



Tena ra koutou ki nga hau e wha; Greetings to everybody; Kia ora, Talofa lava, Bonjour, Ni men hao, Guten Tag, Konnichi wa, Buenos dias, Kem cho, Salam Alaikum, Namaste, Huan Yin, Anyunghaseyoo, Bom dia, Ahoj, Xin Chão Nêih hoū, Goeie more, Shalom.

**Key Competency Focus: Relating to Others - Te whakawhanaungatanga**

**Congratulations to the children drawn from the Caught Making a Good Choice box at our Zoom assembly last week – Mason Rm7, Lucas Rm9, Leah Rm 6, Scarlet Rm 13, Freya Rm 15 and Terri Rm 4.**

**Congratulations to Ollie Rm 12 and Jai Rm 12 winners of “Caught in a Book”.**

**2022 Term Dates**

**2022 Term 1:**

End of Term 1: Thursday 14th April  
Good Friday: 15th April (holiday)

**Term 2**

Starts Monday 2nd May

**COVID Update/Reminder.**

With COVID cases still rising in the Taranaki region this week, we have also seen an increased number of children being absent from school. On average this week we have had nearly a third of the school roll away from school. At present we also have 10 staff away. We have been fortunate to manage this with our regular relief teachers and have only had to split a class on the rare occasion. Our whole staff are doing a great job managing the situation and being flexible to cater for the changing daily landscape. Our tamariki continue to adapt and cope extremely well with the disruption. Once again we thank our Welbourn Community for your understanding and support this term.

I’m sure we will see case numbers decline and attendance start to return to normal in the coming weeks.

**Reminders:**

- NZ remains at RED on the COVID traffic light system, which means schools are still operating at RED
- Parents are still to remain off site at drop off & pick up times. If collecting your child for an appointment during school hours, parents are to still sign them out at the office & a staff member will then collect them from their classroom.
- At this stage there is no change to the requirement for Y4 & up students & teachers to wear a mask when indoors.

**Welbourn School Board - Casual vacancy for a parent representative**

A casual vacancy has occurred on the school board for an elected parent representative. The board has decided to fill the vacancy by selection. If 10% or more of eligible voters on the school roll ask the board, within 28 days of this notice being published, to hold a by-election to fill the vacancy, then a by-election will be held.

Request for a by-election should be sent to: *Alistair Simmers, Presiding member (chair) Welbourn School Board* [alistairs@welbourn.school.nz](mailto:alistairs@welbourn.school.nz) by: 7<sup>th</sup> April 2022

**Welbourn Gardening Club**



*We’ve had a great start to the gardening club in 2022, with lots of people contributing to help make the school garden a better place. We have had a huge amount of potatoes, which Room 13 have cooked in the library kitchen. Click here to see the [Potatoes Recipe](#). Room 13 have also had the treat of cooking zucchini fritters. They are gluten, egg and dairy free [click here to see the recipe](#)*

*We are also growing peas. These Sugar Snap peas have been growing for two weeks, and have had very good conditions (being water and having lots of sunlight). We are looking forward to having a very successful year of gardening.*

*By Chloe and Paige.*

## Student writing—Windy Weather Day By Malakai Rm 15

I stared at the grass creating waves in the wind. I felt a chilly breeze rushing around. If I jumped I thought I'd fly away. My hair was flying around like it was getting blow dried. I could hear the leaves on trees bashing together. After a few seconds of being outside goose bumps covered my arms and legs in an instant. I felt balanced with heat and breeze. Birds struggled against the hurricane. My legs shook wildly. Out on the court I was thinking what if a tree fell on the hall what would the school do? Shivering outside, I looked around to see all the trees waving violently in the wind.

## Welbourn School Policies & Procedures

All of our policies and procedures are available online.

Each term there are policies that are to be reviewed by either the BOT, staff & parents. The policies that can be reviewed by parents this term are: Visitors, School Closure, Disaster Management - earthquakes, COVID 19 Information & Procedures - Covid 19 RED

If you would like to read and provide some feedback on these policies you can do this by going to: <https://www.schooldocs.co.nz> or [click here](#) and search for Welbourn School (in the top right corner)

The community user name is: welbourn (all lower case) and the password is: faircareshare (all lower case) Policies under review can be found under the CURRENT REVIEW tab.

## Sports News -

**Summer Soccer has now come to an end. Can we please have all soccer tops washed and returned to the office.**

### Winter sports -

**Winter 2022 sports registrations are now closed. Payments (or payment plans discussed with the office) are due back to the school office by Friday 1st April.**

### **Winter Football -Registrations are closed.**

Winter Football: (N/E – yr 6) Grades are based on age of player turning this year. First Kicks Boys only and girls only teams (5th-6th grade) 4v4 aside, Fun Football boys only and girls only (7th-8th grade) 5v5 aside, Mini football (9th-10th) 7v7 aside and (11th-12th) 9v9 aside . Start Date: Saturday mornings, Start date TBC. 6-8th grade football will be based at a Hub, still TBC, with 2 Hub exchanges during the season. Grade 9-11 will play home and away games.

### **Netball (Yr 3-6) Registrations are closed.**

Future Ferns yr 3-4 will play on a Thursday after school. Season runs Term 2, Dates to be confirmed. This grade consists of fundamental skills and then a modified game of 5 v 5 on 2/3rds of the court.

Future Ferns Yr 5-6 will play on a Tuesday after school. Season runs Term 2, Dates to be confirmed. This is a modified game of 6v6 with rolling substitutions on a full court

All games are held at Waiwhakaiho courts, Fitzroy.

**Hockey (Yr NE-6)- We are after 3x Ministcks Yr 3+4.** Please fill out the registration below if you wish to play by Tuesday 5th April. It is a 1st in matter, so register quickly.

The season starts in Term 2, Saturday mornings Dates to be confirmed.

The games are on Saturdays between 8.30am and 1pm at the Hockey Turf, Hobson Street.

Mini Sticks Yr 3+4 - 6 a side

Kiwi Sticks Yr 5+6 - 6 a-side

[Winter Hockey 2022](#)

### **Basketball (Yr 5-6) Registrations are closed.**

Season starts in Term 2, Dates to be confirmed. Games are played at the TSB Stadium on Monday between 4-6:40pm.

**Miniball NE through to Yr 4. Registrations are closed.** Please fill out the registration below if you wish to play by Friday 25th March. It is a 1st in matter, so register quickly.

Miniball is a mini game of basketball played for NE through to Yr 4's. Season starts in Term 2, Dates to be confirmed. Games are played at the TSB Stadium Tuesday or Wednesday between 3:30-6pm.

**Any queries to: Sam Cresswell Sport Administrator, Welbourn School Phone: 757 5810 email: [sport@welbourn.school.nz](mailto:sport@welbourn.school.nz)**

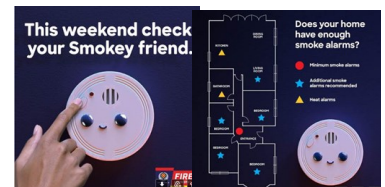
## Community Notice

**Daylight savings Ends this Sunday at 2.00am**

**Smoke alarm safety messages**

This weekend we end Daylight Savings and are asking you to promote the testing, checking (and possibly installation of more smoke alarms in your homes).

We promote long life photoelectric smoke alarms in the areas where people sleep. Help out elderly whanau and friends by checking their smoke alarms, test them, wipe them down with damp cloth and vacuum them to clear the dust out.



Nga Mihi Kind regards

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'John Carr'.

**John Carr: Principal**