

## Newsletter

Kia ora Salford Whānau,

A lot of fantastic achievement for Salford tamariki over the past couple of weeks.

Our ākonga performed fabulously at the Southland Primary School Athletics Championships with a number of them making finals and also achieving personal bests amidst the stiff Southland competition. Kaiako loved seeing the smiles and effort being put into the day by everyone. We are very proud of all of the athletes.

### Special congratulations to:

**Ella D** placing 3rd in the 8 year old girls 60m

**Ella D, Ava M** and **Harriet M** placing 3rd as members of the 8 year old girls 4\*100m relay

**Pippa J** placing 1st= in the para girls long jump, 2nd in the para girls discus, 2nd in the para girls shot put and 1st in the para girls 60m dash

**Damon S, Jack S** and **Dale F** placing second as members of the 10 year old boys 4\*100m relay

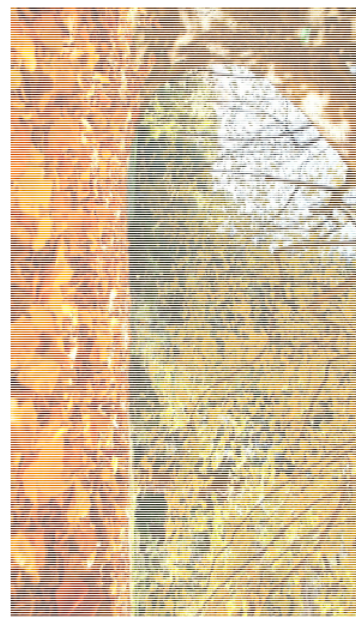
Full official results are not out yet. We will share all results with you once these are known.

Our Kids Lit teams competed on Thursday and were stunning. Our Year 5 Blue team were pipped at the post with a draw requiring the bonus point round to be the decider resulting in second place in the Year 5 section by one point. A fabulous effort and result! Congratulations to **Ava J, Avni N, Duaa A, Harriet C, Lucas J, Okitha B, Scarlett M** and **Thea R** for their mahi and efforts with this competition. Thank you to the Barbaranda family and Mr Jones for providing transport for this event.

The Year 6 ākonga had a fantastic camp with stunning weather to support all of their activities and events. Abseiling, flying kiwi, kayaking, toasting marshmallows, water slide, the bouncy pillow, Gaga Ball (and more) were all activities that the children enjoyed over their time at camp.

It was great to see the children challenge themselves and supporting each other through these challenges, developing resilience and discovering strengths and skills they may not have realised they had. Visiting was a pleasure - especially around mealtimes. The children were certainly well fed.

Thank you to Miss Henery and Mrs Dawson for giving up the comfort of home and family to spend three full days and two nights 'at work' and also to the wonderful parent helpers who gave up their time to share these experiences and support the tamariki. Camp cannot happen without you.



### Autumn Time

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Thank you Ashley, Guy, Steven, Nichole, Amy, Kellie, Anita, Amanda, Gordon, Duane, Jeremy and Alex for your time, energy, positivity, encouragement and fun.

Welcome to **Cooper, Hayze, Serenity, Jasper, Akna, Matilda** and their whānau who have joined us at Salford School - Te Kura o Ngā Kākano ā Salford in the past fortnight. It is lovely to have you here. We look forward to getting to know you over your time here at Salford School.

It was great to have **John Parsons** at school last week, sharing his knowledge, experiences and advice with us. He is able to cover a wide range of topics in an hour and keeps the children engaged well in that time. Importance of Sleep, our safe circle of people, online behaviour and values expectations being the same as our off line behaviour and value expectations were just some of the topics discussed in classrooms.

In our two whānau sessions a lot of information was imparted with a lot to think about. Here are just three of the many points that John shared with us:

1. Keep your children off social media as long as you can, if you can keep them off it until the age of 14 that is great. With AI growing so, too is the risk of children becoming more and more isolated. Many social media apps now have an AI feature which is taking over the role of 'friends' for many young people and with the algorithms developed for advertising this means their AI 'friend' is advising them and providing advertising based on key words, profile photo changes etc etc not to mention helping children to withdraw from social groups and face to face interactions with real people.
2. Screen time is not the measure of well-being anymore. There are four domains of health: Sleep, Movement, Balanced Diet and Learning Levels. Well rounded children who grow into well rounded teens and young adults will consistently (not always) have all four appropriately balanced in their lives. When behaviours change the four domains need to be looked at to see which one is at the base of the change. Lack of sleep is often the BIGGEST culprit in behaviour change. Children should not be in front of a screen for at least an hour before going to bed to give the body time to unwind and prepare for sleep.
3. Over the weekend primary aged children should have no more than 90 minutes of screen time per day and it should be in one block (it shouldn't be 30 minutes here and 30 minutes there) all before 2pm. Let children be bored (whānau in the session said that when their children come to them with the 'I'm bored' statement they give them housework tasks to do.) Creativity, invention, problem solving and imagination ALL thrive in boredom. We don't allow our children to be bored, losing these important skills and abilities. Let your children be bored.

Thank you to the whānau who came along to the parent sessions, John appreciated your input, humour and discussion.

## Chatbus

*Miles is here on Wednesdays this year to support the tamariki. Chatbus operates with tamariki being able to make self-referrals at school and whānau (and kaiako) are also able to refer. Referrals can be made via the [online link](#). This is accessible on the school website and is also shared on Hero. Interested in finding out more about the origins of Chatbus - [watch this clip from the Chatbus South Facebook page](#).*

*Chatbus has a [Facebook page](#) which is used to share hints, tips and general information regarding Chatbus and its journey in it's 10 Invercargill schools.*



## Facebook -

*This is our sunshine, rainbows and lollipops page!*



*We will be sharing lots of great things that happen at the school, events and opportunities as well as photos of just the 'everyday' things as well.*

John will share a number of short clips with us that will be posted on Hero, for you to watch in your own time, regarding all of the things he has spoken to with the tamariki and also in the whānau sessions.

We are fortunate to have John able to come to us free of charge thanks to the generous funding and support of Rotary East here in Invercargill. Rotary East is also providing the school with teaching modules for classroom use regarding sleep and keeping ourselves safe online, free of charge. Elsewhere in the country schools pay to have John work with them, their whānau and ākonga. We are fortunate to have another three years available where we will not have to pay for the opportunity to have John supporting us all in this very challenging area of parenting.

### **ANZAC Day:**

We look forward to having another group of ākonga representing Salford School at the ANZAC Service on Ramere (Friday) 25th Paenga Whāwhā (April).

There will be a google form for you to fill in on Hero if you wish for your child to go in the draw to represent Salford School at the Service. One child from each year level will be selected. House Captains are automatically able to attend - we just need to know who will or won't be there. Ākonga need to be at the service (pre-arranged meeting place) at 6:30am to get to the schools section promptly at 6:35am.

### **School Holiday Roofing:**

During the upcoming school holidays we are having a lot of work completed on the office block and Rooms 1 - 4 roofs. The drop off and entrance beside Room 1 to the school will be inaccessible and locked for health and safety reasons. There will be a lot of scaffolding and fencing in the school grounds and around these blocks. The courts and playgrounds will still be accessible but entry will be restricted to the other six gates.

### **Salford Street Traffic Amendment:**

We are very excited to see the Salford Street, street works are almost finished. This will have two P5 parks and a disability park for our Room 12 Go Bus vehicles to use allowing ākonga walking to school to have a specific, clear, designated footpath to walk on and separate area for vehicles. Parking on the footpath, gravelled areas is not permitted and was causing concerns for our tamariki coming to school as well as safety concerns for the staff and whānau who have children coming into school via Cruickshank Cres and Moana Street.

These parks will be strictly monitored for use in regards to the time frames.

At times we will also use these as bus parks. In these instances we will have bus stop signs out with no parking permitted while the signs are there.

### **Drop Off Zone:**

Just a reminder that you are not to leave your vehicle if you are using the Drop Off zone at drop off in the morning or pick up in the afternoon.

### ***Skoool Loop***

*Sports notices will be shared through School Loop.*

*Enrolments for sports can be completed directly on this app.*

*You can also communicate using the "FORMS" Icon for*

- *your child's absence,*
- *make after school care arrangements - book in and cancel*
- *Make Sports registration bookings*



Your children are expected to be able to independently get out of the vehicle on the footpath side of the car to go into school for drop off in the morning. In the afternoon your children are to come to you. You are not to leave your vehicle unattended to go into the school to find them. All children should be entering the car from the footpath side of the car. This is for their safety with the high volume of traffic in this area at key times and the size of vehicles making it difficult to see the children between the vehicles etc. Thank you.

### **Mid Year Learning Conferences:**

Thank you for your patience with the technical issues we had with the bookings for our goal setting meetings held last week. The teachers enjoyed meeting with you to discuss your children, their strengths, progress and next steps.

Our next learning conferences will take place on **Thursday 26th June**.

This will be a teacher only day with interviews happening throughout the day. School will be closed for instruction on this day so that the 15 minute conferences can be held. Bookings will open up closer to the time.

Arohanui

Sarah Gibbs

Tumuaki Salford School - Te Kura o Ngā Kākano ā Salford

### ***He toa taumata rau***

Courage has many resting places  
(Courage can be found in various forms and situations,

**NETFIT Netball**—I'm Hannah, South Island Manager of NETFIT New Zealand. We are a netball activation brand, existing to entertain, educate and inspire rangatahi through our netball programs.

We are looking forward to our upcoming Invercargill NETFIT Clinic on **Thursday 24th April, 9am-3pm** at James Hargest College. Our NETFIT Clinic are a full day of fun, focussing on both the on and off court aspects of netball, creating holistic netballers. We are really excited for our April Clinics, as we are introducing **new** t-shirt colours, **new** themes and **new** skills!

This is a great way for your netballers to upskill and learn from some of the best in the business and we would appreciate if you could please share this opportunity with your community.

The booking link can be found <https://netfitnetball.co.nz/event/netfit-clinic-invercargill-3/>.

**INVERCARGILL  
NETFIT CLINIC**

**FULL DAY NETBALL EXPERIENCE**

- 24 APRIL 2025
- 9AM TO 3PM
- AGES 6-12
- JAMES HARGEST COLLEGE
- INCLUDES TSHIRT



# PTA FUNDRAISER

## Croissants and Cookie Dough

The PTA have started their first fundraiser for the year: Croissants and Cookie Dough. Ordering closes on Rātapu (Sunday) 13th Paenga Whāwhā (April) with delivery around the 8th Haratua (May).



CHOCOLATE CHIP



WHITE CHOC  
CRANBERRY



TRIPLE CHOC



GINGERDOODLE

Dear Families,  
Salford School are selling delicious Frozen Cookie Dough and Croissants to fundraise to support our school.



**How will this fundraiser work?** We have chosen to run a **Go Raise It** online Frozen Cookie Dough and Croissant Fundraiser. These products are simply delicious! Both with simple baking instructions (no need to thaw the cookies, bake from frozen). Our croissants come unproofed in bags of 20 (50g each). Simply remove them from the freezer the night before you need them to proof and then bake!

By running our product sales campaign online, it makes it super easy for everyone - no more door knocking, your family can fundraise from home - no need to worry about handling all that cash and keeping track of orders. You simply sign up on the fundraising website, share the link with family and friends and they can arrange to collect their products from you at the end of the fundraiser.

**How do I sign up to fundraise online?** Each fundraiser can sign up for their very own web page to send out to friends and family to collect sales.

