

BLUESKIN NEWS

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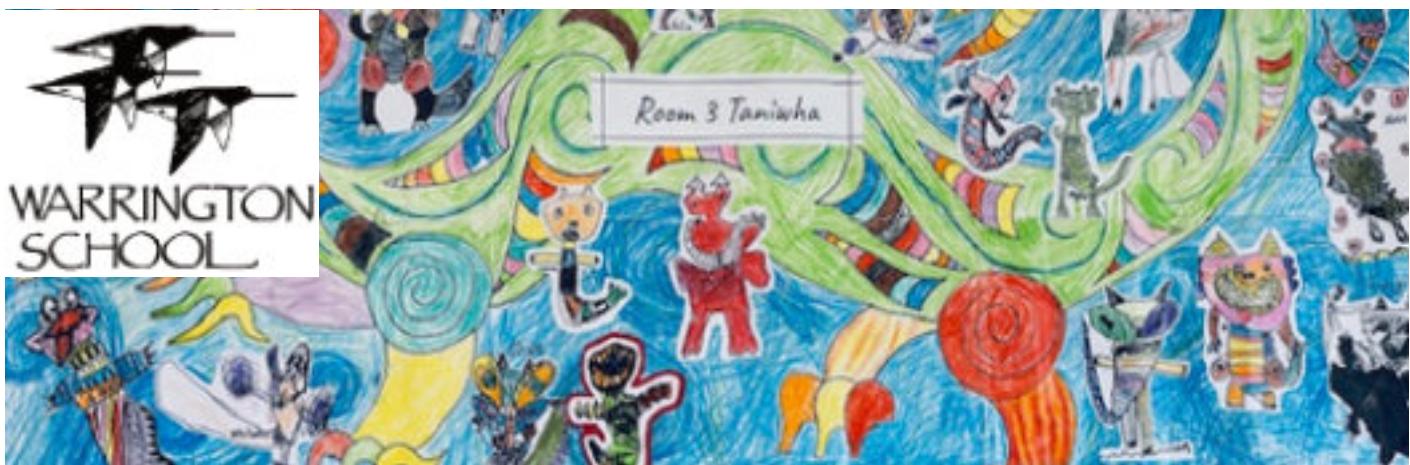
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Explorers Club
@ Warrington School

A group for four year olds to come and explore the school community in a fun and relaxed environment.

For more info please contact Wendy Russell junior teacher wrussell@warrington.school.nz or Sam at the school office office@warrington.school.nz or 027 534 3314

2025
Term 3 & 4 Dates
*Fri Aug 1st
*Fri Aug 22nd
*Fri Sept 12th
*Fri Oct 24th
*Fri Nov 21st
*Fri Dec 5th



Kia ora Blueskin Bay Community, What a wonderful term it has been at Warrington School!

The sunshine has brought plenty of energy into our days – and into our gardens. With planting season in full swing, our tamariki have been busy getting their hands dirty. We are incredibly lucky to have Lyn and Lynn running Dig This!, supporting our classes as they plant seed potatoes, carrots, parsnips, and a colourful mixture of flowers. It has been a beautiful blend of learning, teamwork, and muddy smiles.

A huge well done to our talented ukulele jammers who represented us at the Dunedin Ukulele Festival at George Street Normal School. They played brilliantly and showed wonderful enthusiasm – ka rawe!

Warrington School Café

Room 1 would like to thank everyone who visited their class café. The funds they have raised will be put towards a special experience for their class. Your continued support means so much to us!



Christmas Craft Night Market – 15 December

Mark your calendars! Our Christmas Craft Night Market is coming up, and it's shaping up to be a gorgeous community evening. With handmade crafts, kai, festive fun, and plenty of local talent, it's a perfect chance to support our kura and pick up some unique Christmas gifts.



Come Visit Us!

If you'd like to come and have a look around Warrington School, we would absolutely love to welcome you. We also invite our littlest locals to join our Explorers Club for 4-year-olds – a fun introduction to life at school.

Pop in, say hello,



Merry Kirihimete

Where has this year gone? They say time goes faster as you get older but I never realised that it would be like being in a time machine! It seems no time since the February issue and here we are on the last BSN for the year. And we've been publishing for 40 years - for a community that's no small achievement.

Kath Fa'asega produced the first copies of the Blueskin News, typing them up and then (I think) copying them on a gestetner machine. And others took up the challenge. We are a bit more modern in our production methods these days. Even in the 90's when I first worked on it, we had a copy machine and you had to heat the paper in the oven to make it work.

So how have we survived? Time to thank everyone who has made this possible. Firstly we have a great committee: Mandy, Clare, Craig, Doug, Ian, Gisele and Cam. Their hard work in collecting articles (and writing them), distributing all the copies helped by Rural Post, and general unwavering support makes for a fantastic team. Thanks to Anne at Digiart our fantastic printer who works magic to get the BSN printed on time.

Secondly, all the people who send in such interesting articles and photos on a regular and irregular basis - you can't print if you don't have any words!

Lastly, our financial backers - predominantly our advertisers. We definitely would have no BSN without you, we are entirely voluntary and have no funding. So a huge shout out to all of you!

A special thank you to Clare Reilly this month for allowing us to use one of her beautiful paintings for the front cover.

Keep warm safe and well, Happy Christmas Bernie

Blueskin Bay Community Spaces

Warrington Hall

Available for birthdays, family gatherings, exercise classes, dances and dos etc, at reasonable rates. Hire includes a fully equipped kitchen and tables and chairs - we have a large viewing screen and a new sound system.

Contact Lyn 482 2896 or Rowena 482 2667

Waitati Hall

Suitable for large meetings, weddings, parties, concerts, dances etc (up to 120) features kitchen, toilets, stage, sound system and large projection screen.

Contact Blueskin Nurseries on 482 2828

Waitati Hall Meeting Room

Suitable for committee meetings, small gatherings, demonstrations etc (up to 20 people) features kitchen and toilets.

Contact Blueskin Nurseries on 482 2828

Blueskin Bay Library Meeting Room

Suitable for committee meetings, presentations, training, interviews etc. (up to 12 people) features modular tables, large projection screen, kitchenette and toilets.

Contact Blueskin Bay Library 482 2444

blucirc1@dcc.govt.nz

Waiputai Hub - Stephenson St, Warrington

Warm and cosy meeting space, community gatherings, classes, children's parties, and workshops for up to 20 people. Features include small kitchen, comfy couches, tables and chairs, fenced grounds including playground for under 5s and toilets. Available to hire for workshops, courses, children's parties or family events etc. at a reasonable hourly rate. **Booking enquiries to**

waiputai@gmail.com or Nancy 482 1198 or 021 171 0226.

Hire charge is usually applicable, details can be obtained on request.

IT'S THE HOLIDAY SEASON AGAIN!

The Gift Of Giving

Everyone deserves to smile at Christmas!

This Christmas I am continuing the successful charity drive for the sixth year running, 'Gift of Giving' with the support of our local OutPost Cafe. Donated (unwrapped) gifts for all ages can be placed under the tree at The Outpost Cafe (182 Main Road, Waikouaiti) between 17th November - 18th December. Alternatively, you can call Leanne to collect. All gifts are donated to **Anglican Family Care** who ensure the gifts get to those in need. **Thank you** all for your wonderful support making this happen each year X.

