FAIRLIE PRIMARY SCHOOL

SUPPORTING THE JOURNEY - DISCOVERING THE POTENTIAL

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From the Principal

Miss Vanessa Galbraith

A warm welcome to everyone in our school community - *Kia ora, Bonjour, Konnichiwa, Bula, Namaste, Goeie dag, Kumusta, Hola, Nǐ hǎo, Nei hou, Ayubowan*

I love Term 4 - there is fantastic learning happening across the school in science. On top of that, there are lots of awesome activities and experiences available to our tamariki/children. Last week we had Ag Day - what a great turn out! So many people commented about Pet Day/Ag Day being a core childhood memory for them as a child. For others (like myself) who may have attended an urban primary school, Ag Day is a new but welcome concept. I think days such as this make our school extra special and I thoroughly enjoyed seeing everyone come together to share their knowledge and projects.

This term is looking busy, with lots of fun learning still to come. We have Imagination Station from Christchurch here this week and Athletics next week. We look forward to sharing these events with you too.

Classes for 2027:
We are in the process of confirming classes for 2027, which is not always as simple as it seems. We are going to start the year with six classes, with the possibility of opening up Pīwakawaka during the year when our new entrant numbers grow. This is what our classes/year groups will probably look like. Please talk to me if you have any questions.

Please note - we are working hard to keep our class numbers low in order to provide the highest quality teaching programmes.

TERM EVENTS

6 NOV
- Non Uniform Day - Grocery item for camp
- Sausage Sizzle
- Assembly @ 2.30 hosted by Korimako

9 NOV
Athletics Day

12 NOV
Athletics Day (pp)

13 NOV
Sausage Sizzle

19 NOV
- Grocery Raffle Drawn
- Assembly @ 2.30 hosted by Pīwakawaka

20 NOV
Teacher Only Day - SCHOOL CLOSED

23 NOV
Wool in Schools on site

24 NOV
Yr6 Orientation at College from 11.30

25 Nov
SC Athletics Day

26 Nov
NE Visits @ 2pm

27 NOV
- Year 4 Camp
- Sausage Sizzle

Numbers shown below may change slightly and depend on student enrolments. Class teachers will be shared once we have confirmed our staffing.

2027 Classes

Kererū	Kākāpō	Kea	Takahē	Tūī	Korimako
Year 5/6	Year 4/5	Year 3/4	Year 3	Year 1/2	Y0-Y1
Total - 25	Total - 24	Total - 24	Total - 23	Total - 20-22	Numbers to be confirmed

Lions Speech competition:
Recently, Zoe took part in the Lions Speech competition in Timaru. We are extremely proud of her - every time she shared her speech she asked for feedback and thought about ways to improve. What a determined student. It was fantastic to see her confidence grow and to see her flourish. Tino pai Zoe.



South Canterbury Mountainbiking Competition:
Huge congratulations to all of our students that represented Fairlie Primary at the South Canterbury Primary Schools Mountain Biking on Wednesday 21 October.

Special mention goes to Ruby who won the Year 5&6 girls and Bella who was 3rd! Awesome results!

Thank you to the parents and caregivers who transported students to the event and helped with supervision.





ASSEMBLY CERTIFICATES

PĪWAKAWAKA

PB4L
Ada

STAND OUT STUDENT
Olive

KORIMAKO

PB4L
Korbin

STAND OUT STUDENT
Tilly

TŪĪ

PB4L
Hollie

STAND OUT STUDENT
Adaline

SC Museum visits the junior school (by Sally):
Last Wednesday the Junior classes were visited by our wonderful Museum educators, Keely and Andrea. Andrea shared her wealth of knowledge, beautiful photographs and amazing shells with the tamariki teaching them all about the Rocky Shore. They focused on who were herbivores, carnivores, and omnivores as we have been learning about these different species over the past few weeks.

Keely shared with us the life cycle of eels, which was so relevant to our tamariki as most of them had had some experience with eels. She produced replicas of the different stages of an eel and played a problem solving game of how eels can survive but also die so easily.

Ag Day (by Jamie-Lee):
Our Ag Afternoon on Friday 30th October was definitely one to remember!

The weather held out for us in the afternoon. The whole school was buzzing with excitement as all the kids brought in their pets and showed off the incredible projects they've worked so hard on.
And talk about our cake walk! It was such a huge hit with everyone, bringing heaps of laughs, great competition, and plenty of tasty prizes!

This event is such a wonderful celebration of our rural life, and it really is the highlight of the year for our kids, families, and staff. Days like this show just how strong our school spirit is.

