



Manaakitanga **S**how Respect
Rangatiratanga **T**ake Responsibility
Whāia Te Iti Kahurangi **A**im High
Kia Kaha Tonu **N**ever Give Up
Tikanga **D**o the Right Thing
E Tū Kahikatea

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PRINCIPAL

Dear Parent/Caregiver/Whānau

Fireflight! - Coming to a Theatre Near You!

Last year we became one of just 35 schools in New Zealand to receive generous funding from the Ministry of Education's Creatives-in-Schools programme for a project we called Fireflight! We're using the grant to employ two professional theatre producers, the renowned Dan and Lisa Allan, to work with a group of children in creating an original piece of theatre. Read on...

In February 2019 Wakefield village was at the heart of a massive forest fire that burnt 2300ha across Pigeon Valley and the surrounding forests of Tasman District. The entire Wakefield community, 3000 people, was evacuated for several days and the village locked down by police and army - the first time in New Zealand history that a whole community has been relocated. Some families were unable to return to their homes for up to a fortnight. For the children of Wakefield School this was a massive and, for some, traumatic event; abandoning homes, belongings, animals and security.

Fireflight! retells the story of the fire and evacuation through an original theatre work written, produced and performed by students of Wakefield School under the direction of theatre professionals, Lisa and Dan Allan. Recalling the smoke-filled skies and constant noise of helicopters and fire engines, our talented young company combine their real experiences with their imaginations. As disaster strikes and it's time to abandon homes, the unseen realm of dragons, fairies and talking pets comes to the fore.

With original words, movement, music and visual imagery Fireflight! portrays the Pigeon Valley fire through the fresh, naïve, fantastical and honest stories of children who were closest to it. In their sense-making of this event we glimpse the next generation living with climate change and its effects on their lives now and into the future.

Yup, it's an amazing project and there's more; we've been accepted to perform Fireflight! at the Nelson Fringe Festival in May, alongside professional theatre groups from all over New Zealand. Then we plan to scale up the show as our senior school production in term three.

So stay tuned for more information about how you can see this amazing work by our terrific young writers, producers and performers.

Does Your Child Cross the Main Highway to Get to and From School? Would you Like Safer Crossing Options?

If you answer yes to one or both questions then we want you to join us on **Monday 16 March, 7pm** to meet staff from the TDC and NZ Transport Authority, bring your problems and solutions, and see if we can get a better outcome for our children. We need to know if you're coming so please email or phone me or the school office to confirm. This is part of our transport plan project.

Why We're Asking for a Donation

We've had a few queries about why we are asking for a donation this year when the government has introduced the extra funding to schools to cover this cost. The answer is simple: the government's scheme is for decile 1-7 schools and we are decile 8. If you think it's not fair that our school misses out please tell our local MPs:

Damien O'Connor: damien.o'connor@parliament.govt.nz

Maureen Pugh: maureen.pugh@parliament.govt.nz

And the ministers of education:

Chris Hipkins: chris.hipkins@parliament.govt.nz

Tracy Martin: tracy.martin@parliament.govt.nz

They will be listening - it's election year!

In the meantime thank you for supporting your child's education by paying the donation, \$40 per child, \$100 maximum per family.

Covid-19 (Coronavirus) - Some Advice

At this time coronavirus has not been reported in our community and the small number of cases nationwide are being closely managed.

The Ministries of Education and Health are sending regular updates to schools, with some useful advice here:

What to tell children about Covid-19?

It's important to explain that this virus can make some people really sick, and a few people even die, but most people who get the virus will get over it without a serious illness. It is really new so scientists and doctors are still trying to figure out everything about it. But one thing they do know is that it spreads like a cold and we should all know how we could stop it spreading if it was here.

The best way to protect ourselves and others is to wash our hands and sneeze and cough properly.

The important things about hand-washing are:

- 1. You need to wash your hands for 20-30 seconds – try singing "Happy Birthday" two times.*
- 2. Use plenty of soap – it doesn't have to be antibacterial, normal works just fine.*
- 3. Make sure you get in all the nooks and crannies, between your fingers, and under your nails.*
- 4. Make sure you dry your hands afterwards because wet hands pick up bacteria and viruses much more easily than dry ones.*

When sneezing and coughing, never sneeze or cough into your hand. If you don't have a tissue handy, use the inside of your elbow.

Here's a good short YouTube video on handwashing: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T98ggC-yanU>

Most importantly, stay calm and carry on with life as normal, especially in front of your children.

Have a good week

Peter Verstappen

Principal

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NEW STUDENTS

We welcome these new children to Wakefield School.

Bink Sohl

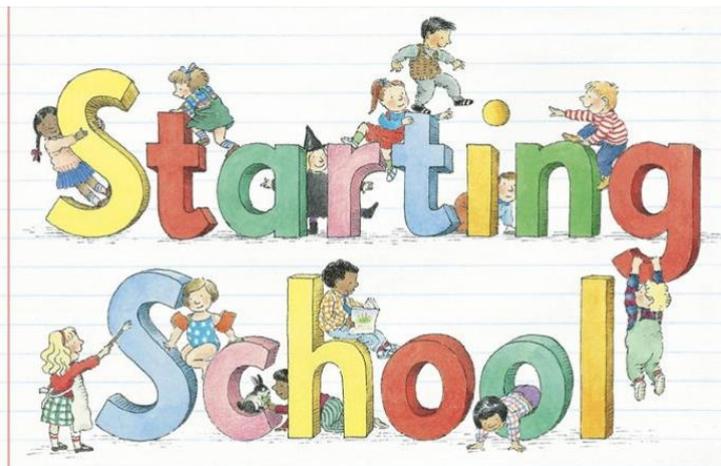
Braxtyn Mills

Estelle Taylor

Anahera Emerson

Brodie Ching

Jack Sanson



SPORT

The Weet-Bix Tryathlon takes place this Sunday 8th March at Tahunanui. We have a large number of students taking part in this annual event. One of our PTA members is taking a gazebo and the school flag. This will be a meeting point for our Wakefield School students and their families. There will be no BBQ this year. We have received the following email from Hope School.

Kia ora Koutou

We are learning about kaitiakitanga at Hope School. We believe that part of being a good kaitiakitanga is looking after our environment and trying to remove unnecessary rubbish. One thing we have noticed is that there is a lot of waste at the Weetbix tryathlon. We would like to encourage all families to bring along their own bowls and spoon for the breakfast so we can help reduce the waste.

We would appreciate if this message could be passed onto the Weetbix Tryathlon co-ordinator of your school and around the participating families.

Nga mihi

There is a school photo after the Tryathlon. It would be great if as many of our students as possible could wait and take part in this. If it is your child's first time doing this event then make sure to read all the useful information on the Weet-Bix Tryathlon website.

Good luck and have fun!!

Summer Sport

All summer sport is now under way or starting this week. Invoices have been sent for most codes. Please pay these either at the office or online ASAP.

Winter Sport

Wakefield school enters teams in the netball (NE – year6) and miniball (basketball) leagues which run in terms 2 & 3. Information on netball will be released soon and teams will be made before the end of the term. We will try and do these online again. Keep a look out for information which will come out in an email at some point over the next couple of weeks. The competition and trainings will not start until term 2.

If you have outstanding netball or miniball fees from last year, your child will not be registered until these have been paid.

Wakefield Senior School Swimming Sports

These will be held next week on Friday 13th March in our school pool. The races will start at 9.15am with the width and length demonstrations, followed by all freestyle, backstroke, breaststroke and finally relay races. Parents are encouraged to come and support our swimmers.