Everyone deserves to smile at Christmas!



Leanne Black
027 552 5502



THE WIDER BLUESKIN BAY AREA IS ON SHOW
Blueskin Agricultural & Pastoral Society Inc.



BLUESKIN SHOW DAY

SAVE THE DATE
SUNDAY 29th March 2026
10-2.30pm

If you would like to be involved with the show
or For more details please contact

Paul Kelly 0212107237

Mark Sampson sampson90@msn.co.nz 0233770463

Audie Peppercorn 0214555595



Elderflower and Lemon Jelly

I got home with a big handful of elderflowers picked from a tree covered with it's pretty lacy flowers by the side of Coast road, only to discover I had no ingredients to make liqueur.

The last time I got the still running was to distill 2 buckets of apple cider, to make calvados/ brandy in late autumn. I need to spend some time making a batch of just straight alcohol from sugar, so I can use it to make liqueurs while all the summer fruits are in season. I shall get that together one day, but until then, I could not waste the elderflowers I'd picked so I did an experiment.

I picked as much stalk as I could off the elder flowers (too much stalk ruins the flavour), put them in a pot and covered with 500 mls of boiling water, added the juice of a lemon and for good measure the remains of the juiced lemon, and bought the lot to the boil for a few minutes, until the flavours had been extracted.

I then left it to sit for about 12 hours (more flavour extraction was the theory, I was afraid it would taste too mild and piss waterish).

Then I strained it all through a jelly bag (fine muslin), and the resultant liquid had a good lemony and elderflower smell, and looked like piss, perfect.

So I added half a packet of jam setting pectin, 500grams of sugar, 1 teaspoon of citric acid (to enhance that lemon taste).

I boiled and stirred this mixture until it reached gelling point. If you've not made jelly or jam before, it means taking a smidge of your jelly or jam and smear it on a preferably white plate so you can see what is going on. After it cools for a minute or so, push a finger through the smear. If wrinkles form in front of your pushed finger the jelly is ready to set. If not, cook a bit longer. You could try adding another teaspoon of citric acid (citric acid also helps setting) and cooking for a another few minutes.



With a flower jelly like this you really need to add the pectin at the start, as it is generally only fruits which contain pectin.

When you get setting point reached, spoon your jelly into a couple of sterile and warm jam jars.

I was impressed with the flavour, it's very delicately flowery and lemony. I think it would be beautiful with cream on pikelets, or drizzled over a cream sponge. It might marry well with a trifle, and how about with some passion fruit pulp on a cake?

Gooseberries, which will be producing well soon, would also be a really nice match with elderflowers, and they contain loads of their own pectin. The English used to have whole farms growing gooseberries for their jam setting abilities. Now they make their pectin from apples, and the poor dear gooseberries are out of favour.

The only challenge here is having gooseberries ready early enough, and still being able to find elderflowers to pick for the flavour match. In fact imagine a gooseberry and elderflower wine? Dry and sparkling would be nice...

Hilary Rowley



Who will have the biggest marrow in Blueskin Bay?

We are putting together a team to run the A&P Show's produce competition in April next year.

There will be new categories, and old categories to compete for.

Who can grow the most tropical fruit or vegetable?

Growing the classic longest bean will be a fight almost to the death... (of something)

The ugliest vegetable.

A children's vegetable dinosaur perhaps?

We have not finalised the schedule, but this is a notice to get growing your biggest, best, ugliest potato that looks like Prime Minister Luxon perhaps?

We will have new certificates designed by fabulously talented local artist Jenna Packer, and if we can find one in time... a silver trophy.

There will also be jams and preserves sections, but these will be opened and tasted, because it is about the flavour after all. Bring on your best and most fabulous flavours. Its ok to bring just a little jar.

We may actually let the public taste the winners so they know what fabulous tastes like.

Any left overs will be donated to the community anti scurvy pantry.



BLUESKIN GARDEN CLUB

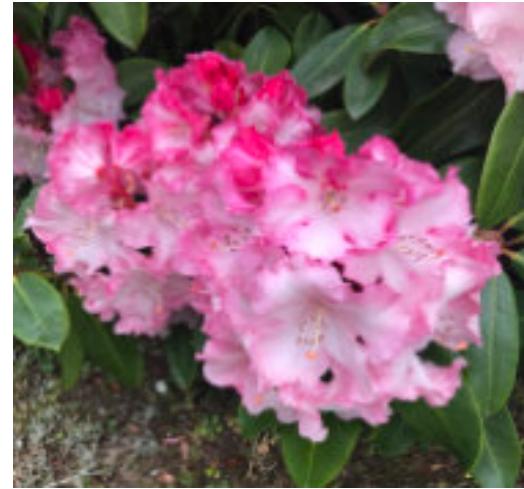
What a joy our gardens are at this time of year! The camellias and rhododendrons have been beautiful, and my irises and paeonies are looking very healthy.

There's heaps of flowers in the strawberry patch with the hope of many tasty strawberries. I have been doing some work in the patch lately, adding compost around the plants, and then topping with pine needles. My final duty will be a foliar spray with sulphate of potash and seaweed tea, followed up by a deep watering in the next day or two.

15 November saw a group of members travelling to Oamaru where they visited several local gardens, and their beautiful botanic gardens. They had a great day!

On 6 December our end of year Christmas dinner will be held in the Warrington Hall commencing at 6pm. The food is always plenteous and tasty, and we all have a great time. So come along in your 'Party Clothes' and join us.

Happy Gardening, Bev Lyon



Madness vs Sanity

- What's happening, Poff? - Well the sprogetts are angry about Trump claiming climate change is a scam and a hoax so they are handing out leaflets about climate change... sea level rises, scientific proof etc... The pole with the flag is 2 metres high... that's how much the sea level could rise in the next 20 years or less... presently that is the difference between high tide and low tide... imagine if you stand at the beach and imagine it being another 2 metres higher than it is now....!



- Wow! that is really scary Poff....! - Yes it is Holzkopf... it really is....



Humpty Dumpty's speech to the Un.

**on the
spot**

Blueskin General Store (Waitati On The Spot)

Store Hours: Mon – Sat 7.30am – 7pm | Sunday 9am – 6.30pm
Ph 482 2741



The Golden Goose

Freddy the Frog is in big trouble. But that wont bother Shane Jones. Our Minister for Resources' 'see ya later Freddy' comment is euphemism for our governments Fast Track Approvals legislation. It's no doubt lost on the minister, but frogs are proven indicators of climate change and environmental health. Where goes the frog, go we. And as Fast Track Approval of Santana's Bendigo gold mine slithers ever closer, another euphemistic creature is imperiled: The Golden Goose.

Tourism poured \$260M into Central last year, because people love the unique landscape. And since tourism's huge carbon footprint, infrastructure pressures, and needless excess, already blights the Central Otago landscape, why the rush to introduce another 'blighter' into the neighborhood. We humans have revered gold for millennia, and throughout the world, vaults are stacked with the stuff. Do we need more? Should we kill the goose we've got, to produce gold bars?

According to AI, gold has historically been used to store value via asset investment and monetary exchange (what ever that means). Therefore, it plays an important role in global financial institutions, and is integral to the capitalist system. Gold is symbolic wealth because it looks good, it's hard to find, and hard to extract. Most of it is made into jewelry, enabling the wearer to display their wealth, some sits in vaults being artificially valuable, but increasingly it's used in electronics because it's a great conductor of electricity and resists corrosion.

Santana plan to dig up, pulverize, and chemically extract 120,000 ounces of gold per year. 1.25M ounces over 14 years. At 2.5 grams per tonne of ground, that's a lot of digging. About 14M tonnes to be precise. It sounds messy. In 1835, French historian Alexis de Tocqueville wrote;

It is from the midst of this putrid sewer that the greatest river of human industry springs up and carries fertility to the whole world. From this foul drain pure gold flows forth. Here it is that humanity achieves for itself both perfection and brutalisation, that civilization produces it's wonders, and that civilized man becomes again almost a savage.

Doug Nuttal



Junior Surf seasons starts at Warrington.

The Warrington Surf Lifesaving Club Moana Rua has a long and proud history; and in the shadow of an almost completed brand new club house it was great to see so many gathered for the first day of the Junior Surf season on Sunday 2 November.

Travelling from as far away as Palmerston and some as young as 4, more than 50 kids suited up, braved the spring waters and left with smiles as wide as the ocean itself after a hot shower and sausage up at the clubhouse.

Run on a Sunday morning from 10:15 youngsters (supervised by club lifeguards) take part in various sand and sea activities promoting fun, friendship, water safety, and surf lifesaving as a sport. Tamariki can learn to use bodyboards, kneeboards and experience the thrill of catching waves back in to shore. For those able to swim 200m there are additional opportunities to compete in Interclub Carnivals held throughout the summer.

The Rookie programme also runs for those 12yrs up with more of an emphasis on preparing them for lifeguarding, whilst also embracing the fun and thrill of the ocean and our beautiful beach in Warrington.

Fancy getting involved with surf lifesaving but slightly older? There is also the senior competition team and of course the Lifeguard team working to keep you safe on the beach in the summer. Want to learn more? Email the club on warringtonslscnz@gmail.com or pop down have a look on a Sunday morning (junior surf), come speak with the coaches and find out how you or your kids can get involved.

Happy to field any questions you may have.

Ngā Mihi, Jonny Hogben

How did the bauble know that she was addicted to Christmas?

She'd been hooked on Christmas trees all her life.

What do you get if you eat Christmas decorations?
Tinsilitis.

What do you call a blind reindeer?
No-eye deer.

WAITATI BOOK CLUB by Ian Melvin

For the first time in quite a while we are gathered at Marc's with the entire complement of members plus two Greyhounds in attendance. With a well laden table of comestibles on offer, drinks poured, we toast and begin a full and varied colloquy. Eventually leading to matters of business ie. The Book, Pub Nite venue, and consideration of a January gathering and slide show with partners to kick the year off. Our final discussions were accompanied by Marc's home-made Xmas cake and a glass of very fine brandy - much appreciated by all present.... well not the dogs!



THE BOOK

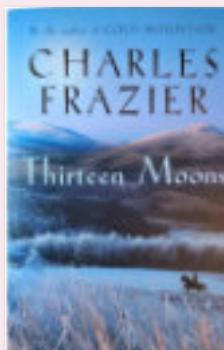
The Royal Game: Stefan Zweig

"Travelers by ship from Buenos Aires find that on board with them is the world champion of chess, an arrogant and unfriendly man. They come to try their skills against him but are soundly defeated. Then a mysterious passenger steps forward to advise them, and their fortunes change. How he comes to possess his extraordinary grasp of the game of chess and at what cost lie at the heart of Zweig's story." Goodreads. Generally enjoyed with enthusiasm by some and with some reservations by others... me... well worth a read.



OTHER BOOKS

Thirteen Moons: Charles Frazier - from the Author of Cold Mountain. "Will Coopers search for identity and home begins at the age series of twelve when he is given a horse, a key, and a map and sent to the edge of the Cherokee Nation to run a trading post as a bound boy." "His fate becomes intertwined with the destiny of the Cherokee." From the cover blurb. Enjoyed this, if you liked Cold Mountain you will like this!



OTHER STUFF

Ian - thoroughly enjoyed the 'Grand Finale' of *'Downton Abbey'* on a miserable day at the Metro Cinema with a full house.

Martin recommended "*'Deliver Me From Nowhere'* The Springsteen film, where he struggles to reconcile the pressures of success with the ghosts of his past, while he records the album 'Nebraska' in the early 80s." (one of my favourite albums...)

Peter recommended "*'A Complete Unknown'*" In the early 1960s, 19 year old Bob Dylan arrives in New York with his guitar and revolutionary talent, destined to change the course of American music."

Quotes from film promotion blurbs

MUSIC

Stabat Mater: Arvo played by Pētris Vaske, James Macmillian and The Dimitris Ensemble. Primarily choral pieces- accompanied by a minimum background of Violins, Viola, Cello, and Double Bass. Bearing some resemblance to Gregorian chants maybe meeting with Brian Eno's Music for series, where the synthesiser is replaced by the human voice. Standout for me, a mixed choir a cappella work by James Macmillan haunting and intense but uplifting at the same time. Try James Macmillan's the choir of Clare Cambridge College 'Misere' on YouTube.

BEER

Recommended: *Staroceské Tradiční: Tmavý Ležák* dark lager 8% vol. **Zubr Brewery** Czech Republic. 'Often described as having a velvety hop bitterness and a long roasted after taste'.

Budějovický Budvar original Czech lager 5% vol. Brewed in the City of Ceské Budějovice using Saaz hops Moravian malt, and pristine artesian well water. Known for its crisp golden colour, bready maltiness and spicy finish. Note this is the beer that Budweiser originated from, but that of course as you might expect is an inferior imitation. Both purchased at New World.



WORD OF THE MONTH

Commerce "The teamsters said that some of the Ginseng went all the way around the world in sailing ships and was sold to Chinamen, who ate it and believed it made their jimson stand up better. So I was just the second man in a long chain of people working to make the Chinaman stiff."

MEANING OF LIFE

"We all reach a point where we would like to draw a line across time and declare everything on the far side null. Shed our past life like a pair of wet and muddy trousers, just roll the heavy clinging fabric down our legs and step away. We also reach a point where we would give the rest of our withering days for the month of July in our seventeenth year. But no thread of Ariadne exists to lead us there."

Quotes from *Thirteen Moons* by Charles Frazier



BLUESKIN BAY LIBRARY



28 HARVEY STREET, WAITATI | 03 482 2444 | DUNEDINLIBRARIES.GOV.T.NZ
OPEN: MONDAY–FRIDAY, 11AM–1PM AND 2–5.30PM | SATURDAY, 10AM–1PM

STORYTIME WITH STEPHANEY

Our last Storytime with Stephaney for 2025 will be on **Friday 12 December, 11–11.30am**.

