

# STIRLING SCHOOL

## 2025

SUCCESSFUL



TENACIOUS



ACTIVE



RESPONSIBLE



## TERM FOUR, WEEK TWO

### PLAYGROUND FUNDRAISING:

Our playground fundraising is well underway!

Keep an eye on the fundraising posters on our school gates to see how we're tracking, it's so exciting to see our progress building!

A huge thank you to everyone who has already supported this awesome project. If your family or friends would like to contribute, please fill out the donation form, or let us know if there's anyone we can send a donation letter to.

You'll find our fundraising poster attached below.

Thank you for your ongoing support, from all of us at the Friends and Whānau of Stirling School.

### SWIMMING:

A big thank you to all the parents who supported the school with transport, supervision, and promptly picking up your children from the pool — your help made for a successful week of swimming! A special mention to Brooke, Baylee, Atonio, Rebekah and Kimberly for helping teach groups — we couldn't have done it without you!

MANUIA LE ASO FANAU!

Jaxx - 7

### MISS COCHRANE

I am excited to share the news that I'll be heading off on a new adventure next year to the Gold Coast, Australia. I'm ready for the opportunity to experience living and teaching in a new place, and to continue growing both personally and professionally. Stirling School holds a special place in my heart - I've absolutely loved being part of this incredible community for the past 6 years. The tamariki, whānau, staff and community make it such a special place to learn and grow together. When I first started, we had just 23 children, and now we've grown to 90! What an amazing journey to have been part of!

Here's to another great year ahead - I'll be keeping in touch and can't wait to see what 2026 brings for Stirling School.



Miss Cochrane

### PRINCIPAL WATSON MESSAGE

Kia ora,

What a week - wind so strong I really thought someone would be squashed in the gate!

Term 4 is wear a hat term - we ask each child to have a named wide brimmed hat (not caps) that is protecting their ears and neck. Those without hats sit under the big tree to help them be responsible and remember.

Please consider bringing your skills to make our Tāhura time a great success. Miss Cochrane and Miss Latta are looking forward to hearing from you if you'd like to teach a skill - drumming, dancing, crochet, sewing or gardening to name a few. See the poster below.

As you will read below, we will say a little goodbye to Miss Cochrane, just for 2026. We are certain that this opportunity will allow Meisha to flourish as a teacher and eventually return to us equipped with a wealth of fresh, innovative ideas that we can't wait to incorporate into our own curriculum in 2027.

Tofa, Donna Watson

phone: 027 429 9272 (new school number)



### CONGRATULATIONS

**Stirling Star Values:** Payton (Kākano), Keerat (Tupu), Siasaga (Māhuri) and Eva (Rākau).

**Class Awards:** Te Ariki (Māhuri), Brody (Tupu) Theo (Kākano) and William (Rākau).

**Principal Award:** Beau (Māhuri) for showing initiative and being a positive role model.

# CLASSROOM NEWS:

## RUMA KĀKANO

What a busy and exciting week we've had in Kākanō! The children have been enjoying their school swimming sessions and showing lots of confidence in the water. It has been wonderful to see each child working towards their own goals, whether that's putting their head under, blowing bubbles, floating on their back, or practising strong kicking. The progress and determination from everyone has been fantastic to watch! In maths, we've continued exploring fractions. Our focus has been on equal sharing and finding halves and quarters of a set. To make our learning fun, we created our own fraction pizzas! Each child had to cut their pizza into halves or quarters and then equally share out the toppings.

We have two spelling groups in our classroom. Both groups have been working very hard with Mrs Milne and Miss Latta on learning new words, practising their sounds, and improving their writing. It's so rewarding to see how much progress the children are making.

This week we also joined the rest of New Zealand in practising our ShakeOut earthquake drill. The children did a great job remembering to Drop, Cover, and Hold and took the practice seriously. It was a great reminder about how to stay safe in an emergency.



## RUMA TUPU

What a full and exciting week it has been! Swimming week is always a highlight, and the children have absolutely loved getting into the pool each day. It's been great to see their confidence grow as they practised their swimming skills and worked on different techniques. Everyone has shown great perseverance and enthusiasm.

During maths, we have continued our focus on multiplication and division. This week we've been learning about equal sharing and how this helps us to solve division problems. The children are becoming more confident using materials and drawings to show their thinking and explain how they worked out their answers.

We were very pleased to welcome Mrs Cloete back to school this week. Tupu have loved having her supporting our class and helping out with learning and activities.

Next week, I will be heading away to Japan for three weeks. While I'm away, Mrs. Megan Fraser will be teaching Tupu.



# CLASSROOM NEWS:

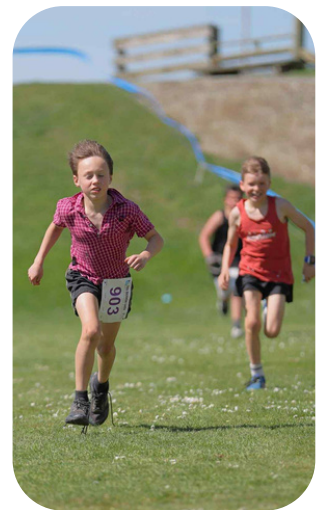
## RUMA MĀHURI

Swimming week is always full on, but I couldn't be more proud of the students for their dedication to developing their swimming skills. In whole-class reading, we read all about... swimming! We explored how lucky we are in New Zealand to be surrounded by lakes, rivers, and beaches, and why it's so important to have basic swimming skills to keep ourselves and others safe.

In numeracy, our engagement levels in our new topic, financial mathematics, have been amazing. We have been exploring Banquer. This week, the children completed modules on income and expenses and are now enjoying the 'careers and jobs' aspect. At the start of the week, our classroom jobs popped up, and the students had to apply for these by writing a CV that included their skills, interests, a personal statement, and a classroom buddy as their referee. It has been great to give feedback about how CVs can't have spelling mistakes, needs to relate to the job, and should include a reliable referee.

We have also started planning for our class 'overnight stay' camp. A notice has been sent home and emailed out via Skool Loop with more information. The children worked out a budget for the camp and decided to hold a raffle to fundraise. It has been a valuable exercise for them to see how much things cost, how many items we'll need, and why it's important not to expect our parents to pay for everything (this was easier to explain after looking at household expenses and what our families already cover!).

Please read the camp notice carefully and get in touch with Miss Cochrane if you are available to help by Monday.



## RUMA RĀKAU

Week two is done and dusted! One of the more hectic ones with swimming, but well done to everyone who improved their swimming skills over the week. 🏊‍♂️

Aside from swimming, we have been focusing on recount writing. We read an exemplar text at the Year 7 and 8 level to make sure we know exactly what is expected of us. The two topics we have written about this week are 'A Significant Moment in My Life' and 'A Fun Time with Friends'. Students had to ensure they included all features of a recount in both pieces of writing. Since our end-of-year writing assessment is based on a recount, this is excellent practice.

During maths sessions this week, the Year 6s have been working on adding and subtracting decimals, while the Year 7 and 8 students have been working on ratios. Students are enjoying the independent task board this term, which has included a new activity called 'Prodigy'. In this game, students answer a range of mathematics questions to gain energy to compete in a battle. 🧠

Our inquiry unit for Dance kicked up another gear this week as we learned the sequence of moves for our first dance, which is a line dance/square dance. 💃



## TERM 4 EVENTS

|                                 |                                         |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| <i>Friday, Week 3, 5 and 7</i>  | <i>Year 7 - 8 Technology</i>            |
| <i>21<sup>st</sup> October</i>  | <i>Little Learners 2pm - 3pm</i>        |
| <i>22nd October</i>             | <i>Board meeting - 5pm</i>              |
| <i>23<sup>rd</sup> October</i>  | <i>Strike Day - School Closed</i>       |
| <i>27<sup>th</sup> October</i>  | <i>Labour Day - School Closed</i>       |
| <i>28<sup>th</sup> October</i>  | <i>Little Learners 2pm - 3pm</i>        |
| <i>29<sup>th</sup> October</i>  | <i>Friends and Whānau meeting - 6pm</i> |
| <i>11<sup>th</sup> November</i> | <i>Little Learners 2pm- 3pm</i>         |
| <i>14<sup>th</sup> November</i> | <i>Community Period</i>                 |
| <i>25<sup>th</sup> November</i> | <i>Little Learners 2pm- 3pm</i>         |
| <i>28<sup>th</sup> November</i> | <i>Māhuri School Camp Overnight</i>     |
| <i>9<sup>th</sup> December</i>  | <i>Little Learners 2pm- 3pm</i>         |
| <i>11<sup>th</sup> December</i> | <i>Prize giving</i>                     |
| <i>12<sup>th</sup> December</i> | <i>Last day for 2025!</i>               |

