

STIRLING SCHOOL

2025

SUCCESSFUL



TENACIOUS



ACTIVE



RESPONSIBLE



TERM THREE, WEEK FIVE

SPORTS:

Please check either Skool Loop or our Facebook page for sporting information. From now on, all registrations will be completed online through Google Forms. This applies to both after-school sports and tournaments.

- Football Tournament – All Year 3–6 and Year 8 students need to complete the football tournament form. **THIS NEEDS TO BE DONE BY TODAY AS IT'S ON TUESDAY.**
- Golf Tournament – Optional for Year 6–8 students; please complete the golf tournament form if interested.

There are also Google Forms available for touch rugby and cricket that need to be fill in by Monday 18th Aug. These are both fantastic after-school sports:

- Cricket focuses on skill-based games.
- Touch rugby builds teamwork, as it is our competitive term sport.

CROSS COUNTRY:

Well done to our 12 students who competed in the South Otago Cross Country. We had some great results from all students trying their best! A special mention to Mia Manston who placed 1st in the year 3 girls.

FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT: TUESDAY 19 AUGUST

If you are transporting your own child to and from the football tournament please drop them off at 9.40am and pick them up at 2.00pm.

DAFFODIL DAY

On Friday 29th August students can bring in a gold coin donation to support the Cancer Society. Dress in yellow or dazzle us with your floral outfits.



PRINCIPAL WATSON MESSAGE

Kia ora, Talofa

We are halfway through the term and the weather is beginnng to feel like spring.

A new board has been elected. We are very excited to welcome **Ngatokorua Vuni**, **Matelina Numia** and **Catherine Korteweg** to the board, and welcome back **Ashley Townsend**, **Mike Souness** and **Miss Cochrane**.

Thank you for putting your hands up for this important work.

A big thank you to our outgoing members, **Hollie**, **Mat** and **Rebekah**, for the huge input you've had at Stirling and for all your hard work. We appreciate the work that you have done in the background to help make Stirling School an awesome school.

More information about the new board will be shared after their first meeting on September 8.

Please read the notice about our early finish on Friday 29th August - all staff will be attending an important meeting to make sure our school continues to have the support needed for all learners to thrive.

Tofa, Donna Watson
phone: 418 0540

EARLY FINISH ON FRIDAY 29TH AUGUST

Students in Years 1 - 6 will be all packed up and ready for you to pick up from 12:40. Students in Year 7-8 will finish at technology by 2pm at South Otago High School for you to pick up. Please make sure you have made arrangements for the early pick up as there will be no staff on site and no buses in the afternoon.

CONGRATULATIONS

This week the teachers were looking for students showing the Stirling Star values . Well done to Isamaeli (Kākano), Te Amokura (Tupu), and Nei (Māhuri), and Alex (Rākau) for being this week's recipients.

PRINCIPALS AWARD

Elijah (Māhuri) for always wanting to help and having a positive give everything a go attitude.

MANUIA LE ASO FANAU!

Mrs Cloete Te Manawa - 5

CLASSROOM NEWS:

RUMA KĀKANO

This week in Kākano we have been loving getting outside in the sunshine! We had lots of fun getting creative with the loose parts trailer, and Miss Latta set up some exciting activities for our learning stations outside, including the mud kitchen, building blocks, and the wild animal sandpit.

For shared reading, we have been enjoying the poem *The Jelly Bean Tree*. We now know it off by heart and acted it out to help us remember. We even planted some jelly beans to see if we can grow our very own jelly bean trees (and, of course, we had to eat a few too!).

In science, we explored some exciting experiments. We made lava lamps using oil, water, and Berocca, and we also tried the "dancing raisins" experiment. It's been a week full of curiosity, creativity, and fun!



RUMA TUPU

In Tupu, we have had a busy but exciting short week. On Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, the children enjoyed the visiting play trailer, getting creative with the loose parts to build houses and invent imaginative games.

Our big book this week was *The Enormous Gynormous Hole*. We explored new vocabulary such as exaggerate and astonishing, and the children wrote stories imagining what they would do if they were the main character, Milly McGate.

During maths, the children have been continuing to grow their place value knowledge, working with ones, tens, and hundreds.

During Tūhura time, we were thrilled to carry out science experiments, including making a lava lamp and trying the dancing sultanas experiment. The children loved observing the changes and discussing what was happening. We also had fun with some coding challenges using the Bluebots.



CLASSROOM NEWS:

RUMA MĀHURI

Our whole-class reading focus has been on being thankful and showing respect. This was a great gentle reminder about who we can be grateful for and how to show respect to those around us. We learnt new vocabulary words such as worthy, kindness, earn, respect, and polite.

Some of our students also began the novel study *Charlotte's Web*. This is helping us develop comprehension skills through chapter summaries, follow-up questions, vocabulary exploration, and narrative writing inspired by the story.

We loved joining with Kākano on Wednesday afternoon. We did some buddy reading, singing, dancing and then explored the play trailer together.

We have been practising our football skills in preparation for the tournament on Tuesday. Our discussions have focused on how we communicate with our teammates and how we can support everyone to achieve success.

We have also loved exploring the play trailer. Some tamariki used the equipment to build an obstacle course, while others created buses, houses, and games. It has been wonderful to see them use their risk management skills, be creative, and explore together!



RUMA RĀKAU

A short, but action-packed week in Rākau this week! We welcomed Whaea Ezra to the class; she'll be with us for five weeks on her final teaching practicum. She has settled in well and gotten to know the kids this week, as well as teaching writing and spelling and introducing a STEM unit on bridges.

We had a fun session with Keely from Sport Clutha, who taught us the game Ki O Rahi. It's a fast-paced game that we look forward to practicing and understanding the rules a bit better in the weeks to come.

Always a highlight, the play trailer has been at school this week. It is amazing to see how the children use the loose parts and the fun they can have with basic equipment. The rope swing was a hit again!

We had a lot of our speech presentations on Wednesday. Whaea Ezra and I were impressed with the quality of the speeches and the fact that everybody was able to present theirs in front of the class! It can be a daunting task talking in front of your peers. Good luck to Seaoga, Evie, Lincoln, and Timothy who will present their speeches at the South Otago Speech Competition, formerly known as the Rotary Speech Competition.

Well done to Eva, Eunice, Robby, Boston, and Seaoga who took part in the South Otago Cross Country event this week.



FRIENDS AND WHĀNAU OF STIRLING SCHOOL



A huge thank you to our amazing committee for all their hard work at the BBQ, and to all the parents who kindly donated food items. Your generosity and support helped make this another successful fundraiser, we raised around **\$1,500** to go towards our new playground! We couldn't have done it without you.

Our MEGA Raffle was an brilliant success! We had a fantastic prize pool full of incredible goodies, and we're so grateful for all the support. We raised around **\$4,300**. If you haven't collected your prize yet, please pop in and do so – we'd love to get them to their winners!



We were excited to receive news this week of a successful grant application to The Trusts Community Foundation, who have generously approved \$20,000 towards our playground project. This follows the \$20,000 we were awarded in June from the Alexander McMillan Trust.

TERM 3 CALENDAR

Weeks 5, 7, 9	Year 7-8 Technology
19 th August	Football Tournament & Little Learners
28 th August	Golf Tournament - seniors
29 th August	Daffodil Day - gold coin donation - dress in yellow or floral clothing
2 nd September	Little Learners
10 th September	Bob Bickerton - performance at school
16 th September	Little Learners
19 th September	Last Day of Term Three