A massive, heartfelt thank you to everyone who made it all happen:

- To our judges, we really appreciate you giving up your time and sharing your expertise with our students. Cam and Greg (PGG Wrightson), April and Brit (Aorangi Vets), Emma and Sophie (Mackenzie Young Farmers), Madison and Helen (Vetlife) and Jo (Farmlands).
- Our parent helpers, from setting up the waratahs and the arena to helping pack everything away, you are absolute stars!
- A special thank you to local business owner Heath for his generous donation, which allowed us to purchase our fantastic new agility course!



TAKAHĒ

PB4L
Sophia

STAND OUT STUDENT
Maddy



KEA

PB4L
Willow

STAND OUT STUDENT
Scotty



KĀKĀPŌ

PB4L
Briar

STAND OUT STUDENT
Lachlan



KERERŪ

PB4L
Archie

STAND OUT STUDENT
Mason

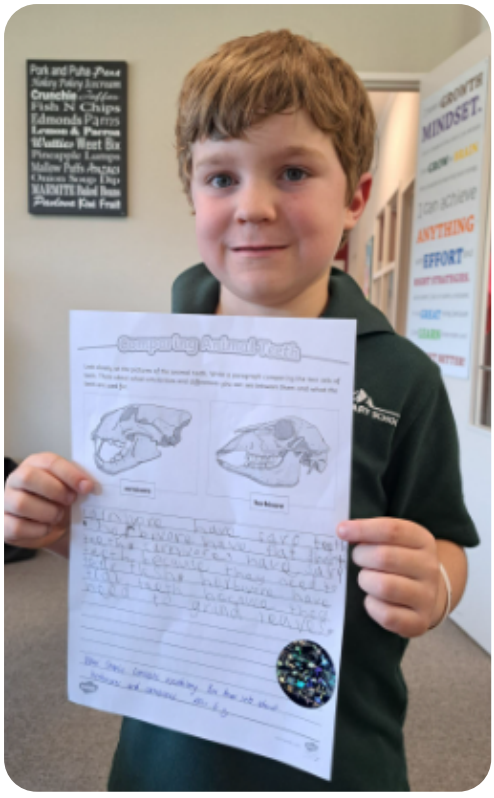
A huge shout out to our wonderful coffee cart lady Lisa for keeping everyone happily hydrated all afternoon, as well as to Holly for treating our parents to a coffee shout.

To all the parents, grandparents, and supporters who came along to cheer the kids on, thank you for making it such a fun afternoon! We feel so lucky to have such a supportive school community. Roll on next year!

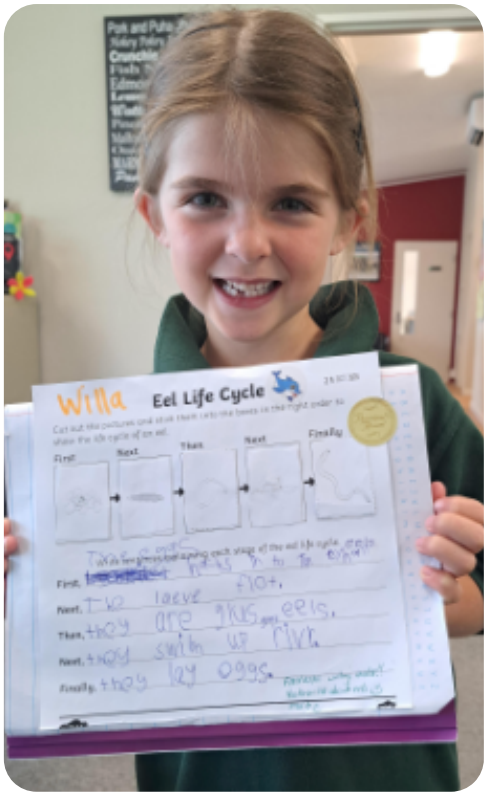
(Special thanks to Jamie-Lee Sadler for all of the organisation and work she puts in behind the scenes to ensure everything runs smoothly - we appreciate you!)





Student Work:
Charlie was very proud of the writing he did recently. In Takahē class they have been learning about herbivores and carnivores and what type of teeth they have to be able to “tear flesh” or “grind leaves.” Fantastic mahi Charlie. Willa was very proud of the work she did on the life cycle of an eel after the lessons with the South Canterbury Museum. Tumeke Willa!



Around the school:
Last week I spied Korimako class outside looking for different colours. They used their special view finder to find different colours on their chart and then practised saying the colours to a partner in Te Reo Māori - well done Korimako.





