TERM FOUR

The grass is growing faster but at least it is staying green for now and Peter is able to keep up with the mowing. I'm sure you've noticed the gaps at the front of the school where the trees have come out over the school holidays and thank you to Jamie, Grant, and Andrew for the work that went into this. Last term the plantings went well and they all seem to be surviving at this point. We only have the plants from Synlait to be planted at Candy Farm next week to go. Arowhenua native nursery have also given us 600 more seedlings and these are to be given straight to the farmers for planting themselves.

Play

Macbethish, the Scottish play, as I'm sure many of you already know is well underway and I thank you for all the work you are putting into helping our actors learn lines.

We are required to teach Financial Literacy and to this end we have as a school thought of a way we can get the money to put on our play. Rather than just ask parents for money, making baguettes and selling them has been chosen. We have been sending them home over the last week to practise and also to let you know the quality of their baking. We are wanting to sell them for $3 each and try to get orders for the bread. The more bread we sell the better the set for the play. More information will come out about the bread this week.

Swimming

The pool will be opening around week 4 or 5. As usual once started students will swim every day until the end of the school year. Check swimming costumes and goggles and make sure they fit and aren't worn out.

Pets' Day

This is only two weeks away. Albury will be here like last time and I expect it to be more competitive than ever. What I'm hearing from the students tells me that there is already a lot of preparation underway for the costumes. There is a shared lunch with Albury and this will start at 12pm. The judging will start at 1pm. It is okay to start bringing your pets in from 11am to get set up. We will as always have the grounds marked out for each section. Small animals will be inside, such as cats, rabbits and birds, but please bring water bowls for the larger of the animals. The theme is Halloween and there will be awards for the Best dressed animal, best dressed human, and best dressed pair just make sure that it is on theme. We will get the list of animals from your children and then send home the entries to make sure that it is correct. As always there will be an independent judge.

Community Evening

Guy Fawkes night (5th November) we are holding our final community evening of the year. We will be having guest speakers at the event and presenting our plan for the school 2026 through to 2028. We will supply food but as normal please bring a plate. More details to come as we get nearer to the date.

UPCOMMING EVENTS

TERM 4

TERM 4 STARTS - 06/10/2025

WORKING BEE - TBA

LABOUR DAY - 27/10/2025

PETS DAT - 31/10/2025

RURAL SUPPORT DAY - 05/11/2025

ATHLETICS DAY - 12/11/2025

CHCH BALLET TRIP - 13/11/2025

TEACHER ONLY DAY -14/11/2025

ARTS CAMP YR6 - 1-3/12/2025

TERM 4 ENDS - 12/12/2025

Absences

Please ensure **all** absences are sent through the Skool Loop app.

Bus Change Reminder

There have recently been some ongoing late bus changes. Please ensure these are communicated on time to avoid safety issues.

- Morning bus changes must be received by **7:30am**.
- Afternoon bus changes must be received by **2:15pm.**

Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our students safe**.**

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PETS DAY

Order of the day 22nd November

Parents can turn up with animals from 11am. The school will be clearly marked out into areas for each of the competition sections. You will be guided to these by the students as you arrive at the school.

The day may be hot so come prepared with bowls etc for your animals. We do try to put the sections in areas with cover.

Cats, rabbits, fish, chickens and birds will be inside.

Don't let your cats out as this never goes well.

There will be a shared lunch at 12 until 1pm. Please feel free to bring a plate.

The sections are
- Lambs
- Calves
- Goats
- Birds/chickens/ducks
- Horses/Pony
- Rabbits
- Cats
- Dogs
- Pigs
- Fish

The theme for the day is Halloween.

There as always will be a best dressed competition.

Sections for this are
- Best dressed student
- Best dressed pet
- Best dressed Pair

We will create the entry list once we get names from both our schools. The judge as always will be an independent member of the community.

Students must be prepared to talk about their animals and how they care for it as this is part of the judges' criteria. (Diet, exercise etc)
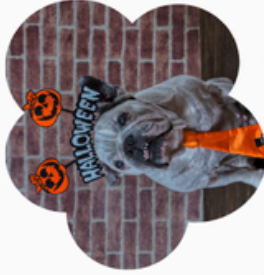
PET DAY 2025

