STIRLING SCHOOL
2026

SUCCESSFUL TENACIOUS ACTIVE RESPONSIBLE

TERM FOUR, WEEK SEVEN

CLUTHA YOUTH ART COMPETITION

We would like to congratulate Eva on her recent art award from the Clutha Youth Art Competition. Eva won the Johnstone's Electrical 13 and Under Award. We are very proud of you, Eva. Well done!





LOOSE PARTS SHED:

Our shed is now complete and we have three trollies that can hold a range of items for students to explore with. Now we would like any donated items that might be lurking in sheds that are safe for children to play with.
Items can be brought to the office.





Welcome to Stirling School

Millie has turned 5 and has joined Kākano.

MANUIA LE ASO FANAU!

Mrs Roxburgh Millie - 5
Cameron - 8 Anastasia - 7

PRINCIPAL WATSON'S MESSAGE

Kia ora,

The weather this week has been preparing us for summer. A timely reminder that all students need to wear their sunhats during play times. Please check your child has a hat and it is named.

Beach Day - on the 8th December. A notice with all the information and permission form is in your child's bag. Please return the permission page to your classroom teacher by Wednesday 2nd December.

Holiday Summer Reading Challenge at the library. Head into the library to register. Particiants get a "Space Passport" to complete the challenge.

Reminder to save the date for Wednesday 15th December for prizegiving. More information in next weeks newsletter.

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CONGRATULATIONS:

Classroom certificates: Kauri, Frankie, Nei, Lily

PB4L value awards: Millie, Maria, Hinerahua, Eunice

Principal award: Nika - for being an active and repsonsible learner.

RUMA KĀKANO

This week, we started our poetry unit by writing colour poems and learning about acrostic poems. We were lucky to have the Year 6 students help us with our acrostic poems, which was a great opportunity to practise our beginning sound knowledge. We also chose the poems we will share at our school poetry recital and have started practising them.

During reading, we have been learning about the ‘ck’ spelling rule and reading the story Jack’s Trek.

We completed our end-of-year maths assessments, and it was wonderful to see everyone’s progress. The children were very proud of themselves as they reflected on how much they have learnt since their last assessment.

We also got outside to play some tee-ball, which was lots of fun! Now that we know how to play, we are looking forward to getting back outside to improve our batting skills.

To finish off the week, we enjoyed sharing our learning about Earth, day and night, and the Solar System at Community Period.

















RUMA TUPU

Week 7 already! On Monday we enjoyed working with Skip our Sports Activator, we took part in relay activities and worked on our coordination and movement skills.

While Mrs Guest has been busy completing assessments to check our progress in Reading, Writing and Maths, we have been working independently on a range of tasks. She has been very impressed with the gains in our learning.

As part of our reflection for 2026, we compared our first writing sample in Term 1, to a recent one. We made a list of all the things we did this year to help improve our writing.

We have also been exploring poetry, and practising performing one poem confidently in front of our peers. It has been wonderful to see everyone building their confidence and giving things a go!

We enjoyed seeing you at our Community Period today, hope you loved our planet art!

RUMA MĀHURI

It has been another busy and exciting week in our classroom! We kicked things off with a visit from Skip, our Sports Activator, who put us through our paces with games focused on teamwork and active listening.

In Writing, we packed our bags for a virtual vacation! After exploring new places online, everyone wrote a postcard to someone special from a destination they have visited. Over in Maths, we turned into classroom architects, mapping out the layout of our room onto a grid and creating a key to represent each piece of furniture.

Finally, it was wonderful to wrap up our Science unit with Rākau this week. Students completed their research on specific weather events and did a fantastic job sharing their findings with everyone during community period.

















RUMA RĀKAU

Week 7 has been and gone!

We started the week with another session with Skip, our Sports Activator. He tired the class out with lots of running, and then finished the session with some hand-eye coordination and teamwork.

On Tuesday, a lot of Rākau students took part in the Quadrathon at Waiwera South. They all tried their best and had a great time. The results are on the next page.

Our writing focus has still been on poetry. This week we wrote haikus, limericks and diamante poems! We're learning to describe our topics, rather than trying to write sentences.

In maths, we have shifted onto a position and movement unit. Students have been learning about coordinates, translations, reflections, negative numbers, and more this week.

We are over halfway through our Hatchet whole class novel study, and we are all invested in what is going to happen. The chapter activities we do have been great for building our comprehension and vocabulary skills.

Today, the Year 6s helped in Kākano with some baking. They have been amazing helpers on Tech days, building their leadership skills and being awesome role models!

We are looking forward to the Kī o Rahi tournament that most of the class are attending on Thursday next week!



Kākano
Dakota, Kauri and Isamaeli.



Tupu
Cameron, Peter and Payton.

Community Period Certificates



Māhuri
Nuufou, Ehi and Siasaga (absent).



Rākau
Ahira, Seerat and Amelia.

CALENDAR

3rd December	Kī o Rahi Tournament - Rākau
8th December	Beach Day
15th December	Reports sent home
15th December	Prize Giving - Te Pou Ō Mata-au - 6pm
16th December	Final day of Term 4 - half day and no buses.