Home Clothes Day / Kakahu Kainga - Luxury Grocery Item for Camp Fundraiser:
Tomorrow (Friday 6 November), we are having a Kakahu Kainga / Home Clothes Day. We are asking each student in the school to bring a luxury grocery item which will be the 'cost' of wearing home clothes.

The non-perishable items will be used to make up the raffle hamper prizes for the camp fundraiser. Our Year 4 and 5 students are currently selling tickets for $2 each. The money they raise comes off their camp costs. Please support them so we can help make camp affordable for all.

Luxury non-perishable grocery item examples: box of chocolates, bottle of juice, soaps, moisturiser, crackers, bag of lollies, cereal, baking items ..... the possibilities are endless. Think about what you would love to receive if you won a hamper. The photos below show the generous donations from our 2025 raffle.





NB - no alcohol please.

Thanks so much for supporting this fundraiser.

Staff Only Day - Friday 20 November:
Our maths staff only day that was scheduled f or earlier this term was postponed due to a snow warning for the Tekapo area.

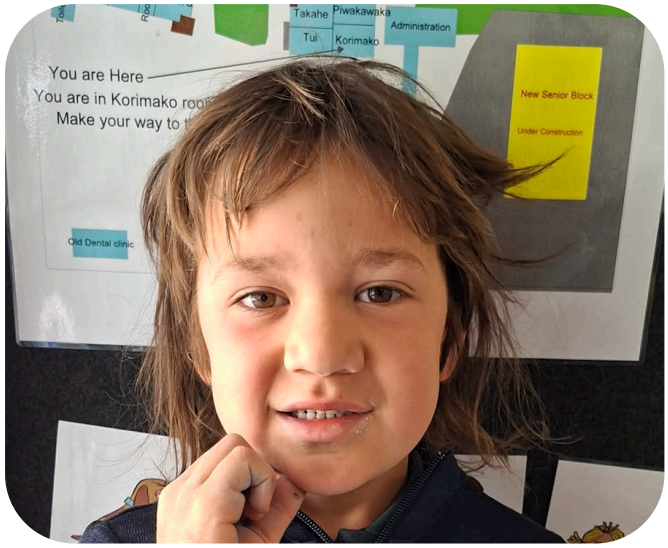
It has now been rescheduled for Friday 20 November - there will be no school on this day. Thanks for your support and under-standing with this.

Ngā mihi
Vanessa Galbraith
Tumuaki / Principal

WELCOME TO FAIRLIE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Fairlie Primary School extends a warm welcome to Faegan who has joined Korimako.

We are delighted to have you with us!



RERENGA O TE MARAMA

phrase of the month

Whiringa-ā-rangi | Noema | November

Kei hea te pene?
Kei konei te pene.

Where is the pen?
The pen is here.

At F.P.S we practise different phrases each month to improve our te reo māori. We encourage you all in the community to practise alongside us.
Karawhiua! Give it heaps!

PB4L -POSTIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING

At bus time we...

- Wait quietly in our bus line to be checked off.
- Walk in a quiet, orderly manner through the College.
- Follow our driver's instructions.

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Our Values Focus
WHAKAUTE- RESPECTFUL

OTHER NEWS, NOTICES, REMINDERS from around the school



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We would like to invite children turning 5 between December 2026 and February 2027 to enrol for our....

SCHOOL GROUP VISITS

GROUP VISIT DATES: 2PM-3PM

- Thursday 26 November
- Thursday 3rd December
- Thursday 10th December

MORE INFORMATION

- These students are due to begin school at the start of the 2027 year.
- Parents are welcome to stay for these visits.
- Please contact ***Jane Wilks*** to confirm your child's attendance or to find out more!
- If your child starts after these dates please get in touch for visit information.







03 685 8504 @ jane@fairlie.school.nz

SERVICE SUPERSTARS

We invite you to become a secret agent in our community...

SERVICE SUPERSTAR CHALLENGE

Greet someone in te reo Māori this week - you could say "kia ora" for hello, "mōrena" for morning, "ahiahi mārie" for good afternoon or good evening, or "pō mārie" for good night.



LEN SMITH SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The Fairlie Primary School Board of Trustees is proud to offer the Len Smith Scholarship. This scholarship is designed to encourage and support students to pursue opportunities to help extend themselves, grow in confidence and reach their potential.