## MāHURI SCHOOL CAMP

If your child is in Māhuri, please carefully check Skool Loop and your emails as camp information has been sent home about our 1 day/ overnight stay camp as well as the raffle to fundraise for the camp. If you can offer support with parent help please contact Miss Cochrane by Monday 20 October.

# TŪHURA TIME

## STIRLING SCHOOL COMMUNITY SKILL EXPLORATION

### DO YOU ?

- ✓ Have a skill you would like to share with our tamariki?
- ✓ Want to come along and help on Wednesday afternoons?
- ✓ Want to support and enrich our school community?

Stirling School is looking for keen volunteers to support us in running our own skill based learning afternoons.

**EXAMPLES:** Digital Technology  
Building Knitting and Sewing  
Arts and Crafts Dance  
Outdoors Clay Painting  
Gardening Baking and Cooking  
Scouts Skills Engineering  
Photography Performing Arts  
Music



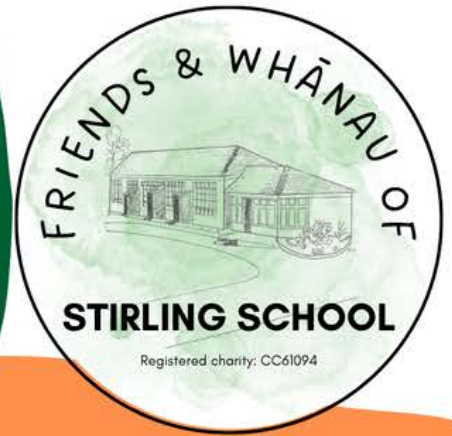
Dates: Wednesday afternoons  
starting 29/10/2025-  
26/11/2025

Time: 2pm -2.50pm

Please contact Meisha or Kobie  
[meisha@stirling.school.nz](mailto:meisha@stirling.school.nz)  
[kobie@stirling.school.nz](mailto:kobie@stirling.school.nz)

Come in and see us if you have  
any questions.

# Help Bring Our Playground to Life!



Scan here  
to donate



Friends & Whānau of Stirling School Inc. warmly invites members of our community to contribute to the new playground project at Stirling School.



— \$150,000

— \$75,000

Our registered charity has been actively fundraising for over 2 years. In 2025 we have started applying for grants and it's now time to invite our community to contribute.

Please complete our donation form or contact us with any questions [friendswhanaustirling@gmail.com](mailto:friendswhanaustirling@gmail.com)



Friends and Whanau Of Stirling School Incorporated  
(Westpac Bank)

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**FOOD**

**TRUCK**  
*Nights*

**GOLD  
COIN  
ENTRY**

**2025**

**10 October  
14 November  
12 December**

**5.00-8.00pm**

**2026**

**13 February  
13 March  
10 April**



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# Make & Create Workshop Series



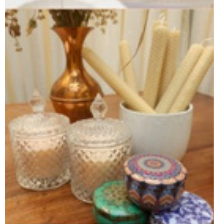
## Textured Art

Saturday, 18 October 2025  
1.00-3.00pm  
\$100 per person



## Perfume Making

Saturday, 1 November 2025  
10.00-11.30am  
\$85 per person



## Candle Making

Saturday, 1 November 2025  
2.30-4.00pm  
\$85 per person



## Dried Floral Arrangement - Pot

Saturday, 22 November 2025  
10.00am-12.00pm  
\$85 per person  

- multiple colour options available



## Dried Floral Arrangement - Hoop

Saturday, 22 November 2025  
1.00-3.00pm  
\$85 per person  

- multiple colour options available



## Acrylic Painting

Saturday, 6 December 2025  
2.00-4.30pm  
\$50 per person

Scan QR code to register:

