

Newsletter

Kia ora Salford Whānau,

It has been great to see everyone back at school ready for a focused term of learning.

With the winter weather causing the usual drop in temperature, clothing layers are important. Please ensure tights, thermals and other layers are plain navy blue as per Salford School uniform expectations. Jackets are also handy at times as well. It is helpful if all clothing items are clearly named so that they can be quickly returned to their owner if they are mislaid somewhere.

Welcome to Aubree, Kaiya, Mihela 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.

The final week of term one was very busy with a lot of great opportunities.

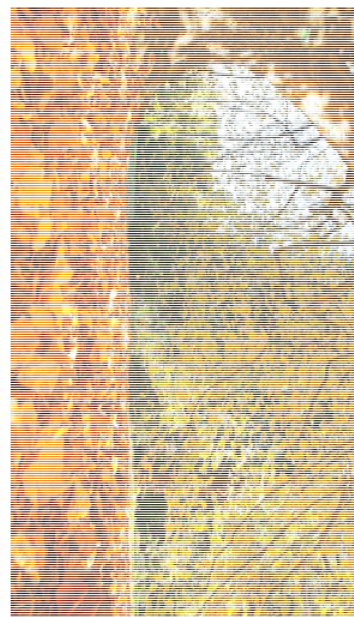
Our House Captains attended their student leadership day at the **GRIP** Conference. They met and chatted to other student leaders from throughout Invercargill, wider Southland and even Otago. They watched and explored the themes and messages in movie clips and shared thoughts and ideas about how they could use their leadership responsibility at Salford School to support everyone and develop the school. We look forward to seeing what they introduce and do throughout the year after their learning.

We had the Opera in Schools Group perform for everyone. The staff were not sure how this would be received but were blown away and impressed by the engagement, enthusiasm and comments from the children afterwards. It was a HUGE hit!

A fantastic small performance group touring New Zealand schools to educate about the magic of Opera and the story telling that is shared through this art form. A truly fabulous experience with music and song used to tell a story in a way most people don't get to experience.

The school disco was a great event and it was lovely to see the costumes and cultural connections on display throughout the evening.

Half of the House Captains took the food donations down to the Salvation Army last Friday (2nd May) and got the opportunity to have a small look around and learn about how this organisation operates.



Autumn Time

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Sadly the Salvation Army is losing its funding as of July 1st this year meaning it will be solely reliant on donations to support families throughout Southland. Even with their limited funding they are struggling to keep up with the level of need in the community, having this removed will make it even more challenging.

PTA Fundraiser Information:

Thank you to everyone who supported the PTA Fundraiser Cookie Dough and Croissants.

All orders can be collected from the hall stage (entry via the stage door) between 2:30 and 5:30pm on Thursday this week. Please bring your own bags to take your orders home.

If you are unable to collect your orders in this time frame please contact the PTA to make other arrangements.

Pta@salford.school.nz

The top seller, spot prize winners and winning House fundraisers will all be announced at assembly on Friday.

Salford School Reroofing.

During the term break we had Rooms 1 - 4 roofs replaced and they are looking much smarter now. The office block also had parts replaced.

Either in the next term break or after term three finishes Rooms 9 - 12 will be having significant work carried out on their roofing. Once the time frame for this is confirmed we will let you know. It is expected that the work will take more than a two week holiday period so there may be some interruption to classroom workspaces during this improvement.

ANZAC Day:

On ANZAC Day we had 11 ākonga representing the school at the Dawn Service at the Cenotaph on Gala and Dee Streets. It was a calm morning and a lovely service. Thank you to the whānau members who came along and supported the tamariki. The rōpū hung a wreath on the cenotaph on behalf of the school and community.

Thank you to Phoenix B, Ella B, Avni N, Isla W, Quade B, Amelia W, Eloise H, Lilly S, Libby H, Alehandro N and Charlie W for representing the school and the community so well at this important event.

School Cross Country:

The children have been practicing and training for the school cross country. This is all set for **Friday / Rāmere 16th May**/ Haratua with postponement being **Monday/ Rāhina 19th May / Haratua**.

The children can wear House Colours for the day.

Wakatipu - **green / kakariki**

Manapouri - **Yellow / kowhai**

Hauroko - **Red / whero**

Te Anau - **Blue / kikorangi**

Events will take place in the afternoon. Children / Tamariki run in their age groups based on their age **as at 31st December / Hakihea 2025**.

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.

We look forward to seeing you all supporting the children with this event. (Top placings in each age group event will earn a place to compete at the Phoenix Zone Cross Country. Top placings are determined by ease of completing the event, running all the way, distance between placings etc. A maximum of 10 students from each event.) The Phoenix Zone Cross Country is being held in Bluff on 22nd May/Haratua with postponement being 26th May / Haratua.

The **Southland Primary School Cross Country** event for **10 and 11 Year old qualifiers** from each zone is scheduled for **Friday/ Rāmere 13th June / Pipiri**. (The top 6 runners from the 10 and 11 year old events earn a place in the Phoenix Zone team to compete at the Southlands).

Chess Tournament:

A reminder that all entries for the upcoming Chess Power Junior Chess Tournament are to be completed by tomorrow (**Tuesday/ Rāatu 6th May/ Haratua**) so that the children can be registered for the event. The Chess Tournament takes place next **Tuesday/ Rāatu 13th May/ Haratua** in the school hall. All links and information are on Hero – simply put Chess Tournament into the search option and it will come to the top of the posting list for you. This Tournament is for tamariki in Year 4, 5 and 6 only please.

Attendance:

Daily attendance is collected and collated by the Ministry of Education for all New Zealand schools. Each term we receive a summary report and break down about the attendance for the school.

For term one 2025 we had **85%** of our tamariki with regular attendance (Attendance of 90% or greater). This equates to 215 ākonga with less than 5 days absence across the term. 11% of our tamariki attended school between 80% and 90%. This is between 5 and 9 days absent.

Further information regarding attendance will be shared over the next couple of newsletters to keep you informed of processes as expected by the Ministry of Education.

Mid Year Learning Conferences:

This term we have learning conferences which will take place on **Thursday/ Rāpare 26th June/ Pipiri**.

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. This is an important time to be able to catch up on your child's learning and achievement for the mid point of the year and discuss goals for the remainder of the year. The tamariki enjoy celebrating their learning with you and sharing their own goals for their learning during these meetings. Bookings will open up closer to the time.

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*



Teacher Only Days:

The Ministry has allowed schools two teacher only days for professional development focusing on the new curriculum. Salford School will be using **Thursday 31st July** (Term Three) to work with Rob Profitt-White to develop and explore Mathematics teaching, learning and the new curriculum for maths.

Our second curriculum based Teacher Only Day will be in term four on **Friday 21st November**.

Arohanui

Sarah Gibbs

Tumuaki Salford School - Te Kura ō Ngā Kākano ā Salford

Whāia te mātauranga, hei oranga mō koutou

Seek learning, for it is your wellbeing.

INVERCARGILL PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Invercargill Public Library is offering a range of Afterschool Drop Ins and Clubs over Term 2. These programmes are a great way for kids to explore different skills afterschool in a fun and casual environment.

The current list of programmes for Term 2 are as shown on the last page of this newsletter.

There is still some spaces left for Minecraft Club and 3D Printing Club this term, but you will need to be in quick.

Contact Katie Greene, Programmer—NZ
Curriculum on email
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Date: Monday 26th May to Friday 30th May 2025

Salford School Library.
We will call for parent helpers to assist before school and
after school. Keep an eye on Skool Loop and HERO.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Scan the QR code
to pay online!



Salford School Board of Trustees

NOTICE OF COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

Invitation to Board of Trustees Meeting

The Salford School Board of Trustees invites all parents, caregivers, and community members to a Community Consultation Meeting to discuss a proposed change to our school board election cycle.

Date: Tuesday, 13 May

Time: 7:00pm

Location: Salford School Staffroom

We value your input and encourage you to attend and share your thoughts on the proposed shift from triennial board elections to a staggered 18-month cycle. This is an important opportunity to be involved in decisions that affect the future governance of our school.

All welcome.

Regards
Michelle Findlater
Presiding Member
Salford School Board of Trustees

Proposal of Moving from Triennial to Staggered 18-Month School Board Elections

Background:

Currently, Salford School Board of Trustees members are elected every three years (triennially), with all elected positions contested at once. A proposed shift would introduce staggered elections every 18 months, with a portion of board seats up for election each cycle.

Pros

1. Continuity and Stability

- Prevents full turnover of the board at once, preserving institutional memory and long-term strategy.
- Facilitates smoother transitions, as experienced members remain during onboarding of new members.

