

WAKANUI NEWS

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News from Wakanui



Hi, my name is Ella and I am one of the Wakanui School leaders for 2019. I'm pleased I got this job because I think it will be a good challenge and experience for me. I think I will be good at being a school leader because I get on well with most people. I also think I will be a great role model to younger children. I would like our school to become an Enviroschool. Enviroschools are a nationwide programme to help children care for their environment. In Canterbury there are 85 Enviroschools which is 23% of the Canterbury's schools. I think it would be a great thing for our school to become part of. I'm very pleased to have got this role.

Hello, my name is Izacc and I am one of the Wakanui School leaders for 2019. I think it will be a great journey and experience for me. I have been in a role where I have had to look after and help little kids so I think that will help a lot in this job. I will be understanding and open to any fellow students problems if they need to chat. I am happy to represent Wakanui in our community and outside our district e.g swimming sports, athletics etc. Thank you staff and students for voting for me.

Welcome back to school everyone!

The year has started off well, full of various activities and events - the term is shaping up to be a busy one.

Thank you to those who have made themselves known to our new staff and myself in the last couple of weeks - we are all feeling very welcome and excited to be a part of Wakanui School. Next week a list of our staff and their contact details will be sent home. Please feel free to contact staff members through these email addresses.

A little bit about me I am a born and bred Ashburtonian, have been married to Wayne for 15 years and have one son, Carter, who is nearly 4. We enjoy getting out and about as a family at weekends and can often be found (or not) in the back and beyond hunting, exploring or caravanning.

I look forward to meeting you all in due course.

Nga mihi,
Rebekah

IMPORTANT DATES

11-13 Feb – Goal Setting Interviews
13 Feb - Swimming Sports
19 Feb – BOT – 6.30pm
20 Feb – LARS Y7/8
21 Feb – Mid Canty Triathlon
26 Feb – School Duathlon
28 Feb – Pp Day School Duathlon
1 March – Effort Cards Home
5 March – Counties Swimming

School Car Parking

A reminder that the old bus stop in front of the school house is a drop & go zone only. Please do not park there to wait, also leave plenty of room for those using the disabled parking space. Parking around the school house is available for parents and caregivers use, rather than parking on the other side of the road.

Wakanui School Play Pod

As part of educating and providing experiences for the students of Wakanui School, we will be introducing a 'Play Pod' to the playground. Play teaches so many things to our students, skills such as sharing, turn taking, self discipline, leadership, team building, tolerance, compromise and problem solving. Our proposal is to apply for a grant to acquire and shipping container and fill it with equipment for the students to build and create with. One of the most popular play activities at school is the huts under the trees. The most common disagreement the students have is equipment for making their huts. We are asking for donations of 'stuff' , which we are sure is cluttering up back yards, sheds and farms in the district. This 'stuff' would need to be in a good, safe condition for children to handle i.e., no sharp edges, points splinters or dangerous chemicals. Also, not too heavy or huge. Possibilities include pipes, timber, wooden boxes, crates, wheels, baskets, canvas, tarpaulins, hoops, tent poles, guy ropes, reels, ropes, chains, tyres, pegs, nets, pulleys, steering wheels, hoses, drums, stilts, chairs, tubes. If you have anything that you are able to kindly donate to this initiative, please contact Cherie Livingstone, cherie@wakanui.school.nz or bring it in to the school garage by the art room. Also if there is anyone who has a contact with a shipping container company, we need one with side access doors.

Thankyou
Cherie Livingstone

Kowhai

Kowhai class has started off the year with 11 children, all keen and eager to begin their school journeys! We have 2 swan plants complete with caterpillars and cocoons in our class and we have a new garden outside the library with 2 more plants.

Chase, Riley and Flynn are watching the caterpillars hang upside down.



Our new garden - Mrs Kennard and Kowhai planting the new swan plants.



Lydia giving the new plants a big drink on a hot day.



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