Scholarships may support:

- Sporting participation or development
- Cultural activities
- Academic or leadership programmes
- Arts, music, or performance opportunities
- Outdoor education experiences
- Community involvement or special projects
- Other activities that contribute positively to
- student growth and development

Applications:

Students, parents/caregivers, or staff may subm a simple application outlining:

- The opportunity being applied for
- Why it is important to the student
- The benefit to the student and/or
- school community

Applications will be considered based on:

- Alignment with the scholarship purpose
- Student benefit and impact
- Financial need
- Effort and commitment
- Available annual funding



The scholarship aims to ensure fairness, inclusiveness, and broad access to opportunities across the school community.

For more information, please contact our Board of Trustees representative Rachel Callaghan on 021420352 or rachelc@fairlie.school.nz

If you would like to fill out an application, please click on this link - Len Smith Application Form

SCHOOL POLICIES UP FOR REVIEW

SchoolDocs
Policies and Procedures

Each month various school policies are up for review on a rolling 3 year cycle. We encourage you to participate in reviewing the policies that require parental input. If you are interested please visit:

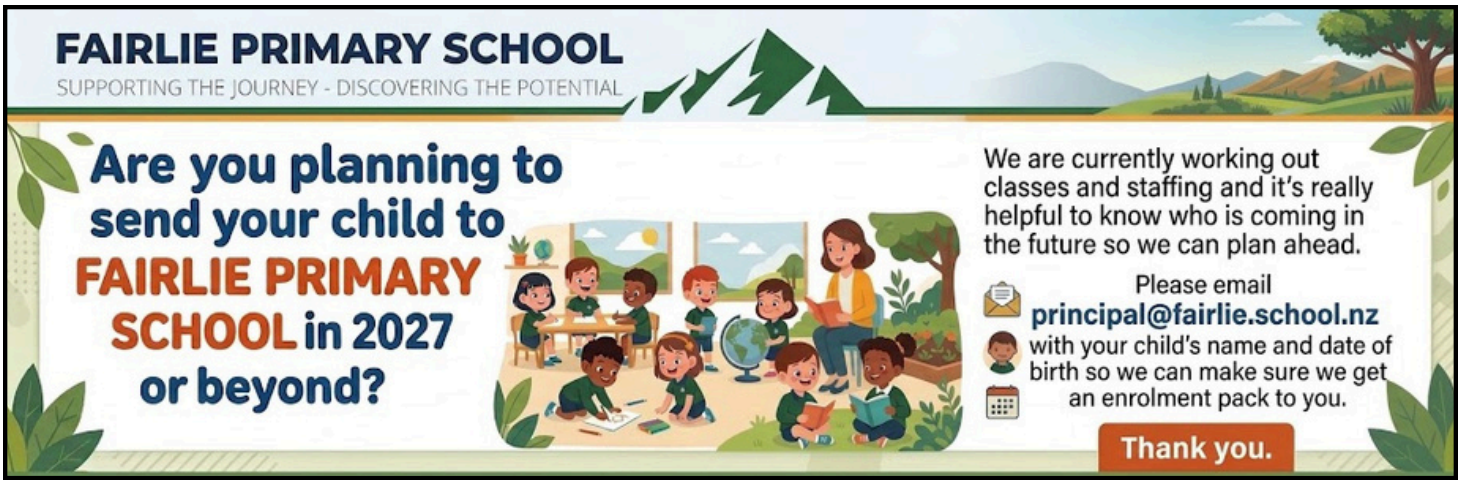
1. Visit the website http://fairlie.schooldocs.co.nz/1893.htm
2. Enter the username (fairlie) and password (7925)
3. Follow the link to the relevant policy as listed
4. Read the policy
5. Click the Policy Review button at the top right-hand corner of the page
6. Select the reviewer type "Parent"
7. Enter your name (optional)
8. Submit your ratings and comments

If you don't have internet access, school office staff can provide you with printed copies of the policy and a review form.

KEY POLICIES FOR TERM 4

- Curriculum and Student Achievement Policy
- Reporting about Student Progress and Achievement
- Learning Support
- Māori Educational Achievement
- Religious Instruction
- Health Curriculum
- Privacy Policy

COMMUNITY NOTICES





How to Complete Your Enrolment

- **Paper Form:** Prospectuses have been distributed to most families. Please complete the enrolment form located in the back of the prospectus and return it to the College Office as soon as possible.

- **Online Enrolment:** You can quickly complete your enrolment online by visiting mackcollege.school.nz/enrolment.

If you have not yet received a prospectus, please reach out to the College Office so they can provide one to you.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Funsies group Ages 5 - 7

$100 for the term | Fairlie community centre stadium | 3:15 - 4:15

This class is for kids who want to have fun. We focus on big body movements, fun games, and improving balance and co-ordination.

Children are asked to wear clothing without buttons or zippers.
Bring a drink bottle and after school snack.