Cluster Swimming Sports

The top swimmers from each event will go forward to the cluster event which is on Wednesday 18th March at Wakefield School swimming pool. Swimmers will be advised which races they will be swimming in. Races will start at 9.15am approximately and follow the same format as the school swimming sports.

IMPORTANT DATES

2 nd – 6 th March	Yr 5 & 6 Camps - Marahau
9 th – 11 th March	Yr 5 & 6 Camps - Marahau
13 th March	Wakefield School Swimming Sports
18 th March	Wakefield Cluster Swimming Sports
20 th March	School Photos
20 th March	PTA Sausage Sizzle – 1pm – 2pm
25 th March	Junior Kiwisports – Brightwater Domain
25 th March	BOT Meeting – 5:30pm
5 th April	Pool Closing – 12pm – 2pm
8th April	TERM 1 ENDS
9th April	Teacher Only Day
28th April	TERM 2 STARTS

COMMUNITY NOTICES

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Metafit Mondays from 6.15pm – Brightwater School Hall

Metafit 6:15 - 6:45pm

Core Foundations 6:45 - 7:15pm



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- Challenging for all fitness levels and ages, both male and female
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- Fun, relaxed and hardworking environment group class

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Adults \$10 per hour session

Metapro Thursdays from 6pm – Wakefield School Hall

Metapro & Metapower 6:00 - 6:45pm

Cool Down & Stretching 6:45 - 7:00pm



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POWER CIRCUIT PROGRAM USING FUNCTIONAL KIT

Illustration of people performing exercises with weights.

What is metapro and metapower?

- Metapro is a shortened version of a metafit
- Metapower is again a HIIT class around 30 minutes long, while using equipment and weights to really build lean muscle in a circuit class format
- The instructor will coach and customise you through each exercise and session to suit individual and ensure maximum output
- Fun, relaxed and hardworking environment group class

First session FREE

Students \$5

Adults \$10 per hour session

Find and follow on Facebook – Metafit Brightwater-Nelson NZ



Now available at the **Wakefield Health Centre, Wednesday evening clinic.**

The Stop Smoking Service is a **free face-to-face and confidential service** available to people who smoke in the Nelson Marlborough region. We know that quitting is hard – this service is designed to give you the best chance of quitting and staying Smokefree.

The free benefits include one-on-one support from a quit coach, and nicotine replacement therapy.

How to get started on your smokefree journey:

Call the freephone number or ask your GP, midwife or other health practitioner to refer you. You could also email us directly, or enroll online in a few simple steps.

www.nmdhb.govt.nz/smokefree

0800 NO SMOKE (0800 667 665)

Email: smokefree@nmdhb.govt.nz

BRIDGE VALLEY HOLIDAY CAMPS

Our next childrens camps are coming up in April, and we can't wait! With all of our fun activities, exciting wide games, great leaders, and safe environment, camp is something that anyone will enjoy. On top of that, our theme for next camp is Virtual Reality, so we will be including all of our favourite video game characters, and you'll even get to have a turn in the gamers lounge throughout the week!

Junior (Ages 8-11)

14th - 17th April

Intermediate (Ages 11-13)

20th - 24th April

Registrations are open now on our website, under the camps tab. Contact Caitlin at holidaycamps@bridgevalley.co.nz if you have any questions.

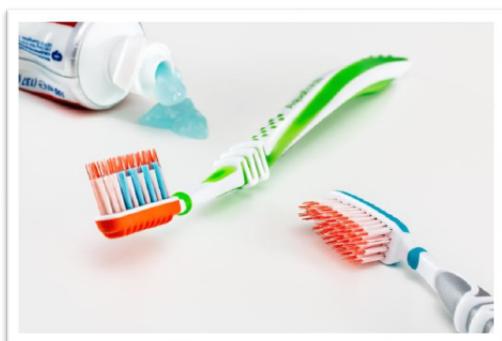


World Oral Health Day

20 March 2020

Taking care of your mouth is important for your health and wellbeing.

