucial for student achievement. The board ensures we meet all legislative and regulatory requirements around student attendance, including recording and monitoring attendance and following up absences and attendance concerns. We expect students and their parents/guardians/caregivers to work with us to make sure students attend school regularly.

Students are required to attend school whenever the school is open (Education and Training Act, s 36), with some exceptions.

School responsibilities

As required by the Education and Training Act 2020, the board:

takes all reasonable steps to ensure the attendance of students enrolled at our school
has an attendance management plan that sets out a strategy and a process for the school to identify and respond to student absences
has regard to any guidelines on the management of school attendance issued by the Secretary of Education when preparing our attendance management plan
reviews our attendance management plan in accordance with regulations
makes our attendance management plan publicly available online.
As required by the School Attendance Rules 2025 (published under section 237A of the Education and Training Act 2020) and the Education (School Attendance) Regulations 2024, the principal ensures that the school:

keeps attendance records for each student enrolled at the school (either by half-day or period) for each half-day that it is open for instruction
has an absence notification process to enable the accurate and timely collection of attendance records
uses a Ministry-approved Electronic Attendance Register (eAR) unless exempt
uses Ministry-approved attendance codes to record attendance or absence for each student for each half-day the school is open for instruction
provides these attendance records to the Secretary of Education at the end of each school day.

Accurate recording of student attendance ensures all students are accounted for during school hours, EOTC activities, and emergency events, and provides information to help identify and respond to student attendance concerns.

If a student does not arrive at school or goes missing during the day (including from an EOTC event), we check there are no errors in how attendance information was recorded or updated (e.g. if a student has gone home due to illness) and notify parents/guardians/caregivers in a timely manner so they can respond. If there is reason for concern, we follow our Missing Student Procedure.
We work with students, parents/guardians/caregivers, staff, and external agencies where needed to identify any barriers to attendance, develop a plan to support attendance and learning, and improve student attendance at our school.
The principal reports to the board on attendance trends, barriers, and interventions, including by sharing the termly Every Day Matters report.
We ensure that all attendance-related procedures, documentation, and records comply with privacy requirements. We keep attendance records for the length of time required by the School Records Retention and Disposal Schedule.

Attendance management plan

Our attendance management plan outlines how we monitor student attendance and respond to student absences. Our plan has regard to Ministry of Education attendance guidelines, including the stepped attendance

response (STAR), and is reviewed and updated in line with regulations. We seek feedback from the school community when developing and reviewing our plan. Also see Attendance Management Plans Website link icon (Ministry of Education).

Our attendance management plan includes our:

strategic priorities related to attendance (including our attendance targets and other key attendance objectives)
processes to identify and respond to patterns, barriers, and underlying causes of student absences
strategies, actions, or interventions at different attendance thresholds (based on numbers of days absent in a term)
how we will monitor and measure progress in attendance, including any targets set by the board or the government and links to student achievement.
Our plan may also include other information relevant to our attendance management, such as:

our expectations of students, parents/guardians/caregivers, and our school staff, including roles and responsibilities
how we will communicate with students and parents/guardians/caregivers about attendance
our use of Ministry-approved attendance codes, including the thresholds for discretion and any limitations of discretion (including timeframes) for justified absences
how we will review and update our attendance management plan.
The board approves our attendance management plan before it is published online.

Parent/Guardian/Caregiver and student responsibilities

As attendance is a shared responsibility, our school communicates with parents/guardians/caregivers and students about attendance requirements and expectations. The school monitors attendance and updates students and parents regularly.

Parents/Guardians are legally required to make sure their enrolled student attends school every day the school is open (Education and Training Act, s 244).
We expect students and their parents/guardians/caregivers to communicate and work with the school to ensure regular attendance. We ask parents/guardians/caregivers to contact us as soon as possible to discuss anything that may be a barrier to student attendance and/or to make any requests for exceptions.
Parents/Guardians/Caregivers are expected to notify the school as soon as possible (before or during the school day) if their child will be absent or late. A reason must be provided no later than the end of the school week. The school will contact parents/guardians/caregivers directly if no explanation is provided.
Students are not allowed to leave the school during school hours unless permission is requested by parents/guardians/caregivers and given by the school. The student must inform their class teacher.




