



TERM THREE, WEEK NINE

COMMUNITY ASSEMBLY

Community assembly for Term 3 will be Friday 19th September at 2:15pm with a focus on our science inquiries. For this community assembly we ask that every family brings a small plate of food to share. We will start with our assembly, then move throughout the classrooms to view all the amazing science work in each room before coming back to the library for afternoon tea.

WACKY HAIR WEDNESDAY:

This Wednesday is Wacky Hair Wednesday!

Please don't feel the need to go out and buy lots of things - be creative with what you already have at home.

Don't forget to bring a gold coin donation for the sausage sizzle. A big thank you to Fonterra for supporting this event. Please see the attached notice for more details.

SWIMMING WEEK:

Swimming Week will take place in Term 4, Week 2 (Monday 13 – Friday 17 October).

Please note that all children are to be picked up from the Balclutha Swimming Pool at 3:00pm each day.

If this arrangement is a challenge for your family, please contact Miss Cochrane at meisha@stirling.school.nz.

Thank you for your support.

PRINCIPAL WATSON MESSAGE

Kia ora, Talofa

Week 9 we welcomed back the sunshine! Well briefly for a day.... Let's hope Week 10 brings more sun and warmth.

We were lucky to have **Shalom, Blessing, Te Amokura and Te Ata-Rangi** perform a Samoan dance at our assembly. It is great to see students taking pride in their culture and wanting to share it with their peers. These girls will soon be teaching the teachers!

We look forward to seeing you at our special community assembly next week. There has been a flurry of glue and final touches put on presentations just so we are ready to showcase our learning.

Big thank you to Mark Currie, for getting our outside water fountains operational again. We still would like students to have bring a water bottle each day. They can now be refilled easily at the two fountains.

We are also looking at removing/demolishing the grey brick building that is our current PE shed. If you know of someone who is great at destruction or if someone would like large concrete blocks, please let me know.

Tofa, Donna Watson
phone: 418 0540



CONGRATULATIONS

Stirling Star values certificates: Charlee (Rākau), Pratham (Māhuri), and Bonnie L (Kākano).

Classroom certificates: Margaret (Kākano), Lincoln (Rākau), Hinerahua (Māhuri), Carter (Tupu).

Principals Award: Christian (Māhuri) for being proactive and dedicated in his learning.

CLASSROOM NEWS:

RUMA KĀKANO

This week we had a wonderful time celebrating International Literacy Day! We joined the whole school for a scavenger hunt around the grounds where we solved different literacy questions, it was so much fun working together.

We also had a special visit from Bob Bickerton, who shared his taonga pūoro (traditional Māori instruments). The tamariki were fascinated by the unique sounds, and some even had a go at recreating his special instruments afterwards with classroom resources.

In maths, we've started our geometry unit, learning all about the features and names of 2D shapes. The children have been very engaged and excited to explore shapes around them.

Our paper mache solar system is finally ready for painting – the planets are really coming to life! We also began our calendar art this week, and they are already looking bright, colourful, and creative.

It has been a busy and exciting week of learning in Kākanō!



RUMA TUPU

This week in Tupu we have been busy with lots of exciting learning. In maths, we have started exploring financial literacy. The children have been learning to recognise and order money, as well as how to count different sets of coins. During Tūhura time, we continued working on our solar system models. After four layers of paper mache, the children were thrilled to finally start painting them today!

We also had a very special visit from Bob Bickerton, who shared his collection of taonga pūoro (traditional Māori instruments). The children loved hearing the unique sounds he created and enjoyed the fascinating stories he told about each instrument.

To celebrate International Literacy Day on Monday, we joined in a school-wide scavenger hunt. Working in teams with children from different classes, we raced to answer questions and had lots of fun celebrating literacy.

We are looking forward to a busy last week of term and are especially excited for our Space Day next Friday!



CLASSROOM NEWS:

RUMA MĀHURI

This week in Māhuri we have been constructing drafts for our narrative writing pieces. Our focus has been on how we can engage the reader by adding rhetorical questions and varying our sentence lengths to create impact. The pieces are looking fantastic, and we hope to have them finished by the end of the term.

On Monday we loved challenging ourselves in a whole school Literacy Hunt for International Literacy Day!

We are nearly finished our Chapter Chat novel *The Boy at the Back of the Class* and have really enjoyed the thoughtful discussions it has sparked around the topic of refugees.

For calendar art, we have had fun experimenting with a science-inspired background using bubbles! After creating our colourful backgrounds, we will be adding a photo and a bubble that shows what is important to us.

In numeracy, we have been working on subtraction with numbers ranging from 100 to 100,000. It has been incredible to see the range of strategies being used and how quickly these are being picked up.

Our novel study group has been working hard on *Charlotte's Web* and are already coming up with movie snack ideas for when we watch the film!



RUMA RĀKAU

This week in Rākau, we've been making the most of our time with Whaea Ezra, who finished her time with us today. Although her time here has flown by, it also feels like she's been a part of our class forever. We all wish her the best in her future teaching career and know that she will be an amazing teacher wherever she ends up.

On Monday, we celebrated International Literacy Day with a scavenger hunt around the school. Miss Cochrane created a series of questions for each class level, and we teamed up with students from different classes to race around and answer as many as we could. It was a fantastic way to end the day! A big thank you to Miss Cochrane for organizing such a fun event.

For writing on Wednesday, students participated in an engaging lesson focused on the senses. We were asked to close our eyes and guess a mystery item placed in our hands. As soon as we smelled the lemon, we knew what it was! The lesson's goal was to write about the lemon's features using all five senses, and some students were so engaged they even went back for more.

Also on Wednesday, we were treated to a wonderful performance by Bob Bickerton. He brought along traditional Māori instruments that were used hundreds of years ago. It was a very educational and inspiring presentation for everyone.



Futsal:

Well done to all the students who have taken part in the six-week futsal skills and games programme every Tuesday. It has been fantastic to see the progress you have all made. A big thank you to Futsal Southland for their wonderful organisation and support!



BOB BICKERTON



TERM 3 CALENDAR

Week 9	Year 7-8 Technology
15 th September	Friends and Whānau meeting - 6pm
16 th September	Little Learners - 2pm
17 th September	Wacky Hair Day - gold coin donation - sausage sizzle
19 th September	Community Period 2:15pm (please bring a plate for shared afternoon tea) Last Day of Term Three

WACKY HAIR WEDNESDAY

Wednesday 17 September

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Let your imagination run wild and come to school with your most creative hairdo on Wednesday 17th September!

Sausage Sizzle - Thanks to the generosity of Fonterra, a sausage sizzle will be running on the day. Please bring a gold coin donation!

Supporting Child Cancer Foundation - All funds raised will go directly to the Child Cancer Foundation. Even better, Fonterra will match the total amount raised, meaning every dollar you give will have double the impact!

Let's get behind this fun day for a fantastic cause.



Dairy for life



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TERIU ROA



SIGN THE PETITION

To Government: **Back education that works for all tamariki**

What we are asking:

As educators, whānau and community, we are calling on the Government to back our future. This means:

Tamariki need a teacher aide in every classroom

Fund a teacher aide in every class in Budget 2026.

Value educators fairly and ensure their work is secure

Attract – and retain – the best people to educate our tamariki, by delivering fair pay and secure work to all educators – and restoring pay equity.

Uphold te Tiriti o Waitangi in education

Protect te reo Māori as a taonga for our tamariki by reinstating funding for te reo Māori learning for education professionals.

Defend quality early childhood education

Make early childhood education accessible, affordable, culturally appropriate and high quality for all tamariki, by retaining 100% qualified teachers and pay parity, and by improving teacher: child ratios.

Why we are asking for this:

All tamariki deserve an education where they can learn, feel included and access learning support when they need it. However, the Government is taking public education in the wrong direction and tamariki are being left behind.

Schools, kindergartens, and early childhood centres have faced cuts to school lunches, te reo Māori programmes, beginning teacher pay, and literacy and te reo jobs. Some schools have to fundraise to help pay for teacher aides, whose support in the classroom is invaluable for all students. Many tamariki sit on learning support waitlists for months due to inadequate learning support staffing.

Attacks on quality early childhood education and scrapping of pay equity claims for our lowest paid in education make it clear the Government does not value the work of education professionals nor our children's learning.

Primary and early childhood education teachers, learning support workers, principals and support staff, kohanga reo, wharekura and whānau are coming together to seek a new dawn in education.

**Join us in demanding
better for our tamariki!
Kimi Haeata.
Back Our Future!**

BOUNCE FEST

@ CROSS RECREATION CENTRE

GLASGOW STREET, BALCLUTHA

29 SEPTEMBER - 5 OCTOBER 2025

Entry: \$10 per person

Every 5 tickets purchased get the 5th free

Caregiver free of charge when accompanying children under 14 years of age

Mon 29 September 2025

12pm-6pm

Tue 30 September-Fri 3 October 2025

10am-6pm

Sat 4-Sun 5 October 2025

10am-4pm

Children under 14 must be supervised at all times by someone aged 14 years or over



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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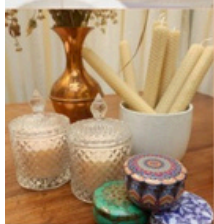
Textured Art

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:



Brought to you by: Clutha District Settlement Support

FREE EVENT!

**What's
available in
Clutha?**

Clutha Community Information Night

Community groups, Clubs,
Health and Well-being



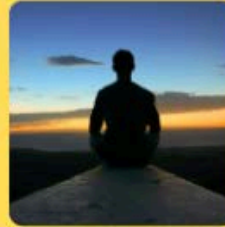
Eat well



Exercise



Sleep Well



Meditate



Connect

Join us for a night of discovery! Find out about all the sports, health, and well-being opportunities available right here in Clutha.

- Meet local clubs and community groups
- Learn about health and well-being services
- Connect with fellow community members
- Find an activity for you or your family

**Date: Wednesday 17th of
September**

Time: 6:30-8:30pm

**Location: Rosebank
School**

**For more information,
contact:
cluthadss@outlook.com**

**If you have a business, group or club that
you would like to promote, please be in
touch with us via email**

Connect. Move. Thrive