A good oral hygiene routine, regular dental check-ups and a healthy diet will help protect your mouth.



Basic dental care in New Zealand is FREE for 0-17 year olds

Top tips for a healthy smile

- ♥ Brush teeth twice a day for 2 minutes, using a pea-sized amount of fluoride toothpaste.
- ♥ Brush in circular motions, not back and forth.
- ♥ Spit – don't rinse.
- ♥ Choose healthy snacks like fruit, cheese, plain crackers and vegetable sticks.
- ♥ Drink water and milk; avoid sugary drinks such as juice and fizzy drinks.

Contact your Community Oral Health Service on **0800 TALK TEETH**
0800 825 583

STOKE HOCKEY CLUB

Registration day Sunday 8th march. 2 pm Saxton Field Hockey turf

looking for boys interested in playing hockey yrs 5-8,

Starting in 6 aside , then progressing to 11 a side later in the season.

get some of your friends together and make a team.

no previous experience needed , training provided by senior club members

season starts wk1 term 2 but some preseason training likely in march before holidays

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9:30am - 2:30pm

WHERE
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Holiday Programmes



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SEASON**

FOR YEARS
3 & 4
5 & 6
7 & 8

COST:
\$100 FOR 3 DAYS
or

\$40 PER DAY
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Visit Nelson Netball website

Registrations close :



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Adventure Fun Run – March 15th 2020

 **tasman school** Aporo Rd, Tasman

www.tasman.school.nz

Enter online \$15 per person / \$40 Family

Enter on the day: \$20 per person / \$50 per family

Race Starts 11.00am

Sign In between 9.30am – 10.30am



- * 1km lap
- * 1 lap Kids / Family Fun / Open
- * 2 laps Intermediate Girls / Boys / Open / Work Place Challenge
- * 3 laps College Clash of the Codes / Mud Addicts

Great Food, Coffee, Silent Auction and White Elephant Stall



Kiwifruits

By Carl Nixon and Craig Cooper

A New Zealand 'fairy' tale

WHAT DO DRAG QUEENS AND A KIWI PUB HAVE IN COMMON?
A NIGHT FULL OF LAUGHS, ADULT HUMOUR AND A LITTLE CHEEKY NUDITY!



WAKEFIELD VILLAGE HALL

MARCH 27, 28

APRIL 1, 2, 3 AND 4

DOORS OPEN AT 6.30PM

SHOW STARTS AT 7.30PM

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TICKETS \$20

BOOKINGS: 541 8869 OR

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Country Players Present

'Kiwifruits'

By Carl Nixon and Craig Cooper

Friday 27 and Saturday 28 March,
Wednesday 1, Thursday 2, Friday 3 and Saturday 4 April 2020.

All BYO PICNIC THEATRE SHOWS

Bring your own cutlery, crockery, wine glasses and food. We provide coffee and tea.

Show starts at: 7.30pm. Doors open at 6.30

\$20 per ticket

Please note the show contains mature themes so recommended for 16+ years

Fay Gay tells her fellow drag performer, Tatiana, the story of how The Castle Road Tavern was turned from a working man's pub into a venue for spectacular drag shows. A mad, free-wheeling Kiwi version of the Cinderella story.

HOW TO BOOK

Phone 541 8869 or Email bookcountryplayers@gmail.com

Please note: We do not issue tickets. Your name will be on a seating plan revealed at the door.

HOW TO PAY:

Post a cheque made out to: Country Players Inc
PO Box 13
Wakefield

Or our internet banking number is: 03-0751-0274256-00. Please put your first initial and surname as reference.



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SATURDAY 28th &
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2020

WAKEFIELD SCHOOL HALL
Edward Street, Wakefield

10.00AM – 4.00PM Saturday

10.00AM – 4.00PM Sunday

\$3.00pp – ALL WELCOME

Also able to be purchased on site



Refreshments, in support of ongoing pool development,
by Wakefield School & Community Pool Committee