



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

Kia ora whanau, greetings to parents and families,

Managing Covid

Thank you for your efforts to keep your family and the community Covid-free. At present we have a small number of children isolating at home as close contacts, and a few who have contracted Covid during their isolation period. We have also had a few staff isolating as close contacts and one staff member who has had Covid and is now recovered.

If any member of your household gets Covid **you must tell the school and keep your child at home.** We will not be notified by health authorities so we rely on you to tell us.

At the current settings the rules for isolating are:

- Only household contacts are required to isolate. This means school friends, classmates and staff are casual contacts and can keep coming to school as normal.
- Confirmed cases must isolate for 7 days. Day 0 is the day symptoms began or the day the test was taken (whichever came first). Cases are free to return to normal activities on Day 8, if they are not symptomatic.
- Household contacts are required to isolate for the same seven days as the case. They can return to their normal activities on the same day as the first case in their household, so long as all test results have been negative, and they are not symptomatic.
- Household contacts will be required to take a self-administered rapid antigen test (RAT) on Day 3 and Day 7 of the case's isolation period.
- All other contacts are now asked to monitor symptoms but do not have to isolate.
- Students and staff are not required to show proof of a negative test before returning to school.

School will remain open through this outbreak and we are doing everything we can to keep it a safe place for children and staff. It's really important that your child maintains good habits of attendance and learning.

However, if children show any signs of illness keep them at home.

Keep doing the basics to help you and others stay safe

Wash your hands

Sneeze and cough into your elbow

Wear a mask

Maintain sensible social distancing

If you're sick, stay home

Ventilate rooms

Peter Ross Award Winner

Twice a term we give out the Peter Ross Award in memory of our previous principal. Peter was a great champion for children who strive to succeed, especially those who have extra challenges to overcome, and we've extended the award to acknowledge children who really live and breathe our school values.

Last week we gave the Peter Ross award to Aillah McElhinney in Toroa team. Aillah has had an outstanding start to the year, she is focused on her learning and is a great friend and supporter of her peers in the Toroa team. Well done, Aillah!



Swimming Sports and School Camps

In these restricted times, we're very pleased to have held our school swimming sports last week (see the results in this newsletter), and to be going ahead with our Yr 5-6 camps at Marahau this week and next.

I'm very sorry we weren't able to invite parents and whānau to the swimming sports, your presence always gives the children a boost. Big ups to a few parents who watched through the windows!

Sadly, the cluster swimming sports will not go ahead.

Room 9 returns today from a successful camp at Marahau and rooms 7 and 8 will be at camp next week. Fingers crossed for the fine weather to continue. The camp focuses on team building, skill development in water-based activities, marine science and self-management skills. All great learning!

Swimming Pool Closing Date

The pool will close on **Sunday 10 April**. The pool committee will decide closer to the date if we can have our usual end-of-season pool party. Meanwhile, if your family has finished swimming for the season you can return your pool key to the school office and reclaim your \$20 deposit.

Have a great couple of weeks

Peter Verstappen

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NEW STUDENTS

Welcome to new students and families, we hope you are settling in and will enjoy your time at Wakefield School.

Malakai Costley



KAREAREA PRACTISE WRITING GROUP

This term Karearea (year 5-6) children have chosen one learning activity they want to practise more. Two groups are working with Mr Verstappen to improve their writing. Here are some of their latest pieces. Enjoy!!

Hi, I'm Rylee, one of the students in room 8.

Some days I go to Mr Verstappen's writing group. Last week our assignment was descriptive writing. The week before that we wrote articles for the Window on Wakefield, and the week before that we wrote 50 word stories. I did 3 stories. This is one of my stories...

Splat! "Oh oh" I said. "I think you hit something!"

"Nonsense" said mum.

We all got out of the car. "Nothing" said mum

Splat! Once again we all get out of the car. "Nothing there" said mum

I kept driving. Again 5 minutes later. Splat!

Turns out mum might need glasses!

(50 words)

Three Acrostic poems by Kobie

Splash

Winning

I'm so close

Made it!

Man its tiring

Inspiration helps

Nailed it!

Good job Everyone!

Follow you

Rad

Inspiring

Encouraging

Nice

Determined

Sensible

**Everywhere chocolate is hidden
And
Some children have
To look for the
Eggs
Remember don't eat them all at once!**

Swimming Sports Review by Billy

The day has come, it is swimming sports. My blood is pumping fast as I go up for my first race. I get really nervous as I step up onto the side of the pool. "Take your marks", BANG! went the clappers. I dived into the pool, trying my hardest to win. My competition was fast, I was doing my fastest freestyle. When I got to the end I got my paper slip. That's ok, I still have four more races.

Event number eleven, backstroke. It's my race. I'm more nervous than before, this is my worst stroke. Somehow I make it to the final, the final of backstroke. I start racing with no confidence. I finish not knowing what place I came. Wow, fourth place! I'm surprised, at least I didn't come last!

Next race is soon. I wait patiently till it is my race. Now, breaststroke, only six people racing? This is going to be easy. I dive in to start the race, it is a close race but I come second. 'Ok', I said. 'Wait. What? Everyone else got disqualified for doing the stroke wrong?' Well, this is good, only me and Millan make the final. Oh no! the final is here, and, oh no! right after this race is the medley.

I race in the final of breaststroke - second - that's ok. Now is the medley. I'm really tired but I push through and come fourth. Finally the awesome freestyle class relay race. Somehow my class came first. I'm proud of my efforts!

Elphine's Inspiration

Writer's block, so common. The world is so boring at the moment. Well, not really, but you get what I mean. Aah... not again. There must be something I can think of. Um, let me see... Covid? Done that. School? Done that. Swimming sports? Someone's already done that. What am I going to do? Hmm, what about this...

**I'm going to miss you
So long world
Only seven days to go
Losing at every board game
At Least UNO's easy
Tired of the family
I want to see my friends
Only one day to go
Nooo! You're positive!**

Tayla's Take on School

Sporting events

Class has started

Hall assemblies, sorry can't have them because of Covid

Our only pen is missing. Oh no! don't use anyone else's

Oh boy Covid has risen from below

Latest news, Covid has broken out in Wakefield. Oh no!!!

My Swimming Sports, by Asher

The day has come, my heart is beating fast, the blood is rushing through my body faster than ever. I have butterflies. I have three races, whew! at least I have to wait seven races until mine. The races went quite fast. The next race is mine. I'm very nervous but very excited. This is my race, 50 metre freestyle. Clap! went the clapper. I was powering it as fast as I could swim. I was third or second when I got to the end but I had to go back again because it was the 50 metre swim. On the way back I was tired. I came third but I was only verseing three people. Hmmm, I think that also means that I came last.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Kia ora all

I wanted to begin by thanking everyone for the way you have handled the start of the schooling year in what has been a somewhat stressful and busy time for all.

The new school year has seen many changes with classrooms looking different than they have for many years, the drop-off and pick up of your children being at the school gate and many events cancelled or amended. The way the schooling network as a whole has handled this very unique situation is a credit to the community.

The Board, as always, finds itself juggling many balls including keeping up to date with the changing landscape of COVID, continuing to be in contact with the MOE regarding the recapitation process and many more items. Most importantly, we are always ensuring that the well-being of our families is at the front of our minds. We have no doubt as we will see the COVID numbers grow across the Tasman District, this will continue to put pressure and stress on families, we encourage you to keep communicating with your child's teacher during this time.

Although things are different within the school, we have seen some exciting things happen over the past few weeks. Swimming Sports, Triathlon and the Senior classes enjoy amazing weather as they head off to camp to name just a few.

Please stay safe and be kind to each other as we move towards the end of term one.

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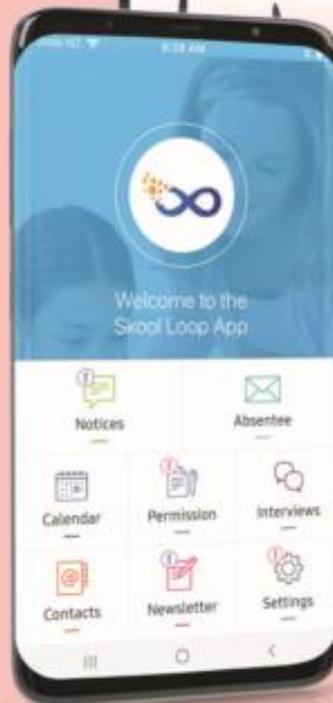
Wakefield Board of Trustees

Hey there!

Just popping in to check you have downloaded our school app?

Stay in the loop with term three events with Skool Loop.

- ✓ Events
- ✓ Notices
- ✓ Instant school messages
- ✓ Book interviews
- ✓ Absentee
- ✓ Newsletters
- ✓ Permission Slips



Simple free download: In Google play & App Store search '**Skool Loop**' & choose our school once installed.

Kindo – School Payments Online

School payments online

Our Kindo School shop is our preferred method of payment for your child's school expenses, and we encourage you to set up your family account today. It's easy, convenient, open 24/7 and available on our school website.

New users

New users can set up an account easily!

Click [here](#) and enter the email address the school has on file for you, then click 'continue'. A confirmation email with a link will be sent to you.

Click on the link and enter a password to complete your registration.

Existing users

Already have an Ezlunch or Kindo account?

Simply login with your email and password and click on the 'Fees and Donations' service to link your students to our school records and view your family account. [Click here](#) to log in.

Payment

There are a number of ways you can choose to top-up your account, and this can be done at the checkout, or by selecting the 'top up account' option.



Bank Transfer	No fees. Allow 2 days for processing.
Account 2 account POLI	No fees. Instant transfer. **RECOMMENDED** No fees. Instant transfer. **RECOMMENDED**
Credit/Debit Card	50 cent charge + 2.5% fee. Instant transfer. Visa / MasterCard / American Express / China UnionPay available.

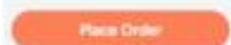
Shopping

From your family account, you can choose to pay the full amount by clicking '+' next to the item or make a part payment, by

changing the amount before clicking the '+'.


For an optional item, click on your child's initial next to the item to add it to your cart.

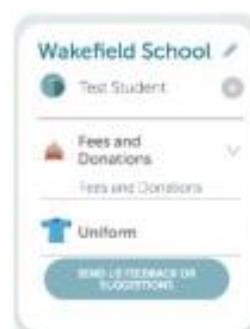
Once you have finished adding items to your cart you can select

Then simply click at  the checkout and you're done!

Your order will automatically go through to the school, and you will receive an email receipt confirming your payment or top-up!



Need assistance? Call the Kindo helpdesk on free phone 0508 4 KINDO (0508 454 636).
We are open Monday to Friday 9am - 4pm.



SPORTS

Wakefield School Swimming Sports

25m Freestyle Finals

	Yr 4 & Under Boys	Yr 4 & Under Girls	Year 5 Boys	Year 5 Girls	Year 6 Boys	Year 6 Girls
1st	Braxton Edge	Meghan Price	Cole Salmon-Mahrla	Billie-May Palmer	Gage Greenaway	Elphine Murray
2nd	Jaxson Boustridge	Mila Pyers	Lucas Ward	Zoe Malham	Deacon Harte	Future Ihimaera
3rd	Jaxon Lloyd	Evie Thynne	Tyler Parr	Millie Shefford	Kobi Bayliss	Scarlett Gray
	Joe Walker	Isha Mongan	Max Ellis	Leah Riddoch	Nixon Scott	Rosa Milne
	Tristan Bootwright	Zoey Boswell	Logan Butler	Kadie Robinson	Kyro Baigent	Sian Sutherland

50m Freestyle

75m Medley

	Girls Open	Boys Open	Girls Open	Boys Open
1st	Kobie Kindley	Max Kidson	Pearl Lovegrove	Max Kidson
2nd	Leah McDonald	Cooper McDonald	Rosa Milne	Cooper McDonald
3rd	Elsie Walker	Millan Lines	Kailey Wilson	Ayden Christie
	Pearl Lovegrove	Riley Cooper	Lushomo Mayaba	Billy Furlong
	Chloe Redpath	Ayden Christie	Rata Mangnall	Carter O'Brien

25m Backstroke

	Yr 4 & Under Boys	Yr 4 & Under Girls	Yr 5 Boys	Yr 5 Girls	Yr 6 Boys	Yr 6 Girls
1st	Mack Bradley	Antonia Wuerdig	Cooper McDonald	Zoe Malham	Nizon Scott	Kobie Kindley
2nd	Jaxon Lloyd	Isha Mongan	Cole Salmon-Mahrla	Billie-May Palmer	Deacon Harte	Future Ihimaera
3rd	Kurt Dobson	Evie Thynne	Ayden Christie	Leah McDonald	Max Kidson	Elphine Murray
	Jake Gullery	Zoey Boswell	Lucas Ward	Millie Shefford	Riley Cooper	Lushomo Mayaba
	Kase Goodall	Zoe Baldwin	Zak Beaumont	Kadie Robinson	Billy Furlong	Rosa Milne

25m Breaststroke

	Yr 4 & Under Boys	Yr 4 & Under Girls	Yr 5 Boys	Yr 5 Girls	Yr 6 Boys	Yr 6 Girls
1st	Joe Walker	Meghan Price	Max Ellis	Zoe Malham & Rosa Mangnall 1st=	Millan Lines	Kobie Kindley
2nd	George MacDonald	Lily Robinson	Alex Redpath		Billy Furlong	Chloe Redpath
3rd	Jaxon Lloyd	Antonia Wuerdig	Cole Salmon-Mahrla	Millie Shefford		Rosie Hamilton
	Jake Gullery	Zoey Boswell	Ayden Christie	Leah McDonald		Elsie Walker
	Kurt Dobson	Zoe Baldwin	Harley Costley	Kadie Robinson		Elphine Murray

IMPORTANT DATES

14 th to 16 th March	Karearea Camp 1 (Rm 9)
21 st to 23 th March	Karearea Camp 2 (Rm 7)
23 rd to 25 th March	Karearea Camp 3 (Rm 8)
24 th March	Board of Trustees Meeting
08 th April	PTA Sausage Sizzle – 12:30pm – 1:30pm
10 th April	Swimming Pool Closes
11 th April	PTA AGM Meeting 7pm
13th April	Last Day of Term 1
14th April	Teacher Only Day
15th April	Good Friday
02nd May	Term 2 Begins
11 th May	SCHOOL PHOTOS

Saturday
Morning

Immunisation Clinics

Every Saturday
930am-1230pm

Richmond Health Hub
281 Queen Street Richmond

Childhood
Pregnancy
MMR and
11 and 12 year old immunisations



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