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SUNDAY 29 NOVEMBER 10AM - 3PM
MARLBOROUGH ART SOCIETY GALLERY
204 HIGH STREET, BLENHEIM
Marlborough District
creative nz
COMMUNITIES
MEET AND SUPPORT LOCAL ARTISTS
EMAIL: INFO@MARLBOROUGHARTSOCIETY.CO.NZ

Support the Link Pathway

Saturday 21 November 10 am
Walk from Picton end to Ngakuta Bay (11km)

(Buses available for return journey)

Recover at Ngakuta Bay with a hot sausage

Register early:
DOC limitation of 250 walkers



Pause at Wedge Point to check out the lookout over Queen Charlotte Sound

Suggested Donation: Gold coin for each walker or $5.00 per family

All proceeds go to maintain and enhance the pathway

Sign up here: ***https://tinyurl.com/LinkPathwalk***

A Joint Community Project of Picton Lions and Havelock Lions Clubs

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If you are looking for a local Justice of the Peace,
Christine Fisk and Ian Cameron are two JP's working in our community.

Vision: **Caring Active Achievers - Ko Ngā Kaihiwa Manaaki**

Our Mission
We encourage our tamariki to be caring, and respectful ākonga, responsible for their own learning journey.

Our Values
Canvastown Cares
Our Students are -
C aring
A chievers in Life
R espectful & Responsible
E ngaged in Learning
S triving for Excellence

Strategic Plan 2025-2028

	Wellbeing - Hauora	Curriculum Review - Arotake Marautanga	Engagement - Mahi Ngātahi
Our Goals	***Enhance the wellbeing /hauora of ākonga/learners, staff/kaiako and families/whānau*** *Poipoia te kakano, kia puawai* *Nurture the seed & it will blossom*	***Working Together: Aligning Teaching, Learning, and Spaces with the Curriculum*** *He waka eke noa* *We are all in this together*	***Strengthening partnerships IN and OUT of school*** *Naku te rourou nau te rourou ka ora ai te iwi* *With your basket & my basket, the people will thrive*
Our Initiatives	**1.1** Grow student hauora to help navigate life's challenges **1.2** Consciously make decisions that allow staff to be effective practitioners whilst maintaining a healthy work-life flow **1.3** Students engaging in community-based service projects enhancing the hauora of the wider community	**2.1** Unpack the revised English and Mathematics curriculum using quality outside providers **2.2** Align teaching and learning across three learning spaces **2.3** Implement 'hour a day' teaching of Reading, Writing and Mathematics. **2.4** Deliver accelerated learning for ākonga not achieving in Reading, Writing & Mathematics	**3.1** Enhance communication systems between the school and all stakeholder groups **3.2** Celebrate diversity, while growing connections with Ngāti Kuia and Te Hora Pa **3.3** Engage with our community IN and OUT of school to build reciprocal learning partnerships **3.4** 80% of students achieve 90% attendance
Our Successes	**Ākonga and staff have a strong sense of hauora and use a range of strategies to be self-managing, positive, resilient and collaborative**	**All staff are confident & capable in delivering a curriculum through a combination of modern, innovative, research-based approaches to teaching & learning**	**Our families, whānau & community feel valued as an essential part of growing successful learners with students' achievements & next steps being clearly communicated**

Canvastown School

Getting to School

How We Work Together



At Canvastown School, being at school regularly helps tamariki learn, build friendships, and feel **CONFIDENT.** We know that sometimes life makes getting to school tricky – and when that happens, **we're here to help.**

When Attendance is Going Well



Most of the time things run smoothly, and we:

- Love seeing students here each day
- Make sure everyone feels welcome
- Keep in touch with whānau
- Offer practical help where we can (including transport support)

If We Start to Notice Worries



Sometimes we notice a pattern of absences or lateness.

- Check in early
- Have a friendly conversation with whānau
- Talk about anything making school harder (health, anxiety, transport, routines)
- Agree on a simple support plan together

This is about support – not blame.

Let's Talk Early

- If getting to school **feels hard** for your child or whānau.

We care, and **we're here to help.**

When Attendance is a Serious Concern

- If attendance is still very low, we may need to:
- Put a formal attendance plan
- Seek Ministry of Education support
- Involve Attendance Services if needed

We care, and we're here to help.

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Take the Train to Santa in Seddon!



Make this Christmas one to remember and climb aboard Steam Incorporated's heritage train for a festive railway adventure from Blenheim to Seddon on Sunday the 13th December. Gather the family, bring your Christmas spirit and step back in time aboard our beautifully restored heritage train as we travel through the spectacular Marlborough countryside. There'll be a heritage train, beautiful scenery, a festive stop in Seddon — and, of course, a very special visitor waiting at the other end....

Sunday 13th December | Departing Blenheim Railway Station at **8:45am, 11:40am, 3:05pm**

General Admission (3+) - $49 | Family Pass (4 People) - $169 | Infant (2 & Under) - FREE

SCAN FOR TICKETS!



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SKOOL LOOP

Once you have downloaded the Skool Loop App, via either your Google Play or App store, please follow the below instructions to select your school

1. Open the Skool Loop App – you will land on a welcome page.
2. Click the 'Select your schools' this will bring you to a menu you can either search your school or follow the country/region prompts.
3. Once you reach your school, select it with the tick on the righthand side. You can select as many schools as required.
4. Tap the 'select schools' button in the top right corner.
5. Tap the big orange choose button. This will load your school and bring you to the settings page.
6. Subscribe to the groups that are relevant to you, then click the 'go back' button on your phone, which will bring you to the main screen of your schools app.
7. Use the circular arrow button at the top of the main screen to toggle between your chosen schools.

To subscribe to groups as an exisiting user:

1. Go to the 'Settings' tile in the bottom right hand corner of the Home Screen
2. Go to 'Subscribe to groups'
3. Tap to select the group/s you would like to receive notifications from
4. You're good to go – you will now receive all notices sent to the groups you have subscribed to


HAVELOCK COMMUNITY THEATRE PRESENTS
A spaced out, side splitting, singalong show
MARS SINGS THE BLUES
HCT
Directed by Suzanne Grenfell-Lordan
Havelock Town Hall
20th November 7pm
21st November 2pm & 7pm
Tickets $5 per person
under 5 years free
Tickets available online at www.trybooking.com/nz
at Havelock Gallery
or Door sales


Lights Over Marlborough
Fireworks
spectacular
Proudly brought to you by
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BLENHEIM | PICTON
Sat, Nov 14
A WHITNEY STREET SCHOOL FUNDRAISER
From 6.00pm (Gates open at 5.30pm)
A&P Park, Maxwell Road
(Postponement Day: Sunday November 15, 2026)
Admission: Adults & Children 5 & over: $10
Family of Five: $40 / Children under 5: FREE
For more information go to facebook.com/LightsOverMarlborough
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FUN, FRIENDS & GREAT CRICKET!

Whether you're new to the game or have been playing for years, everyone is welcome!

JUNIOR GRADES & PLAYING TIMES

5TH GRADE BOYS & GIRLS	FRIDAY NIGHTS
4TH GRADE MIXED	SATURDAY MORNINGS
3RD GRADE MIXED	SATURDAY AFTERNOONS

PRACTICES

TUESDAY AFTER SCHOOL
AT RENWICK DOMAIN

COST FOR SEASON
$80

JUNIOR HARD BALL (4TH & 5TH GRADE)
https://www.playhq.com/new-zealand-cricket/register/b12b99

SENIOR HARD BALL (3RD, 2ND & 1ST GRADE)
https://www.playhq.com/new-zealand-cricket/register/bee23a

Don't miss out – join the Renwick Cricket Club family today!

COME ALONG, HAVE FUN & BE PART OF THE TEAM!

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JUNIOR CRICKET PROGRAMMES

2026/27 SEASON

SMASH PLAY
SCHOOL YEARS 1 & 2

12 weeks Terms 4 & 1

Renwick - Renwick School
Tuesdays, 3.45pm-4.30pm
starts Tuesday 3 November

Picton - Queen Charlotte College
Thursdays, 4pm-4.45pm
starts Thursday 5 November

Blenheim - Horton Park
Fridays, 4pm-4.45pm
starts Friday 6 November

SCAN HERE
TO REGISTER!

HARCOURTS SMASH CRICKET
SCHOOL YEARS 3-6

12 weeks Terms 4 & 1
Saturdays

9am-10am
at Landsdowne Park
Starts Saturday 7 November

SCAN HERE
TO REGISTER!

GIRLS SMASH
SCHOOL YEARS 3-6

12 weeks Terms 4 & 1
Saturdays

9am-10am at Landsdowne Park
Starts Saturday 7 November

SCAN HERE
TO REGISTER!

For more info contact Joel:
development@marlboroughcricket.co.nz

ATTENDANCE

***A BIG thank you** to all parents/caregivers for the role you play in getting children to school and ready to learn…*

Please see below our Canvastown School

'Stepped Attendance Response'

