

# STIRLING SCHOOL

## 2025

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### TERM THREE, WEEK FOUR

#### BOARD NOMINATIONS ARE OPEN!

Nominations for the board election close on Wednesday, August 13, at midday. Late nominations cannot be accepted, so please ensure your forms get to the office in time!

You can nominate yourself - just fill in both parts of the nomination form - or have someone nominate you.

If you need help, please contact the office or come see Rebekah, our outgoing presiding member, on Monday or Wednesday morning from 8.30 in the school library.

#### 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.

#### UPDATES FOR STUDENT INFORMATION

Please check student bags as some students will have received a form this week regarding student information. Many of our previous enrolment forms didn't have all the permissions that we need. Your form will have highlighted sections for you to complete and return to school by the 15<sup>th</sup> of August.

#### SPORTS

A separate informate newsletter will be coming home with all the sporting events that are offered in our district. Many of these sports are not run by or through school, so you will need to check the forms carefully in order to sign up on time if you wish to participate.



#### PRINCIPAL WATSON MESSAGE

Kia ora, Talofa

What a fantastic day we had at cross country. Well organised from our end by Miss Cochrane. I was impressed with the behaviour of our students, and especially proud to see a few of our students supporting siblings, friends and even students from other schools to complete their event. Best of luck to the 12 students that are going onto compete in the South Otago Cross Country next week representing Stirling School.

There is **no school next week on Monday**, it is a teacher only day for all the primary schools in the district. The teachers will be off site working on the new maths curriculum document. Please remember to keep your child/children at home.

On the 29<sup>th</sup> of August there will be a paid union meeting for teaching staff and myself. One of the main issues we are in negotiations for is regarding teacher aides in all classes and essential support for diverse learners. More information will follow.

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#### DAFFODIL DAY

On Friday 29<sup>th</sup> August students can bring in a gold coin donation to support the Cancer Society.



#### CONGRATULATIONS

This week the teachers were looking for students showing the Stirling Star values at the cross country event. Well done to Havana (Tupu), Mason (Māhuri), Archie F-H (Kākano), and Lily (Rākau) for being this week's recipients.

#### PRINCIPALS AWARD

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

#### MANUIA LE ASO FANAU!

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# CLASSROOM NEWS:

## RUMA KĀKANO

*This week in Kākano, Miss Latta was away on Monday and Tuesday, and we were lucky to have Mrs Souness teaching us! We had a fantastic time at the cross country, everyone gave it their best effort, and it was great to see so many smiling faces. On Tuesday, we drew pictures and wrote a sentence about our experience.*

*Mrs Souness also introduced us to a fun poem called Hurry Little Fish, which we read together and illustrated with beautiful drawings.*

*In maths, we've been learning to compare numbers using the greater than (>) and less than (<) symbols. We remember which way the symbol goes by thinking of it as a crocodile mouth, it always wants to eat the bigger number!*

*Our big book this week was Snap!, and we practised reading it together as a class. The sound we focused on was the letter 'p', and we made a fun craft to help us remember it.*



## RUMA TUPU

*This week we had our school cross country on Monday, and I was so proud of the children's efforts. They showed determination, gave their best on the course, and showed wonderful encouragement and support for others. We were lucky with the weather and enjoyed a lovely sunny afternoon outdoors.*

*Back in the classroom, we have been writing recounts about our cross country afternoon. We've been learning to include the who, what, when, where, and how we felt in our writing to make our recounts more interesting and detailed.*

*In science, we've been excited to see our grass seeds starting to grow! The children have been carefully observing the changes and recording what they notice in their plant diaries each day.*





# CLASSROOM NEWS:

## RUMA MĀHURI

We all had fun challenging ourselves at Cross Country in Clinton. It was exciting to have seven of our class members qualify for the South Otago Cross Country - Mackenzie, Mason, Elijah, Beau, Archie, Mia, and Matauaaina. For some, the goal was simply to complete the course; for others, it was all about the placing and better their place from last year. Either way, it was fantastic to see everyone encouraging their friends and giving it their best.

In writing, we constructed a recount about Cross Country. We focused on expanding 'boring' sentences by adding adjectives, verbs, and using grammar effectively to create impact. Mrs Johns and I were thoroughly impressed with everyone's recounts and we're now on to the publishing phase!

Our whole-class reading this week was all about construction sites and machinery. We explored vocabulary such as essential, efficient, crucial, and various.

We also continued our Science investigations, and this one was (sort of) a yummy one! We explored how solids can turn into liquids and then back into solids in a different form. To demonstrate this, we made hokey pokey! We made two batches. The first wasn't as fluffy, and the second had a little too much baking soda, making it taste... rather interesting!



## RUMA RĀKAU

Another great week in Rākau! Well done to all the students from our class who took part in the cross country on Monday. It was great to see so much effort and success, as well as the camaraderie shown to each other and to students from other schools! A special congratulations to Robby, Eva, Boston, Eunice, and Seaoga who qualified for the South Otago Cross Country next Wednesday.

In writing this week, we started a persuasive writing task where students could decide on their own topic. We discussed how we had to change the language slightly since we wouldn't be reading this one out like a speech. The structure stayed the same, and students came up with three main ideas to convince the reader of their point of view. We had some speech presentations today and will continue with these next week on Wednesday and Thursday.

Our whole-class reading focus this week was on craniofacial conditions. Auggie, the main character from our novel *Wonder*, was born with craniosynostosis. We found out a lot about this condition and how it happens in babies before they are born. Our whole-class reading has been great for increasing our knowledge on a variety of topics.

We have also started looking into our science fair projects this week. Students have developed their questions and made an equipment list so we can start sourcing what we need.

Tuesday is an exciting day next week! We have our student teacher, Whaea Ezra, starting her five-week practicum, and we are having a Ki O Rahi session with Keely from Sport Clutha. She is going to teach us this game!



# MEGA RAFFLE



The Friends and Whānau of Stirling School would like to give a huge thank you to everyone who has supported our Mega Raffle! We're currently waiting on the last few payments to come in and will be selling the remaining unsold tickets at the Motocross this Sunday.

The big draw will take place **early next week** – there are some incredible prizes up for grabs, and we know everyone's excited to find out the winners!

## TERM 3 CALENDAR

<i>Weeks 5, 7, 9</i>	<i>Year 7-8 Technology</i>
<i>11<sup>th</sup> August</i>	<i>Teacher Only Day - No School</i>
<i>13<sup>th</sup> August</i>	<i>South Otago Cross Country</i>
<i>19<sup>th</sup> August</i>	<i>Football Tournament</i>
<i>28<sup>th</sup> August</i>	<i>Golf Tournament - seniors</i>
<i>29<sup>th</sup> August</i>	<i>Daffodil Day - gold coin donation - dress in yellow or floral clothing</i>
<i>10<sup>th</sup> September</i>	<i>Bob Bickerton - performance at school</i>
<i>19<sup>th</sup> September</i>	<i>Last Day of Term Three</i>