

Woodville School Pānui

Tuesday 09th December Week 10 Term 4

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Welcome

Tēna koutou katoa e te whānau, and welcome to our last pānui for the year.

Property - Block A

The demo work has started on Block A. Over the next few weeks and from early January, there will be plenty of trades people in and out of the school grounds. The project expected to take up to 2 terms next year. However, once complete, our Block classrooms will be more fit for purpose, and will be ready to accommodate our junior team.

Year End Korero

This year has seen our school build on the strengths we possess, and implement the changes we feel make us unique as ākonga and as stalwarts of Woodville. Our students, staff, and Board are all in sync and aligned in our belief which definitely helps to support not only our growth but also the kaupapa of pursuing excellence.

In 2026, we will continue to strengthen our resolve towards excellence in every facet of our school as we look to improve on this year.

As we draw to the end of 2025, I want to take the chance to thank you all for your ongoing support. Our staff could not achieve half of the cool things we do, or find the success we have, without your manaaki. Thank you for donating your time, energy, and aroha. We are truly grateful for you. Have a safe and joyous Christmas, & New Year, and we will see you again in 2026.

Ngā mihi nui Pā Wes

Prizegiving

On *Monday 15th December* our End of Year Prizegiving will be held at the Woodville Stadium *at 12pm*. We invite you to come along in support of our academic and sporting successes but also our creative and talented kids.

Bush Athletics

We had some fantastic results at the Bush Athletics last week. Well done to all of our athletes who competed and to our staff and student leaders who supported the team on the day. Ka mau te wehi!

Attendance Management Plan (AMP)

All NZ state schools are now required to have an AMP from the start of 2026. We are fortunate that overseeing attendance was already a part of our strategic plan so much of the work was already in place. However, our AMP provides some clarity for our whānau to understand the process and guidelines that we follow. A copy of our AMP is included with the newsletter and will also be uploaded to our website (it is easier to view online).

2026 School Uniforms

Our school uniforms are available to order from Academy Apparel and our school office. New polos have a price tag of approximately \$54 - a significant increase from previous options. We do apologise for the increase however, we do try to keep costs low, or free in most cases, for all other school related expenses. Please note that the new Hoodies (for Y7/Y8) are only available via our school office.

2026 Classrooms and Transition block

Our 2026 classroom organisation will need to be different next year due to our lower projected roll and unfortunate staffing reductions. We will reduce from 6 classrooms to 5 classrooms in 2026. This will mean a return to slightly bigger class sizes from day 1 next year. There will be some disruption for the first 2 terms as Mrs Thomson and Mr Steele will be operating their respective classrooms out of Block F - the current junior block. Your child/ren will have received with their school report yesterday a slip indicating which teacher and classroom they are in for 2026. On Wednesday 10th December, students will have a transition block to whakawhanaungatanga with their teacher and new classmates. Y8s will need to bring their togs as they will be swimming during this period.

2026 Stationery Lists

Our 2026 classroom stationery prices will be posted to our school FB page and emailed out in the next week or two. These are set costs that the school purchases from our supplier for each classroom, ready for the start of the school year. This ensures our students are ready from the first day to get straight into their mahi.

2026 Start Date & Office Hours

Our last school day of 2025 is Tuesday 16th December where **we will finish at 12pm**. Looking ahead to 2026, our first school day is on **Monday 9th February** where we will all gather and welcome you in the hall **@ 9am**.

Our school office will be open from Monday 2nd Feb and Tuesday 3rd Feb on holiday hours (9am-12pm) but return to normal hours (8.30am-3.15pm) on Wednesday 4th Feb and Thursday 5th Feb. Please note that our office will not be operating until 2nd Feb 2026. If you need to make contact with the school during the break, please direct any queries to *principal@woodville.school.nz*

Upcoming/Important Reminders

- New uniforms phase 2026: Y1-Y3 to order new polo and polar fleece via Academy Apparel or school office.
- New uniforms phase 2026: Y7-Y8 may opt to purchase a new hoodie via school office.
- Wednesday 10th December 2026 Transition Block
- Friday 12th December Celebration Day: Xmas Theme
- Friday 12th December Celebration Hui R8 presentation
- Saturday 13th December Woodville Christmas Parade selected students to meet at Woodville Sports Ground (old Rugby grounds) @10.30am for judging at 10.45am.
- Monday 15th December Woodville Stadium Prizegiving @ 12pm
- Tuesday 16th December Last day of school : finish at 12pm

Our Awesome Ākonga

