FRIDAY 31 OCTOBER

EVENT SCHEDULE

- 11am Animals can arrive
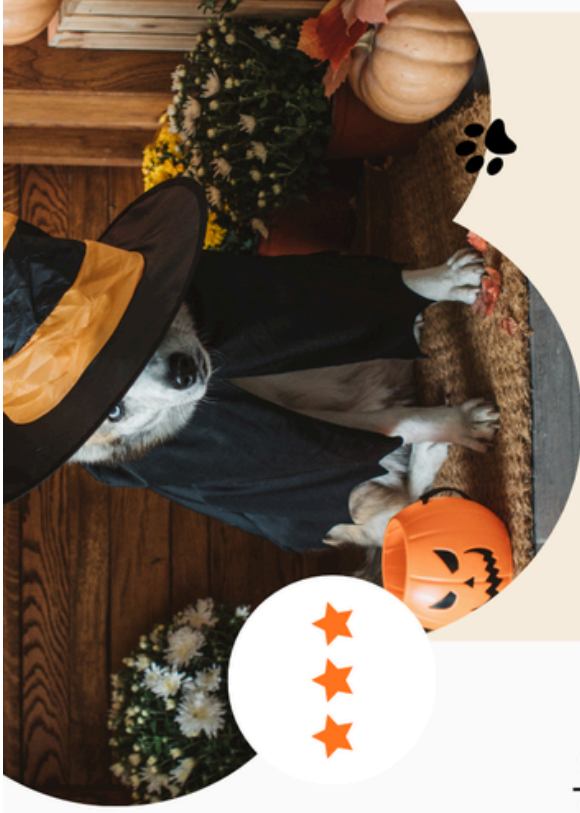- 12pm – 1pm Lunch
- 1pm Welcome
- 1:15pm Judging to comence

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SPECIAL EVENTS

BEST DRESSED

- Best dressed Student
- Best dressed Pet
- Best dressed Pair

Pets may arrive from 11am
Please make sure your pet is under control at all times!
There will be marked areas for every animal.

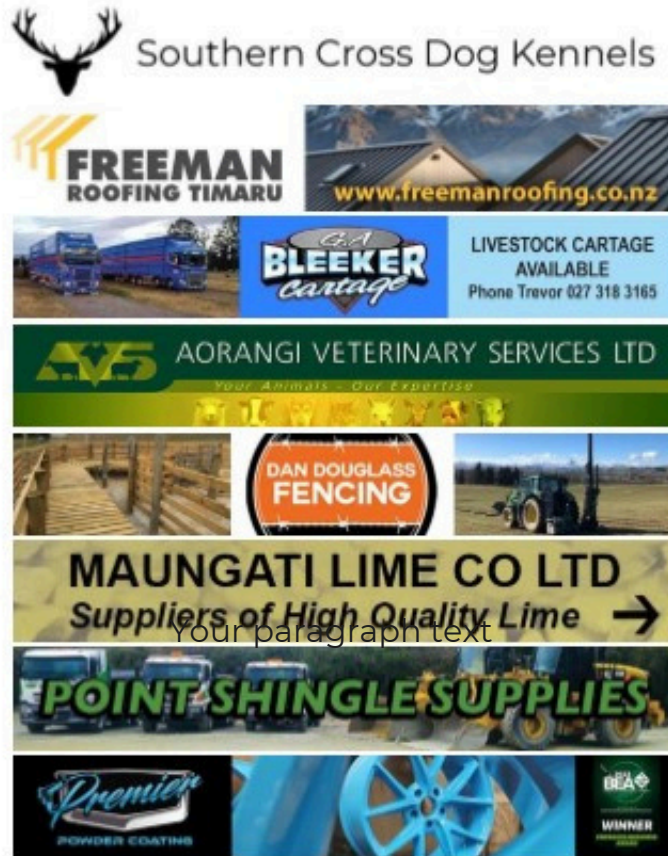| TERM 4 2025	WEEK 1	WEEK 2	WEEK 3	WEEK 4	WEEK 5	WEEK 6	WEEK 7	WEEK 8	WEEK 9	WEEK 10	WEEK 11 15/12
MONDAY	6/10	13/10	20/10	27/10 LABOUR DAY	3/11	10/11	17/11	24/11	1/12	8/12	15/12
TUESDAY	7/10	14/10	21/10	28/10	4/11	11/11	18/11	25/11	2/12	9/12	16/12
WEDNESDAY	8/10	15/10	22/10	29/10	5/11	12/11 ATHLETICS FAIRLIE	19/11	26/11	3/12	10/12	17/12
THURSDAY	9/10	16/10	23/10	30/10	6/11	13/11	20/11	27/11	4/12	11/12	18/12
FRIDAY	10/10	11/10	24/10	31/10 HALLOWEEN PETS DAY	7/11	14/11 TEACHER ONLY DAY	21/11	28/11	5/12	12/12 END OF TERM ASSEMBLY/ PRIZE GIVING	19/12
SAT/SUN	11-12/10	12-13/10	25-26/10	1-2/11	8-9/11	15-16/11	22-23/11	29-30/11	6-7/12	13-14/12	20-21/12

Strike action pending

Rural Support Night

BALLET IN CHRISTCHURCH

YEAR 6 ARTS CAMP

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