QUADRATHON

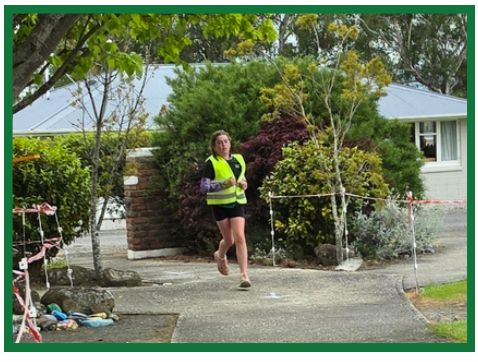
We had 24 keen athletes compete in the annual Quadrathon event at Waiwera South on Tuesday. This was the 40th year of the Quadrathon! Well done to all of our teams and individuals who participated and represented Stirling School with pride! Thank you to all our parent support with transport and organising teams on the day!

Results: (placings are for each particular age group and category)

Lucy J - 27:53 (3rd)
Lily - 33:17
Stirling Yellow: 30:17
Stirling Blue - 33:33 (2nd)
Stirling Pink - 32:35
Stirling Red - 29:04 (3rd)
Stirling Green - 23:54
Stirling Gold - 22:33 (1st)









Stirling School's Beach Day

TUESDAY 8TH DECEMBER, AT KĀKĀ POINT

Join us for a day of fun at Kāka Point!
We will be walking to the lighthouse, investigating the creatures on the rocks, playing at the new playground, making sandcastles and swimming!

Please check your child's bag for a notice that needs to be returned by Wednesday 2nd December to classroom teachers.

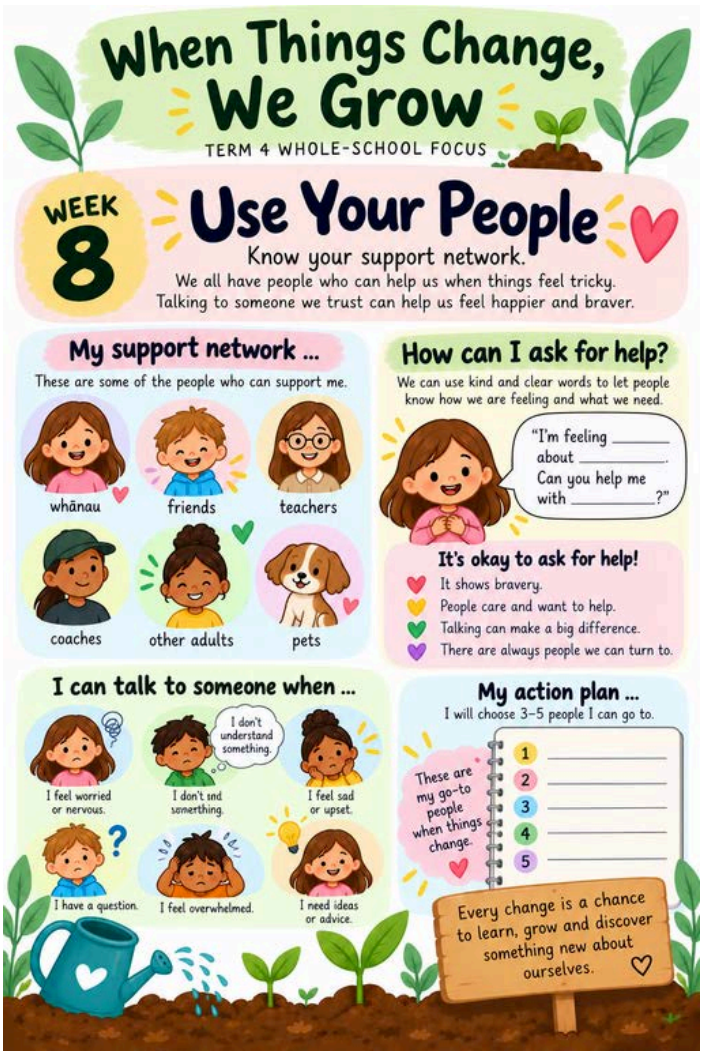
PB4L FOCUS

This week, our whole-school focus has been **“Break It Down.”** We have been learning how big changes or challenges can feel overwhelming, but breaking them into smaller, manageable steps can help us feel more confident and in control. We have explored how taking one small step at a time can make tricky situations feel easier.

Next week, our focus will be **“Use Your People.”** We will be learning about the importance of having a support network and identifying trusted people we can turn to when things feel challenging. We will explore how asking for help shows courage and how sharing our thoughts and feelings with others can help us feel supported and more confident.

A great conversation to have at home this week is to talk with your child about who their trusted people are. Encourage them to identify people they can turn to when they feel worried, unsure or need help. Remind them that they don't have to face challenges alone!





IWI KATEA

KĪ ORAHI

A DAY OF MAHI TAHI, TĀKARO TIKA & MANAAKITANGA

TEAM WORK, FAIR PLAY & SPORTSMANSHIP



WHĀNAU COME ALONG!

WHEN

10AM - 2PM
3RD DECEMBER

WHERE

FIELDS OVER THE RIVER BANK
(BY MOTOR CROSS TRACK)

WHO

YEAR 5-8
SOUTH OTAGO
PRIMARY SCHOOLS

Are You Flossing Daily?

Flossing is important for a healthy smile!

MakeflossingpartofyourDAILYroutineto help...

- Clean the 40% of your tooth surfaces that your toothbrush can't reach
- Remove plaque AND bits of food from between your teeth that can cause holes to form
- Keep your gums healthy and prevent gum disease
- Keep your mouth and breath smelling clean and fresh!



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Community Oral Health Service

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For tamariki of all ages!

Register for free at any of the Clutha District Libraries from Monday 30 November. Collect your Space Passport, complete your mission by 5 February and collect your prize!

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