**Go to this website page OR scan the QR Code to go there:**

<https://salfordcookiescroissants.raiseit.co.nz/>

**Ideas for promoting/selling:**

- **Share your fundraising page around your workplace/colleagues** and tell them a date when you will bring their purchases for collection
- Use the links on your fundraising page to **share with friends/family** via email & social media
- **For family & friends who don't live locally** – offer to give their purchase to a local charity you support



**What happens at the end of the fundraiser?** Check your fundraising website for final day for sales and pick up date. Your school/club fundraising manager will be in touch with you regarding further details for your pick up day.

Before pickup day, each fundraiser will be sent a report (to their registered email) showing all the supporters who have purchased from their fundraising web page and what items/quantities they have purchased.

**Thank you for supporting us with this fundraiser.**

**Salford School PTA**





## Week 10 Glossary

Whānau- *family, wider family*

Kia ora- *hello, welcome, thank you*

Kaiako- *teacher*

Tumuaki- *Principal*

Ākonga- *student(s)*

Tamariki- *children*

Rāatu- *Tuesday*

Rāmere- *Friday*

Poutū te Rangi- *March*

Paenga whāwhā - *April*

Poutū te Rangi- *March*

Tu Meke- *Too much, excellent*



# Salford School

Thanks to the below businesses for sponsoring our school app:



If you would like to advertise on the Salford School Skool Loop App please email [Content@skoolloop.com](mailto:Content@skoolloop.com)



To download our app: In Google Play & App Store search 'Skool Loop' & choose School once installed.





**Camp  
Columba  
2025**





### **Communicating with Whānau:**

We have a range of communication methods for keeping you up to date with what is happening at Salford School.

**Hero** - All formal communication will come through Hero -newsletters, notices and reporting etc. You have access to your child's attendance, reporting graphs, and formal curriculum learning information posts. These all accumulate overtime so as your child progresses through Salford School their progress in their learning can be seen over time.

**Skool Loop** - Sports notices will be shared through Skool Loop. Enrolments for sports can be completed directly on this app. You can also communicate your child's absence to school through Skool Loop as well.

**Facebook** - This is our sunshine, rainbows and lollipops page! We will be sharing lots of great things that happen at the school, events and opportunities as well as photos of just the 'everyday' things as well.

**School Website**- This is where you can find all information about the school (We have a new website up and running but some areas are still under construction)

**SeeSaw** - Some kaiako may use this as a method of communication and sharing with you. The teachers using it will provide information regarding this app and how to access it etc.

## **WHATS COMING UP:**

**Use the Calender icon on SKOOL LOOP and keep up to date with all events at Salford School.**

*This is linked directed to the School online calendar.*

### **STUDENT LUNCHES**

**Daily—Heat ups**—please ensure your child's lunch is in a container or wrapped suitable for a warmer. Lunch must be clearly named and include the class room number.

**Tuesday—Sushi—Flying Wasabi**— <https://orders.lunchonline.co.nz/Home/AccountLogin>

**- This goes online with Lunch Online in 2025. before 2.00pm on Monday**

**Wednesday—Subway Orders** - **please order ONLINE via the website — Order**

**BEFORE 9:00AM AT [www.subwayexpress.co.nz/](http://www.subwayexpress.co.nz/)**

**Friday—Sausage sizzle** - orders **MUST** be completed using the [myKindo app](#) or you may email the PTA on [pta@salford.school.nz](mailto:pta@salford.school.nz). **All orders must be completed by noon on Wednesdays.**

### **Upcoming dates:**

- 3 April—Year 2—4 Netball starts—Salford Beacons
- 8 April—BOT Governance Meeting—6.00pm
- 10 April—Year 2-4 Netball Starts—Salford Pearls
- 10 April—Salford School Disco - Culture and Community  
NE to Year 3—6:00 to 6:45pm  
Year 4—6—7:00 to 8:00pm
- 11 April—Values Assembly
- 11 April—**End of Term 1**
- 13 April—PTA Croissant and Cookie Dough Fundraiser closes
- 17 April—Netball Festival— *this has been cancelled owing to a lack of entries.*
- 22 April—Southland Anniversary Day
- 25 April—ANZAC Day