

# WAKANUI NEWS

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## News from Wakanui School

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The Junior School had a lot of fun at athletics. They did sprints, high jump, rob the nest, bean bag throw, sack races and many more exciting activities. We were very lucky with the weather we had and enjoyed the sun when I came out. Thank you to St Joseph's for putting together a fantastic day.



Kauri have been learning about descriptive writing. We wrote a descriptive story about our classmates. We described what they looked like and what makes them a good friend.

### IMPORTANT DATES

28 October – Labour Day – School Closed

30 October – Junior Assembly

31 October – LARS Y7/8

1 November – School Photos

4 November – Technology Y7/8

4 November - Agricultural Projects Due In

5 November – Science Roadshow Y5-8

5 November - B.O.T Meeting – 6.30

8 November – Counties Athletics

11 November – Technology Y7/8

13 November – Cricket Y7/8

14 November – Whole School Assembly

15 November – Canterbury Anniversary Day - School Closed

### Athletics Day

Last Thursday was a great day for our Athletics Day with St Josephs.

Wakanui has 24 students heading off to Counties on the 8<sup>th</sup> of November.

Best of luck to you all!

## **Ethel & Bethel**

**A huge thank you to all our wonderful sponsors and helpers for our recent "Ethel & Bethel Bingo Babes"**

**Y7/8 Camp Fundraiser.**

**Please support these businesses where you can!**

*Cates Grain & Seed*

*Dairy Veterinary Services*

*Bellissimo Day Spa*

*Drummond & Etheridge*

*Ashburton New World*

*Ashburton Celtic Beauty*

*DNA Hairdressing*

*Cleavers Corner Gastro Pub*

*Netherby Four Square*

*Netherby Pharmacy*

*Netherby Meats*

*Regent Cinema*

*Ruralco Ashburton*

*Taste Cafe*

*Phat Duck*

*Over the Ditch - Sth*

*Canterbury*

*RSA for use of their Venue*

*Ashburton Hot Rod Club*

*(esp. Manny Sim) for use of their Chocolate Wheel*

*Variety Theatre Ashburton*

*for use of their stage*

*Hoops on Air for promoting our event*

## **Board of Trustees Community Update**

Your Board of Trustees has 3 new Trustees: Iain Inglis, Gayle Smith and Bryn Brockhurst. Iain is covering Emma Bishop's position (for 18 months) as Emma left the district. Gayle has been elected during mid-year elections to cover Julia Paton's position as Julia retired after two periods of hard work and dedication as Trustee. Bryn has been selected by the Board to cover for Simon Cook's position for 14 months. The three of them have very young children at school and come from different backgrounds which is important and essential to the Board as it provides different points of view. They are great people and are very committed to add to the school and the wider community.

The school staff are doing great work. We are blessed to have a young, vibrant and committed team working hard to help our kids to be their best. Through appraisals and audits done at the school recently it has been highlighted that our team is engaged, cohesive and focused. Full credit for this goes to our Principal and Deputy Principal as leaders of this wonderful group.

During August the school welcomed the reviewers from ERO (the Education Review Office is an independent government department). The previous review was completed in 2015. The reviewers do a thorough check of all aspects of the school that provide evidence of our student achievement – this includes classroom programmes, assessment, reporting data to the Board etc. We look forward to sharing the final report with you.

The Board has engaged the services of a Project Manager who will help us put into action our 10 Year Property Plan. The Ministry of Education has also granted Wakanui School with a Special Purpose Grant. The school is very short in office/non-teaching space and this grant will allow us to cover for this shortage.

I can't stress enough how important community involvement is for the school. Education is a responsibility that every community should hold at heart. In the next term you will be asked to participate in surveys that will have great influence in how the school approaches education. One very important survey will be the "Year 8 Graduate Profile" consultation where school will be seeking your opinions on our aspirations for our students.

Regards,

**Carlos Cuadrado**

Chairman Board of Trustees, Wakanui School

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