Txt Tabitha on 022 414 5125



TEKAPO 10

10HR & 5HR CROSS COUNTRY MTB RELAY RACE

MACKENZIE COLLEGE FUNDRAISER

SATURDAY 14 NOVEMBER 2026

LAKE TEKAPO REGIONAL PARK

TEAMS COMPLETE AS MANY LAPS OF THE 7KM COURSE AS POSSIBLE WITHIN THE RACE TIMEFRAME. 10AM AND 8PM (10HR RACE) AND 3PM AND 8PM (5HR RACE)

A FUN AND FRIENDLY MTB RELAY EVENT ON A COURSE FOR ALL ABILITIES, WELCOMING EVERYONE FROM SOLO RIDERS TO FRIENDS AND FAMILY TEAMS IN A RELAXED ATMOSPHERE.

10 HOUR: ADULT $55 | STUDENT $30 (SOLO OR TEAMS UP TO 5 RIDERS)

5 HOUR: ADULT $40 | STUDENT $20 (SOLO OR TEAMS UP TO 3 RIDERS)



ENTRIES OPEN 1ST AUGUST 2026
FACEBOOK.COM/TEKAPO10MOUNTAINBIKERACE

PROUDLY SPONSORED BY: genesis

$100 for the term | Mondays 3.15-4.15



Community Centre Gymnasium

Boys Bootcamp



Boys ages 7-10 ¤ Limited Numbers ¤

An exciting new initiative for young boys who want to get into fitness and exercise! Boys Bootcamp combines light weight training, calisthenics, and big body movements aimed at improving strength, flexibility, and coordination. Only 8 spots available. Bring your own snack & water bottle. Dress in sweatpants or shorts and t-shirt.

Text Tabitha at 022 683 6203
Or message Team Tumble Cheer on FB

PHOTOS WITH SANTA

St John Hall - Princes Street



SATURDAY 14TH NOVEMBER

9.30AM - 11AM

No booking required

Photos from $10



Fairlie RESOURCE CENTRE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Please email Kaz at cdfairlie@fairlienz.org for further information

Intermediate Gymnastics For Ages 7-10

Sessions with Coach Annemeike

Supported by the Mackenzie Recreation Society

Now enrolling for our Intermediate Gymnastics Class for ages 7-10 on Mondays 3.15-4.15

This class is for those who have previously attended gymnastics and would like to further develop their skills.

The cost of this class is $100 for the term.
2 payments of $50 or 1 payment of $100 per child.
Children are to arrive dressed in athletic gear such as shorts, leggings, and t-shirts without buttons or zippers.

Children are asked to bring their own snack and water bottle.
The focus of this class is perfecting basic skills and learning the basics of more advanced techniques.

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TERM EVENTS

1 Dec Board Meeting @ 7pm

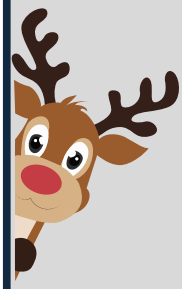
3 Dec NE Visits @ 2pm

4 Dec
- Sausage Sizzle
- Assembly @ 2.30

10 Dec NE Visits @ 2pm

11 Dec Sausage Sizzle

16 Dec
- Year 6 Leavers Lunch @ 11.15
- Celebration Assembly
- END OF TERM





2027 - Term 1

29 JAN TEACHER ONLY DAY - SCHOOL CLOSED

1 FEB School Conferences

2 FEB START OF TERM 1



Hi - I am your Public Health Nurse Brielle Stoddart.

As Health Nurses we aim to offer the students information, advice, assessment and referrals where necessary. I also provide education on puberty change, hygiene and sneeze safe. Students may see me for a myriad of health concerns or issues, including mental health/behavioural concerns, anxiety related, weight issues/monitoring/guidance, skin issues, general health concerns, puberty change, referral to specialists
via DHB, family support etc.

I look forward to getting to meet you all and helping you as needed.
Feel free to contact me on my cellphone or via the school office.

Brielle Stoddart 027 280 4843



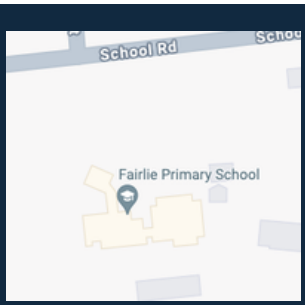
TERM DATES 2026

TERM 1
Tuesday 3 February to Thursday 2 April

TERM 2
Monday 20 April to Friday 3 July

TERM 3
Monday 20 July to Friday 25 September

TERM 4
Monday 12 October to Wednesday 16 December



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