

STIRLING SCHOOL

2025

SUCCESSFUL



TENACIOUS



ACTIVE



RESPONSIBLE



TERM THREE, WEEK TEN

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.



CONGRATULATIONS
Most token award
for Term 3 -
Lily Fraser!

PRINCIPAL WATSON MESSAGE

Kia ora, Talofa

Term 3 is complete - and what a beautiful day to end the term.

Thank you to all the people that were able to make it to our assembly this afternoon. The students loved showcasing their science inquiries and work from their books. It was amazing to see the range of project topics from potato testing (a particular yummy project) to balloon rockets and elephant toothpaste.

Soon we have more alterations happening in and around our school. Creating new learning spaces and a revamp of the PE block. If you know of anyone that is able to or would love to assist in demolishing the concrete PE shed (old boiler block) please send them my way.

Special mention to **Max Owen-Hale** for raising \$167 for Child Cancer! The school raised \$220 on our Wacky Hair Day on Wednesday.

From all the staff have a safe and happy term break. See you on Monday 6th October.

Tofa, Donna Watson

phone: 027 429 9272 (new school number)

Kākano



Steven Bati,
Te Manawa Aramoana
Chase Turnbull (absent)

Tupu



Te Amokura Aramoana,
Bonnie Wilson,
Shalom Taitai

Māhuri



Sawyer Fraser-Heal,
Elijah Taitai,
Archie Souness,
Toeleiu Seke

Rākau



Lily Fraser,
Ahira Crawford,
Paul Vuni,
Simon Maifala

MANUIA LE ASO FANAU!

Te Ata-Rangi - 7

Asora - 10

Toeleiu - 9

CLASSROOM NEWS:

RUMA KĀKANO

This week was full of fun and exciting learning in our class! On Monday we had a visit from Taofi Nehemia, a Duffy Role Model. She told us a story about her childhood in Samoa, where her school didn't have any books. Instead, the teachers would take the children outside to sit under a big tree and share stories with them.

On Wednesday we joined in with Wacky Hair Day to raise money for childhood cancer. Our classroom was full of bright colours, spiky styles, and even some glittery creations. We loved showing off our crazy hair and it felt good to know we were helping others at the same time.

In the classroom, we were busy finishing our space posters and hanging up our solar system. We are very proud of our work, it looks fantastic! We enjoyed sharing facts we had learned about the planets and looking at everyone's colourful posters.

To end the term, we celebrated with Space Day on Friday. We did space-themed activities, dressed up, and had lots of fun together. It was the perfect way to finish off our learning about the solar system and celebrate all the hard work we have done this term.



RUMA TUPU

This week has been a fantastic way to finish off the term!

We have been busy creating our information posters about our planets and proudly hung our planet models up on display.

On Tuesday, we had a special Duffy assembly with Taofi Tuimagala, who shared stories and entertained us with dance and drama.

Wednesday was Wacky Hair Wednesday, where everyone amazed us with their creative hairdos. We enjoyed a sausage sizzle put on by Fonterra, with prizes handed out as well.

We finished the week on a high with our Junior Team Space Day, complete with space-themed snacks and exciting activities.

It was wonderful to see so many parents at Community Period and to share all of our science learning from the term.



CLASSROOM NEWS:

RUMA MĀHURI

Our final week of Term 3 has been filled with finishing, publishing, and having fun! We completed our calendar art, which was displayed for families to enjoy. As part of this, we incorporated some science by creating bubble backgrounds. We also published our narratives, which are now in our scrapbooks for parents to read and enjoy.

We had so much fun on Wednesday for Wacky Hair Day! Thanks Fonterra for your support!

Another highlight was finishing our Chapter Chat novel *The Boy at the Back of the Class*. We read the final chapter today, and it has been wonderful to see the empathetic questions, curious conversations, and enthusiastic engagement from everyone throughout the text.

Friday Funday was in full swing too! Some of our learners have been reading *Charlotte's Web*. Along the way, they completed chapter summaries, comparisons, comprehension tasks, and quizzes. Although we didn't quite finish the text, we celebrated their hard work by watching *Charlotte's Web* together.

To make it even more special, this group was given a \$30 budget during maths to plan snacks for the class. Using the New World app, they worked carefully to stretch their money as far as possible. They had to think about catering for 23 students, including gluten and dairy-free options. Impressively, the total came to just \$28.50!



