

STIRLING SCHOOL

2025

SUCCESSFUL



TENACIOUS



ACTIVE



RESPONSIBLE



TERM THREE, WEEK THREE

BOARD NOMINATIONS ARE OPEN!

Remember you are able to nominate yourself and have a friend second your nomination. Nominations close on the 13th August at 12pm.

SPORTS TOPS:

We are excited to have purchased new sports tops for our school. With our numbers growing we have enough for everyone for all sporting/ academic/ cultural events. If you are wanting to purchase a sports top please get in touch with Miss Cochrane.

CROSS COUNTRY:

Cross Country Reminder – Monday

Our Cross Country event is happening this Monday. A notice has already been sent home with all the key details, including times and what to bring—please ensure you've read it carefully.

Important reminders:

- Stirling tops will be handed out on Monday morning.
- Please pack a spare change of clothes and warm layers for your child.

Transport:

- If you indicated “yes” to transporting, you will be responsible for taking your own child to and from the event.
- Please be at school by 11.25am, ready to leave by 11.30am.
- If your child is being transported by staff and is under 7 years old, they must have an appropriate car seat.
- Below is the order of events starting at 12.30pm.

If you have any questions please email Miss Cochrane - meisha@stirling.school.nz

PRINCIPAL WATSON MESSAGE

Kia ora, Talofa

And just like that August is here!

We have noticed a big difference in attitudes when the sun is out and everyone is able to be outside. We do ask for your help in making sure your children stay off the grass out of school hours when it is wet as some areas are rather muddy and we need the grass to repair.

Thank you for your support in our playground “Mega Raffle” fundraiser. I know I am excited and have fingers crossed that I get a call from the Friends and Whanau committee telling me I have won an epic prize! Please make sure all cards are returned so the committee can start making those calls.

Best of luck to everyone at cross country on Monday. Students have been training hard at school and this is their moment to show their stamina and achieve their running goal.

Tofa, Donna Watson
phone: 418 0540



CONGRATULATIONS

This week the teachers were looking for students showing any of the Stirling Star values.

Well done to Matauaina (Māhuri), Payton (Kākano), Lucy (Rākau) and Bonnie W (Tupu) for being this weeks recipients.

PRINCIPALS AWARD

Toeleiu (Māhuri) for being a kind and caring helper in class and with kai clean up.

RUGBY LEAGUE:

Congratulations to the Stirling School students who won the South Otago League Tournament on Friday 1 Aug. Well done Seaoga, Simon, Max, Lincoln, Blair, William M & Boston. Thank to Shonelle for transporting and the other families for coming to support! We are so proud!



MANUIA LE ASO FANAU!

Malele - 10

Autumn - 8

Mrs Milne

Mrs Pirie

CLASSROOM NEWS:

RUMA KĀKANO

This week in Kākano, we've been busy learners!

In maths, we've been practising our number formations and learning how to order numbers!

*For reading, our big book was *The Monster's Party*. We practised reading it together, looking for familiar words and paying close attention to the punctuation. We even created some colourful monster art inspired by the story!*

As part of our science inquiry on forces, we went on a hunt around the school to find things we could push and pull, then experimented with friction using dinky cars, lots of curiosity and excitement!

We also loved our futsal session with Kris, where we learnt how to dribble the ball and stop it with our foot- such great fun and movement!

On Thursday afternoon, we joined Māhuri for some awesome tuakana-teina time. The students loved sharing in buddy reading, singing, chalk drawings, games, and more. It was a wonderful chance to connect and learn together.



RUMA TUPU

This week, Tupu learners have had plenty of opportunities to get outside and get active! On Monday, we enjoyed a session with Skip, our Sport Activator, where we focused on coordination and large ball skills. On Thursday, Kris visited to teach us some fun futsal skills, which everyone thoroughly enjoyed. We've also been building our fitness with daily cross country practice in preparation for the upcoming event.

During Tūhura time, our science focus has been the Physical World. We have been learning about push and pull forces and friction. We carried out an experiment using a toy car on different surfaces to see which one allowed the car to travel the furthest. The children made predictions and used rulers to measure the distance travelled.

Our plant seeds are also beginning to sprout, so we've been carefully observing and recording their progress in our plant diaries. It's exciting to see the changes each day!