Storytime will restart **Friday 13 February, 11–11.30am**.

BLUESKIN BAY KNITWITS

The Monday night Knitwits (6.30 – 8.30pm) will take a break between **Monday 22 December** and restart on **Monday 19 January 2026**.

The Tuesday Knitwits (2.30 – 4.30pm) will continue to meet every Tuesday apart from Tuesday 29 December.

BLUESKIN BOOKSHARE

The last Bookshare for 2025 will be **Thursday 18 December, 3.30 – 4.30pm**.

The first Bookshare for 2026 will be **Thursday 22 January, 3.30 – 4.30pm**.

ALL AGES DROP-IN PRINTMAKING WORKSHOPS



Drop in and create a stamp, make a Christmas Card, tags and wrapping paper.

All materials will be provided.

Wednesday 10 and Thursday 11 December, 3.30 – 5pm
Wednesday 17 December, 11 – 1pm and 3 – 5pm
Friday 19, Monday 22 and Tuesday 23 December, 3 – 5pm

JAY THE JUGGLER HOLIDAY SHOW

Saturday 13 December, 11am

Join Jay the Juggler for a fun-filled holiday show of magic, juggling and laughter. Bring the family along and enjoy festive tricks, surprises, and plenty of smiles.

CRAFTY CHRISTMAS WORKSHOP



Thursday 4 December, 6.30 – 9.30pm

Join Marilyn and the East Otago Guild to embroider yourself a festive decoration!

Please book a place by phoning 03 482 2444 or email blucirc1@dcc.govt.nz

All materials are provided for \$5

CHILDREN'S SUMMER READING PROGRAMME

Registrations open on Wednesday 3 December for the 2025-26 Children's Summer Reading Programme. Come in, sign up and pick up your pack of goodies for the summer holidays. Set up your own reading goals and fill in the booklet with details of what you've read and go in the draw for some cool prizes.

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR LIBRARY HOURS

Get your holds sorted and stock up with your reading material and DVDs for Christmas because the library will be closed from **midday Wednesday 24 December** and reopening **Monday 5 January**.

ŌTEPOTI DUNEDIN SOUND CAPSULE

We are delighted to be hosting this project with the Dunedin based International Science Festival. It celebrates local spaces and moments through the form of a sonic digital time capsule and we invite you to be a part of it. Record a sound using your phone and upload it to become part of this interactive map.

Follow the link to listen to the map:

bit.ly/dunedinsoundcapsule

Upload your sound by following the link:

bit.ly/submit-dunedin-sound-capsule-2025

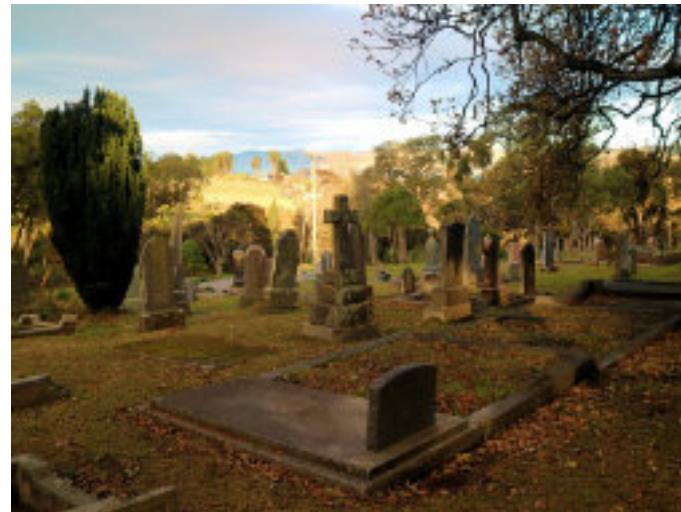
St Barnabas Church and its graveyard

Many of you will have visited the beautiful St Barnabas Church building and graveyard in Warrington. You may well have family or friends buried there. Perhaps you yourself hope to be buried or have your ashes interred there in due course. Although it is a church cemetery it is not limited to church members.

St Barnabas is unusual in New Zealand where few churches have their own graveyard and local body cemeteries are the norm. Unlike the Waitati or other DCC cemeteries, St Barnabas cemetery is administered and cared for by the church itself, through the St Barnabas Cemetery Committee. Key members of this are the Priest-in-Charge (Rev. Jeremy Nicoll) and the Sexton (Ray Prince). The Sexton is responsible for burials, records of gravesites, and general management. There is of course a cost to maintaining the graveyard, especially for a small and aging church membership. Kind volunteers help with maintenance of the grounds, but contractors are still needed.

Now that cremation has become so popular, increasing numbers of people wish family ashes to be interred there, either in a family plot or a separate grave site.

Unfortunately, however, not all are aware that this must first be authorised through the Priest-in-Charge or the Sexton and that there is a fee to defray costs.



It is vital that any burial, whether of a body or ashes, is done properly and recorded officially. The records for the graveyard need to be complete and accurate so that people both now and in the future can be certain exactly whose remains are buried here and just where the gravesites are.

So, if you, or anyone you know, plans to deposit ashes at St Barnabas, please be sure that they know to first contact either the Sexton (Ray Prince Ph: 021 056 0507) or the Priest-in-Charge (Jeremy Nicoll Ph: 027 436 1481)

Jean Strachan, St Barnabas Vestry Secretary

Waikouaiti Coast Heritage Centre

I know it is now several weeks past, but wasn't the weather around labour weekend dramatic, to say the least, such a lot of damage was done and then the amazing sight of snow all over the hills surrounding East Otago, so unexpected at this time of the year. It would be fair to say that my biggest concern for our annual plant sale was of the weather on the day. However, we were extremely lucky and labour weekend Sunday had the best of the weather.

I would like to thank all the people who helped make the sale such a success, we sold over 600 plants on the day and raised over \$5000 towards the bank restoration fund. We continued to sell remaining plants over the next week, and at the Event Centre Market Day which added to our funds.

We are now heading quickly towards Christmas and hope you will make an opportunity to come and see what the gift shop has to offer in terms of presents. It may save you a trip to town. You could also take the opportunity to look over the

extensive Plunket Society exhibition, which will end in February.

Finally, if you have been considering becoming a volunteer at the Heritage Centre, do talk to the current volunteers about what it is involved. Two of our regular volunteers have moved away and we are needing people to replace them. It is an interesting place to spend some time, learning about the fascinating history of the area and meeting a range of interesting people from all over the world.

Shirley McKewen, Treasurer





Welcoming Our New Principal – Bex Williams

Following a robust process with a very strong set of applicants, we're delighted to announce the appointment of Bex Williams as the new Principal of Waitati School.

Bex has been a committed member of our school community for many years, and has shown excellent leadership during her time as Acting Principal. Her care for our tamariki, strong relationships with staff and whānau, and her passion for creating a nurturing, creative learning environment made her a natural choice to lead our kura into the future.

We're excited for this next chapter with Bex steering the waka, and look forward to continuing to grow together as a school and community.

The Board

Message from Bex

Kia ora e te whānau. It is with immense pleasure and honour that I formally accept the role of Principal of Waitati Kura.

I acknowledge the legacy of those who have led this Kura before me, each having contributed significantly to its history. I eagerly anticipate the opportunity to walk alongside the entire school community and team as we step together into the future.

Seeing our tamariki (children) each day – their eyes alight with wonder, their smiles full of joy, and their natural curiosity – inspires us.

Thank you sincerely for the many kind congratulations I have received. I look forward with great enthusiasm to the journey ahead.



Kia ora Waitati Whānau, What a few weeks it's been! I wanted to send a huge, warm, and heartfelt thank you to our incredible community.

A Massive Thank You to Our Community!

The last few weeks have been massive, and we've been overwhelmed by the fantastic community spirit here at Waitati Kura. We've had many of you come together to help out, mowing lawns, sprucing up areas, and lending a hand around the school.

Honestly, we couldn't have done it without you. Your support is truly appreciated and makes such a difference to our beautiful kura. Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou!

Getting Settled and Having Fun!

Our tamariki are wonderfully settled into their learning for the term, and wow, the end of the year is fast approaching! It's been fantastic to see all the energy pouring out onto the grounds.

- The new basketballs and sports gear are getting a serious workout at morning tea and lunch, it's great to see so much active fun!
- And now that it's back, the flying fox is as popular as ever!

Deep Dive into Passion Projects!

We are currently deep into our Term Passion Projects, and the enthusiasm is contagious! Who could forget the excitement a few Fridays ago when some adorable ducklings came to visit us for the day?

We are proud to offer a wide variety of choices, truly offering something for everyone:

• Gardening	• Drama
• Sports	• Coding

It brings me so much joy to see the tamariki exploring and discovering what they love to do. The music shed and ceramics shed are open multiple times a week, and witnessing that 'wow' moment on a child's face when they create or discover something new is always a highlight of my day.

Come and Say Hello at the Market!

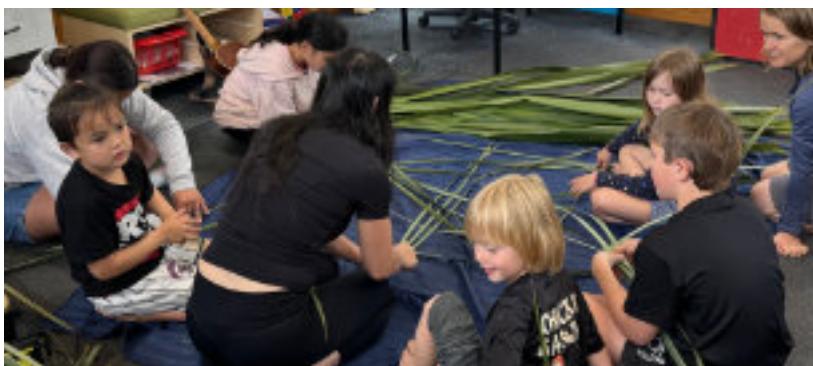
On another exciting note, we've been enjoying being down at the market for the second half of the year. It's lovely seeing you all and chatting! We've had some big wins with our cinnamon scrolls, flowers, and baking! At our next market, the tamariki will be offering specially made Christmas stocking fillers, the perfect opportunity to support their creativity. We are also hosting our Master Chef Competition, which this year focuses on baking. Come along and see our Year 6-8s battle it out for the title of Master Chef Winner 2026!

Please do come down, say hello, grab some yummy baking, and ask us any questions you have. We are always happy to chat!



**BLUESKIN
COMMUNITY
MARKET**

Sunday 7 December



A Sad Loss

The Thomas family in Warrington would like to acknowledge and share the sad news of the loss of two family members - Graeme and Betty (Blossom) Thomas. Both were very strong and proud until the end, however both are now at peace and will be together again soon in Blueskin Bay.

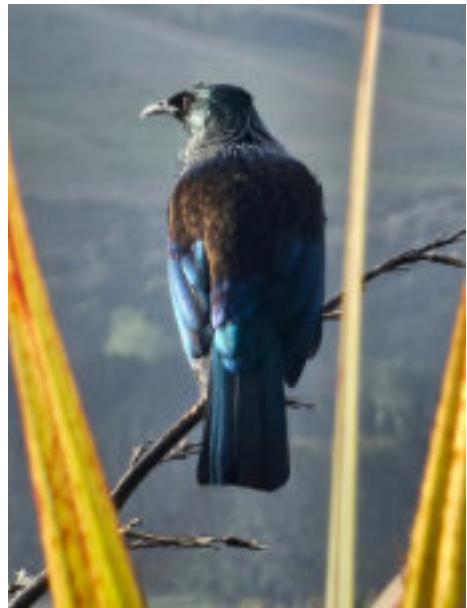
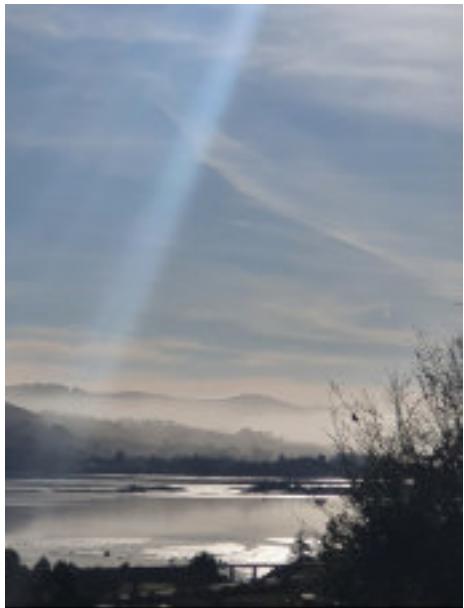
Graeme John Thomas 05/04/1957 - 09/09/2025

Betty Thomas (Blossom) 16/04/1935 - 01/10/2025

If you have any messages for the family please send to
sallylthomas333@gmail.com



Thanks go to Ran Turner, Dean Griffiths, Janet Brown, Sarah White, Gala Hesson and Ian Melvin for these beautiful photos.



THE POETRY PAGE

Birds assert themselves
The sun caresses us all
Pippi lies asleep



"It is Mans way to argue and fight = AR
It is God's way to talk and agree = PEACE
May God be listened to = HAPPINESS and LOVE"

Joe Hayde, Warrington

I whispered to the moon and it whispered back.
Its words were small and white, like flowers orange and green.
They speak to me of hope, of fun and mystery.
They dance beneath my skin, they play between my ears.
And there they seem to settle in, not knowing how or why.
And now as I go forth.
They bounce and dance and swim.
They crackle with the fire.
They jump with every raindrop.
They eat the words of life.
They play with the wind as she goes by.
They never seem to stop.
And when I'm down they are there
And when I'm high they are higher.
I hope they never go
I hope they never slow

The Viscous Hibiscus- The Phantom Bottom Smacker.

The Viscous Hibiscus, you just don't want to meet,
She likes to suck lollies, she loves to eat meat.
But what she craves more than e'en raspberry jam,
It is to smack bottoms of any she can.

She once smacked the bottom of Robert Muldoon,
She smacked Luxon's bottom who begged for more soon.
Pope John Paul II got the spanking of his life.
(And it's said he then asked her to be his sweet wife).