2. Improved Governance

- Reduces risk of politicised board swings, encouraging more consistent policy-making and budgeting.
- Encourages more deliberate decision-making due to ongoing electoral accountability.

3. Increased Community Engagement

- More frequent elections keep education issues on the public agenda.
- Voters have more regular opportunities to influence school governance.

4. Better Candidate Recruitment

- Smaller number of seats up for election may encourage more individuals to run, especially those reluctant to participate in larger, high-pressure contests.
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Cons

1. Higher Administrative Costs

- More frequent elections incur increased expenses for organizing, staffing, and promoting each cycle.

2. Voter Fatigue and Lower Turnout

- Frequent elections may reduce public interest and turnout, weakening democratic representation.

3. Short-Term Focus Risks

- With elections every 18 months, board members might focus more on immediate results than long-term planning.

4. Complexity and Confusion

- Voters may find the staggered system harder to understand, especially regarding which seats are up and when.

Conclusion:

Shifting to staggered 18-month elections can enhance stability and accountability but requires balancing administrative burden and voter engagement. Community education and efficient planning would be key to a successful transition.

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/

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

Upcoming dates:

- 6 May—Entries for Chess Power Junior Chess tournament closes—Yr 4,5 and 6 only
- 6 May—PTA Annual Meeting and General meeting—starting at 7:00m—staffroom—all welcome.
- 7 May—Lucky Book Club orders closed online and with school.
- 8 May—PTA Fundraiser collections—Hall—between 2:30 and 5:30pm please.
- 11 May—Mothers Day
- 13 May—BOT Governance Meeting—starts at 6:00pm
- 13 May—Community invite to Board of Trustees—2025 BOT Election discussions.
- 13 May—Chess Power Junior Chess Tournament—Salford School Hall.
- 16 May—Salford School Cross Country
- 19 May—Salford School Cross Country postponement day.
- 22 May—Phoenix Zone Cross Country—Bluff
- 26 May—Phoenix Zone Cross Country—Bluff—postponement day
- 26—30 May Book Fair Week—Salford Library
- 2 June—Kings Birthday—SCHOOL IS CLOSED
- 13 June—Southland Primary School Cross Country (*Top 6 runners 10 and 11 year old events only*)
- 17 June—BOT Governance Meeting—starts at 6:00pm
- 20 June—Matariki—SCHOOL IS CLOSED
- 24 June—Tri Nations Tournament (Windsor North / Waihopai / Salford)
- 26 June—Teacher Only Day—Mid Year Learning Conferences
- 27 June—End of Term 2 2025

Week 10 Glossary

Whānau-	family, wider family
Kia ora-	hello, welcome, thank you
Kaiako-	teacher
Tumuaki-	Principal
Ākonga-	student(s)
Tamariki-	children
Rāhina-	Monday
Rāatu-	Tuesday
Rāpare-	Thursday
Rāmere-	Friday
Paenga whāwhā -	April
Haratua-	May
Pipiri-	June
Hakihea-	December



Salford School

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

SOUTHERN STARS

Marching club

Open day!

Ages 7+

Sunday - May 25

11 - 12:15

Sacred heart school

Marching is a sport everyone can do! No experience needed! Just determination, passion and dedication!! Bring a friend and see what we are all about!

Make sure you come along to our Open day to find out more !!!

Hope to see you and all your friends there!





AFTERSCHOOL CLUBS & DROP INS

AT THE INVERCARGILL PUBLIC LIBRARY



TERM 2 - 2025

Craft Drop In Mondays (3-5pm)

Get crafty and create something new each week to take home with you.

Colouring Drop In Wednesdays (3-5pm)

Explore the world of colouring. Multiple books and colouring materials to choose from.

Digi Drop In Tuesdays (3-5pm)

Come in and try out some of our digital tech including robots and tablets.

Lego Drop In Thursdays (3-5pm)

What can you build? Create amazing structures using the Library's lego collection.

3D Printing Club Wednesdays (3:45-4:45pm)

Over 5 weeks learn to design and create **one** small item using TinkerCAD. \$10 per person.

Ages 10-15.
Registrations required.



Minecraft Club Thursdays (3:45-4:45pm)

Play Minecraft on PC. All levels of experience are welcome. Grab your pickaxe and have a go.

Ages 8-11.
Registrations required.



Limited spaces for clubs, book online at ilibrary.co.nz