*Towards the end of the week, we began an art project inspired by the story *Under the Love Umbrella*. The children used paints to carefully create colourful works of art.*



CLASSROOM NEWS:

RUMA MĀHURI

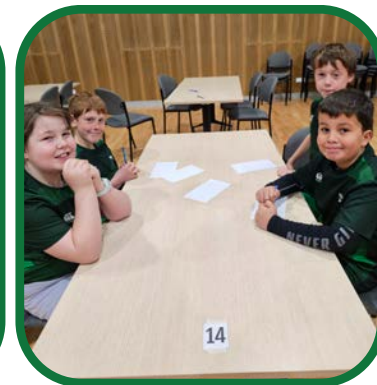
Māhuri has had a ball of a week! We've loved diving into science experiments and exploring the material world.

This week, we learned about matter—what it is and how everything around us is made of it. We explored the states of matter, and the differences between reversible and irreversible changes. We also investigated the difference between physical and chemical changes. For our physical change experiment, we made butter from cream by churning it. We did this two ways: by hand (which took a whopping 28 minutes!) and using a KitchenAid (a faster 18 minutes). The children were amazed to see the cream change from a liquid to a solid. We then used the butter and buttermilk in another physical change—making delicious pancakes!

We were also lucky to have some amazing visitors this week:

- Oscar from NZ Rugby League
- Kris from Football Southland
- Skip, our Sports Activator

We loved learning new skills and drills across all the different codes! To top it all off, some of our students headed off to the Mathalon with Mrs Roxburgh, where they were challenged and inspired by some tricky new maths problems.



RUMA RĀKAU

A busy sporting week in Rākau, with some science, speech writing, whole class reading, maths and art in the mix too!

On Monday we had a great session with Skip our Sports Activator. We got our bodies moving and had a lot of footwork activities to do with ladders and cones. Then we got some basketballs involved to work on our hand eye coordination, footwork and focus.

We had 13 children from Rākau participate in the South Otago Mathalon at TPŌMA on Wednesday. This was fast paced and challenging, testing teamwork, speed and accuracy to answer a range of tricky maths questions. Well done to all of our teams!

On Wednesday afternoon we had an optional rugby league training, to prepare for the tournament that happened today in Lawrence. It was a muddy but great session to learn safe tackling and some key rules of rugby league.

The sporting event on Thursday was Futsal training with Kris from Futsal Southland. Students practiced their dribbling skills and played a game called 'follow the leader'.

In classroom news, each person now has a science fair topic that they will be working on over the next few weeks. We will do most of this at school but there may be some work to do from home closer to the time. Speeches are also getting finished and it is great to see people practicing these in class.





PLAYGROUND POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOCUS ☀️

This term, we've introduced two simple but powerful lunchtime rules: **Be Safe** and **Be Kind**. It's been fantastic to see our tamariki showing these values in the playground-helping others, making thoughtful choices, and playing respectfully.

To acknowledge and celebrate this awesome behaviour, students can earn a Golden Ticket when they're spotted being safe and kind. These tickets go into a weekly draw, and the lucky winner enjoys a hot chocolate and treat on Friday with one of the teachers! 🍪🍫

TERM 3 CALENDAR

<i>Weeks 1, 3, 5, 7, 9</i>	<i>Year 7-8 Technology</i>
<i>4th August</i>	<i>Small Schools Cross Country</i>
<i>11th August</i>	<i>Teacher Only Day - No School</i>
<i>12th August</i>	<i>Play Trailer at Stirling</i>
<i>19th August</i>	<i>Football Tournament</i>
<i>28th August</i>	<i>Golf Tournament - seniors</i>
<i>10th September</i>	<i>Bob Bickerton - performance at school</i>
<i>19th September</i>	<i>Last Day of Term Three</i>

Term 3 School Futsal

Dates: 5 August - 9 September

Venue: Cross Recreation Centre, Balclutha

Cost: Free

Age Groups & Formats:

Years 1-4: 3v3 (Max 5 players per team)

Years 5-8: 5v5 (Max 8 players per team)

Important:

Shin pads and indoor shoes are compulsory for all players.

Last year we had 2 teams! Let's see if we do that again for Term 3!

Contact Miss Cochrane if you would like to play -
meisha@stirling.school.nz

Term 3

CLUTHA SCHOOL FUTSAL

TUESDAY'S 5 AUG - 9 SEP

Contact info:
kris@southernfootball.co.nz

CROSS RECREATION CENTRE, BALCLUTHA

YEAR 1-8 | GAMES FROM 3:45PM - 6:30PM