The Dalai Lama fought back well when his turn came to bend,
But all his kung-fu moves availed him nothing in the end.
But still he earned her deep respect for putting up a fight ,
Even as his cries for mercy rent the Himalayan night.

The Queen of England was perhaps the phantom's finest hou .
She smacked that royal arse avoiding 'downtime ' in The Tower.
Bold Prince Philip intervened and begged her to desist,
But got himself a spanking too and added to her list.

Now, the Viscous Hibiscus has no racist sin,
For she's dealt out a spanking from here to Berlin.
Yes bottoms of pink, white, brown, black and sand,
Have all felt the sting of the hibiscian hand.

So beware when next hiking with boots and lunch packed,
Least you find yourself smarting cos your bottom's been smacked.
For as you bend over, that mushroom to see,
You'll end up her victim number 4963.

The End of the Spit

The end of the spit is a semi-circle,
vast and open.
The sides slowly dipping into the
ocean
like a whale's back,
with divots by the moon,
by the tide.

The end of the spit is sacred,
where Waitati and Warrington collide,
Rabbit Island an exposed heart
coalescing in the bay.

The end of the spit
is where spirits fly
away in the wind and sand,
making our edges smooth,
providing a place to stand.

At the end of the spit is silence
and the comfort of a curve,
a place to watch and listen,
then turn around again.

Gala Hesson



Warrington Indoor Bowls Club

Our final night for the season was 23 September. A crazy night of food and Indoor Bowls and the presentation to the winners of various competitions.

O'CONNELL DRAWN PAIRS: Daniel Mosley, Charlie Beaton

POPE SINGLES TROPHY: Graeme Thorburn

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Alison Joyce, Garry Dodd, and Shirley Zwies

CH OF CH DRAWN PAIRS: Graeme Thorburn, Liana Beaton

CH OF CH MENS SINGLES: Graeme Thorburn

CH OF CH LADIES SINGLES: Lynda Bardwell

CH OF CH DRAWN FOUR: Denis O'Connell, Garry Dodd, (Porteous Trophy): Charlie Beaton

TOP SCORER TROPHY: Alison Joyce

MOST IMPROVED PLAYERS: Lynda Bardwell, Charlie Beaton

OTAGO UMPIRES TRIPLES TOURNAMENT

(The Bosman Memorial Trophy)

Winners - Graeme Thorburn, Robyn Thorburn, Garry Dodd

OTAGO EXECUTIVE TEAM REPRESENTATIVES

(Central Otago Games)

Robyn and Graeme Thorburn

It was decided that seeing there is six months until the opening of the next Bowling Season, we would meet once a month for practice to keep our hand and eye co-ordination. This may help some of us who are playing in the Masters Games in February 2026.



Lynda Bardwell



Garry Dodds, Alison Joyce, Shirley Zwies



Garry Dodds, Denis O'Connell



Graeme Thorburn

INDOOR BOWLS OPEN EVENINGS FOR THE BLUESKIN BAY COMMUNITY

(ages 8 years upwards)

**2026 Tuesday 10 February 7.30pm
and Tuesday 10 March 7.30pm**

Warrington Memorial Hall, 11 Stephenson Street, Warrington

ALL WELCOME - Come and give it a go to see if you like the game

Contact: Lyn Hastie (President) 03 482 2896



Daniel Mosley

BOXING DAY GIG

WAITATI COMMUNITY HALL
26 HARVEY STREET, WAITATI
BOXING DAY 26 DEC 2025

Ōtepoti's Cecil Turbine and Tough Guy combine forces to release a split EP

Combining their styles in a 'battle set' format where each performer alternates songs with the other.

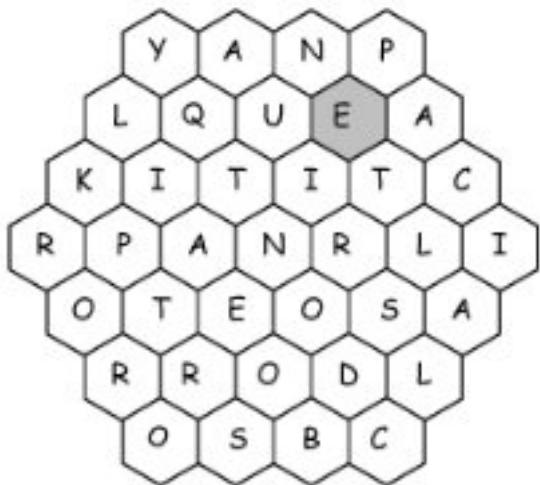
This show is to act as a post Xmas Community get together with Music.

Bring a plate or anything you'd like to share.

Doors 7pm / \$20

Christmas Puzzles

BUZZWORD



The shaded E and the six letters surrounding it spell PETUNIA, which matches one of the clues below. Find 7-letter words for the remaining clues. Shade the centre letter of each word.

1. flowering plant petunia -E
2. a solo performance _____
3. excellence _____
4. person receiving medical care _____
5. adult male domestic fowl _____
6. old item _____
7. opening in nose _____

The seven shaded letters spell a buzzword!

SUDOKU

		1	2		
3	4		5	6	1
7				4	
	7				3
		1		8	6
9			6		
	4				
	5	3	1	9	
		8	9		3

Sudoku composed by Andrew Bott and sent in by Michael Priestnall, answers in the next issue.

WORD SEARCH

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Decorative Reindeer Truffles

Rosanna O'Neill Blueskin Nurseries Cafe

Ingredients

200g condensed milk
100g butter
3 tbsp golden syrup
500g vanilla biscuit crumb
(crumble packets of vanilla biscuits to create crumb)
2 tbsp cocoa
1 tsp mixed spice
1 tsp ground ginger
½ tsp cinnamon

Decorations

100g white chocolate
1 tbsp oil
50 g dark chocolate
½ tbsp oil
Pretzels
Glazed cherries

Method

Melt condensed milk with golden syrup & butter add biscuit crumb, cocoa powder, cinnamon, ginger, mixed spice. Mix well to blend.

Place, mix in the fridge to chill for 10-15 minutes, after chilling roll into 40g balls.

Prepare a flat tray with clean baking paper.



Melt dark chocolate and oil for 30 seconds at a time mix then repeat, until melted.

Melt white chocolate and oil for 30 seconds at a time mix then repeat, until melted.

With the end of a teaspoon drip white chocolate on baking paper on flat tray.

Sit in fridge 5 minutes.

With the dark chocolate dip

skewer end and carefully drop on the white chocolate to make the pupil for eyes. Chill for 5 minutes.

Assemble reindeer

Break pretzels in half to create horns. Dip the ends in dark chocolate, then stick into the truffle.

For the eyes, put two dots of melted chocolate from the tray on the truffle.

Nose - cut glazed cherries in half, dip in dark chocolate and stick to the truffle.

Chill in fridge to set. Enjoy.

Store in an airtight container in the fridge.

THE RANT

Anonymous



This is an opinion piece designed to promote feedback. If you feel you'd like to respond email blueskin.input@gmail.com

WHAT MAKES ME MAD....

That in this day and age it is still unsafe to attend community events and private gatherings as a single woman without some men feeling they have the right to grope, molest and invade personal space.

WHAT MAKES ME SAD...

That gropey hands behaviour is still an issue even in a 'woke' community

WHAT MAKES ME GLAD...

That many members of the community condemn this type of behaviour.

C'mon guys, don't let the side down. This behaviour is not ok and needs to stop. Don't think no one else notices. Don't think your wife/partner/girlfriend doesn't notice. Consent is everything, keep those gropey hands in your own pockets.

Nia Waitati 2025

Nia Waitati has grown over the last few years with a dedicated group of lovely people, both local to Blueskin Bay and from a far wider catchment, who regularly attend Nia movement classes on Tuesday mornings and Saturday afternoons at the Waitati Hall. We end the year feeling grateful to have become a diverse group of friends.

Led by local resident, Clare Reilly, the only registered Nia teacher in the lower South Island, each class combines simple whole body movements that blend dance arts, martial arts and healing arts into a fun class that creates a sense of well-being and uplift for the participants.

Designed to improve coordination, brain gym, balance, strength and conditioning, the moves are adaptable to suit each individual. A whole range of interesting music creates a sense of magic, and the



energy of the group will help everyone step out of class feeling refreshed.

Any fears or doubts about your own ability or lack of, will quickly disappear as you follow the teacher and find your groove, while everyone else is concentrating on their own movements. Become curious, playful and creative.

Nia is about connecting with yourself and finding pleasure in your movements. It's not a performance but an experience on many levels.

If you would like to try something new for 2026, in a welcoming and supportive group, Nia might just be for you. We have a limited number of spaces for Tuesdays at 11.30 and room in class on Saturdays at 4pm.

The first step into the hall is the hardest, after that you will enjoy being there.

Contact **Clare Reilly 021 177 5350** for more info.

East Otago Plunket Round Up

The East Otago Playgroup in Waikouaiti continues to run weekly on Wednesdays between 10.00 and 12.00 at the Plunket Rooms in the East Otago Events Centre, providing the opportunity to connect with other parents and caregivers and to give your child a chance to socialise, play and build connections with other children. A number of families regularly travel over from Blueskin Bay to join this friendly and welcoming group. The group will continue to run over the school holidays except for the period between Christmas and New Year, recommencing on 7 January in 2026. Come and join us for our special Christmas session for the last session of the year on Wednesday 17th December.

A new clothing bank has been recently put in place in the Plunket rooms in Waikouaiti - thank you to Bunnings Dunedin for donating the shelving! Good quality second-hand clothes are available for free for babies, toddlers and pre-schoolers up to size 5 and the stock will be regularly refreshed both from donations and by Waihemo Wastebusters. You can come and rummage and take away what you need when you are in the

rooms for a clinical appointment, when the rooms are open on Wednesday mornings, or by appointment: email annabel.kuzma@plunket.org.nz or call 027 229 1608.

For a Christmas fundraiser we will be producing "Cookies in a Jar" in either cranberry & white chocolate or M&M flavours. You receive a 1 litre beribboned glass jar with all the dry ingredients needed to make approximately 24 cookies and baking instructions. These cost \$17 each and make a wonderful gift. To order email annabel.kuzma@plunket.org.nz

If you would like to register your pēpi or tamariki aged between 6 months and 5 years for water confidence / swimming lessons at Moana Gōw Pool in Hawksbury Village, Karitāne in term 1 next year, please email annabel.kuzma@plunket.org.nz for more information.

If your child needs a Plunket appointment, or for any other clinical enquiries please call 0800 184 803.

Kā mihi nui, Annabel



Waikouaiti Coast Community Board Update

Following on from the local body elections, we have been Inducted and Inaugurated and we are now, once again, a formal Community Board - and we have three new members : Councillor John Chambers, Danny Hailes from Evansdale and Anna Knight from Warrington.

We have quite a number of local issues to be getting our teeth into, including pedestrian safety; roading, footpath & vegetation maintenance; Warrington Spit trees; Bus services; Warrington Beach access; Half-basketball court in Warrington; continuing with the upgrade at Truby King Reserve; and many more.

Our first formal meeting for this triennium will be held at the East Otago Events Centre, Waikouaiti on Wednesday 10th December, starting at 5.30 pm. Please feel free to come along to the Public Forum at the start of the meeting to let us know of any concerns you may have. You will have to register in advance to do this, either by contacting any Board Member or by notifying our DCC Governance Support Officer Lauren Riddle on 477 4000 or by email at Lauren.Riddle@dcc.govt.nz . The first meeting in 2026 will be in early February, likely in Waitati.

We are welcoming grant applications. If you, or someone you know, has a community project that could do with some funding assistance then you can complete a funding application form which can be found on the DCC website, or give any board member a call if you need some clarity.

As we head towards the end of 2025, I would like to wish you all a safe and happy Christmas season, and may the New Year bring you peace.

Alasdair Morrison, Chairman, Waikouaiti Coast Community Board : info@calmarine.co.nz



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Around the Bay – December Events

BLUESKIN LIBRARY

For details of Christmas hours and other information see the main Library page.

Saturday 13	Jay the Juggler Holiday Show 11am Join Jay the Juggler for a fun-filled holiday show of magic, juggling and laughter.
Thursday 27	Blueskin Bookshare: 3.30 – 4.30pm Join us for tea and a chat about what you're currently reading and get ideas for what to read next. All welcome.
MONDAYS	Blueskin Bay Knitwits: 6.30 – 8.30pm Contact Christine 021 133 9340
TUESDAYS	Blueskin Bay Knitwits: 2.30 – 4.30pm Contact Christine 021 133 9340
TUESDAYS	FREE Community Digital Dropins: 11am – 12.30pm
FRIDAYS	Story Time with Stephaney: 11am

ST BARNABAS CHURCH

SUNDAY	Service: 10.00am Contact Jeremy 027 436 1481
Christmas Eve Christmas Day	Carol Service and spoken Eucharist, 9pm Christmas Day service 10am Everyone welcome.

GALLERY ON BLUESKIN - DECEMBER

Wednesday 3	Christmas Quiz 7 – 9pm
Friday 5	Art Exhibition Opening 'Local Elements' 6pm Isabel Smith, Rose James and Chris Slabbert
Saturday 13	Tiny Pieces of Eight 1pm – 3pm
Saturday 20	Dougie and the Moon Rocks + The Wild Chitokakas 3pm -7pm
Saturday 20	New Years Eve Party 7.30 – 12.30 Quiz : Bingo : Best Dressed

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Sunday 25 Aart Smith – Live: Info at Aartsmith.com
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TUESDAYS	Indoor Bowls: 7.30pm
THURSDAYS	Yoga – All levels: 6.30 – 7.30pm Bring your own mat \$10pp Contact: hagino.yoga@gmail.com
SUNDAYS	Waitati Warblers: Singing for joy 4 – 5.30pm Contact: nancymiller140@gmail.com

WAITATI HALL

MONDAYS	Steady As You Go: 1.30pm Age Concern Gentle Yoga: 6 – 7pm Bring your own mat \$10pp Contact: hagino.yoga@gmail.com Table Tennis: 7.30pm til late Contact: Nigel 021 236 2818
TUESDAYS	NIA Dance Class: 11.30am-12.30pm \$10 Contact: Clare Reilly 021 177 5350
WEDNESDAYS	Energetic Yoga Restore & Rejuvenate 6 – 7pm Bring your own mat \$10pp Contact: hagino.yoga@gmail.com
FRIDAYS	Community Acupuncture: 9am – 12pm Contact Collin Blake cblake@siacu.nz
SATURDAYS	NIA Dance Class: 4 – 5pm \$10 Contact: Clare Reilly 021 177 5350

WAIPUTAI HUB

MONDAYS	Korero te reo Māori 6.30 – 7.30pm Starts 14 July \$5 registration koha Email waiputai@gmail.com to register.
TUESDAYS	Homeschool Art Group: 12.30 – 3.30pm, Contact: Amy Ping Pong: 7 – 8.30pm. All ages, levels and drop ins. Contact: Helena 022 6474 738
THURSDAYS	Homeschool Group: 10.30 – 3.30pm, Contact: Debby
FRIDAYS	Piano lessons with Marion Poole \$40 a session, 2pm onwards.
SUNDAYS	Blueskin Bay Orchestra rehearsal 3 – 5pm. Contact: Emily

ARC BREWERY

SUNDAYS	Live Music: 2 – 5pm Contact 021 4108 1141
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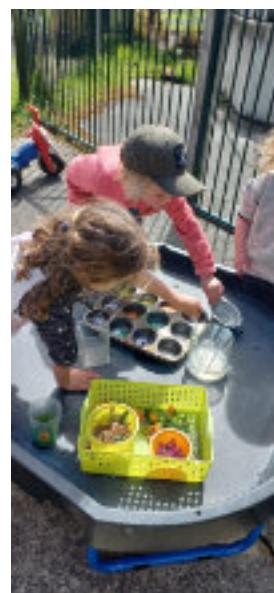


Well, the end of the year with Christmas and the sunny summer holidays is almost upon us.

Thank you to all of the parents involved with Blueskin Playcentre that have made Playcentre so fun and inviting this year. We are so lucky to live in such a welcoming community. I look forward to seeing you all out and about at our beautiful beaches, engaging libraries and interesting museums over the holidays.

If, like us, you have a little person who has a birthday over the holidays and would like to hire out the Playcentre venue for a very easy, low-cost, big impact birthday party, please contact us through our Facebook page or email us at: blueskin@playcentre.org.nz to book Blueskin Playcentre. Lastly, we will be open again at the start of the school year, so see you all in Feb 2026!

Mere Kirihiomete! **Heather**




 Fisheries New Zealand
 Te Mana Rauhī Taiao

CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

Mātaītai reserve application at Puketeraki, East Otago

Kihi-Huia-ko Rauhī ki Puketeraki have applied for a mātaītai reserve at Moeraki, East Otago, under regulation 17 of the Fisheries (South Island Codendary Fishing) Regulations 1999.

Proposed area

The proposed area includes approximately 40.8 square km South Island fisheries waters enclosed by a line drawn between Gourlay Head and Punukutu Point (west of Heywood Point) and the seaward boundary of the East Otago Takiwāriki-Laukī Fishery. The southern boundary of the proposed area between Potato Point and Punukutu Point is the mean high water mark.

A map of the proposed area and the application are available on the Ministry for Primary Industries website www.mpi.govt.nz/consultations/ or by contacting Fisheries New Zealand at the following address: TMataitai@mpo.govt.nz

Mātaītai reserves

A mātaītai resource is identified and boundaries are proposed which targets whānau who have a special relationship with. Mātaītai resources are limited fisheries waters and do not include any land area. Mātaītai resources do not change any existing arrangements for access to, or retention of, the resource.

When a mātaītai resource is established, the traditional fishing roles do not change. However, the Tūpuna Taiao's Rights for a mātaītai resource may require changes to the roles at a later date.

Commercial fishing is generally banned in a mātaītai reserve. However, the application proposes some commercial fishing as activities allowed to continue. These activities include vessel anchoring, fish processing, and harvesting rock lobsters, paddle crabs, flathead, wharau-wāhine, and some fish species. Commercial fishing, fish oil, cast, butterfish, and rock trout will be prohibited. The proposed conditions are set out on the [Ministry for Primary Industries website \(www.mpi.govt.nz/consultations/TMataitai\)](http://www.mpi.govt.nz/consultations/TMataitai)

Kihi-Huia-ko Rauhī ki Puketeraki and Fisheries New Zealand have previously consulted with the local community on the application.

This notice invites written or electronic submissions about the fish stocks in the area specified in the application from persons who take fish, aquaculture, or (otherwise) own or control, and whose ability to do so or whose members' interest in quota may be affected by the proposed mātaītai resource.

Submissions process

Submissions can be made up to 12pm on Friday 3 December 2022.

You can email your submission to TMataitai@mpo.govt.nz

While we prefer email, you can post your submission to:

Spurts, Ahuriri

Fisheries Management

Fisheries New Zealand

P.O. Box 2526

Wellington 6140

Submissions are public information

Note that all, part, or a summary of your submission may be published on the MPI website.

Most often this happens when we issue a decision that requires the submissions recorded.

People can also ask for copies of submissions under the Official Information Act (1982) (OIA).

The OIA says we can't make the content of submissions available unless we have good reason for withholding it. These reasons are detailed in sections 7 and 9 of the OIA.

If you think there are grounds to withhold specific information from publication, make this clear in your submission or contact us. Reasons may include that it discloses commercially sensitive or personal information. However, any decision MPI makes to withhold details can be reviewed by the Ombudsman, who may direct us to release it.

To: TMataitai@mpo.govt.nz
 New Zealand Government

GET SET FOR **SUMMER SAFETY**



Otago
Regional
Council

SAFER BOATING

Make sure safety is your first priority if you're going out on the water this summer. Before going out, check the weather conditions, your vessel and all your gear, including safety and communication equipment.

BOATING SAFETY CODE

- 1 Wear your lifejacket
- 2 Take two waterproof ways to call for help
- 3 Check the marine weather forecast
- 4 Avoid alcohol
- 5 Be a responsible skipper



IF IN DOUBT, DON'T GO OUT

PREVENT THE SPREAD

Lagarosiphon, didymo and lake snow are the three major freshwater pests present in Otago, and they can spread from a single drop of water or plant fragment.



Lagarosiphon

CAN I SWIM HERE?

Every summer ORC's environmental monitoring team checks more than 30 popular swimming spots around Otago for bacteria and/or algae to see if they're safe to swim in.

SWIM SMART CHECKLIST:

- **Avoid swimming for 48 hours** after heavy rain, as runoff can be washed into waterways.
- **Follow any warning signs.**
- **Check the water** is clean and clear.
- **Stay away from** any pipes, culverts, and flocks of birds.
- **Check for hazards.**
- **Learn how to spot toxic algae** and know the hotspots for blooms in Otago.

Check your local swim spot and plan your trip with the latest information.

STAY SAFE THIS SUMMER

Find out more at orc.govt.nz/summersafety