RUMA RĀKAU

Our final week in Term Three has been a hectic but rewarding one. The major focus has been on our Science Fair projects. (Read the next page for more information about this.) Students have done extremely well to get their experiments completed and their information on their display boards. It has been a huge effort from everyone. It was great being able to show everyone at Community Period what the students have been doing.

On Tuesday, we had a Duffy Show with Taofi Mose-Tuiloma. She shared her love of reading and listening to stories. She told us an amazing myth about Sina and her 11 brothers, all named Tui, and her missing pet bird.

We also celebrated Wig/crazy Hair Day on Wednesday to raise money for the Child Cancer Foundation. There was some serious commitment from people—especially Max! The fashion show was a lot of fun. Thanks to Fonterra for supplying the sausage sizzle and fruit kebabs!

We also had the PCT Challenge on Thursday. We had three teams compete, and they all did themselves proud.

In Maths we used multi-link cubes to learn about volume. This was a practical way of learning how to calculate volume.

Enjoy the holidays!



RĀKAU SCIENCE FAIR

This term, the school inquiry unit has been science. Rākau children have completed a science fair project each. There was a lot of variety in the topics and questions that were investigated. Please see a selection of photos of the process and final products. This has been a mammoth effort from each student and I'm very proud of their work.



A FEW TERM 4 CALENDAR EVENTS

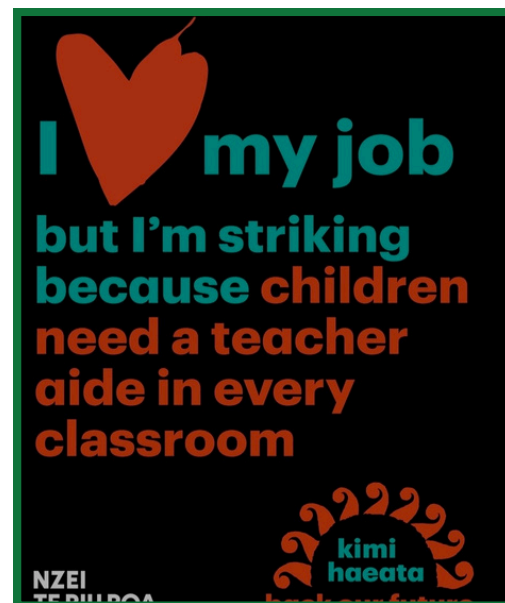
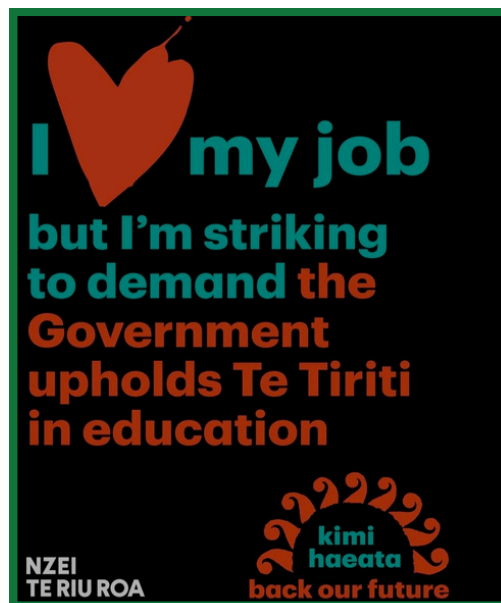
6 th October	Term 4 begins
Friday, Week 1, 3, 5 and 7	Year 7 - 8 Technology
13 - 17 th October	Swimming Week
14 th October	School Photos
23 rd October	Strike Day - no school
12 th December	Last day for 2025!

PCT CHALLENGE (POLICE COMPETENCY TEST)



On Thursday, 12 students from Rākau took part in the PCT Challenge at the Cross Recreation Centre. The PCT Challenge is the physical fitness test that police officers have to completed every 2 years. It was a great opportunity to experience what our police officers go through to continue their work in the force. The teamwork and STAR values shown from our three teams was wonderful to see. Scan the QR Code for all the action shots. Thank you to Rebekah and Megan for helping with transport and support, and Chris for your support too!





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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Make & Create Workshop Series



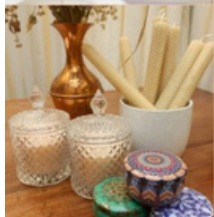
Textured Art

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:

