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Friday 27th June 2025: Term 2 Week 9

Kia ora, whanau/ hello everyone!

Just like that we are in the 8th month! August has us preparing for Polyfest and a performance at Ascot Bupa for the lovely residents there. Thank you to all the parents for coming and supporting our netball teams in Moffet cup!

MURIHIKU POLYFEST

Getting to the business end of PolyFest practices. The day will look something like this: Tamariki arrive at school as per normal, they get dressed into their performance clothes then get on the bus and head to ILT stadium. We eat morning tea as we watch other schools perform. 11:40am we get taken through to warm up. 12:10pm – 12:30pm performance, 12:40 we travel to Ascot Bupa to perform there at 12:50 – 1:15pm there. Then back on the bus to come back to Gorge Road. If for any reason you would like to collect your child from town after the Bupa performance please, let the office know well in advance. When children get changed at school in the morning, their clothes will remain at school until we return in the afternoon.

Below is the blurb from organisers and download the full program pdf from [here](#)

Kia orana tātou katoatoa,

We're excited to welcome you to Murihiku Polyfest 2025!

Monday 18th to Friday 22nd August at ILT Stadium Southland!

Polyfest is a week-long festival showcasing the pride, talent, and culture of our tamariki and rangatahi from across the region. It's a time to come together as one aiga to celebrate our people, languages, songs, and stories.

🎯 GOLD COIN ENTRY REQUIRED – EFTPOS available

Please make sure your whānau knows! Entry is by gold coin and will be checked at the door. Your kind support helps keep this beautiful kaupapa going, come and enjoy the celebrations with us!

Dates and Times:

- Daily Performances: 9:00am – 3:30pm, Monday to Friday
- Community Night: From 6:00pm, Tuesday 19th August (Doors open 5:30pm)
- Rangatahi Toa Nights: 6:00pm, Wednesday 20th & Thursday 21st August (Doors open 5:30pm)

Stay updated by following our Miharo Murihiku Facebook page!

Ngā mihi mahana,

The Miharo Team

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With the change in weather, a fair amount of our students are coming to school with **very light clothing**. Many seem to be only wearing 2 layers (Tshirt & jacket). Jackets in class are bulky and can cause distractions due to the rustling noise they make. Please check your children before they leave home, ensure that they are wearing appropriate clothing for the weather. Having layers for warmth will avoid jackets and some disruptions in the classroom. Some are getting their socks wet and removing them until they dry on a heater. Feel free to chuck an extra pair in their bag to keep them warm.



Moffett Cup

Our two netball teams the Thunder & Rockets had a great day at ILT Stadium Southland for Moffet cup. They didn't make it through to the finals but put lots of effort in and did us all proud! Irene graciously volunteered her time to come in and coach the yr 3/4 team. Gay came and gave up her time to coach the yr 5/6 team. If it wasn't for the donation of time these things don't happen. A big thank you to everyone for supporting, coaching, wiping away tears and taking care or grazes and bumps. Bring on next year!



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Leaf Alive _____

I am a bright green leaf. I used to be on a tree. I liked my life.
I liked to swing on my branch. There were animals near me.
Rabbit was my friend. She would have liked to eat me but I
was too high. I didn't like it when autumn came because my
friends the other leaves, changed colour and fell off their trees.
They got blown away in the wind or got swept up by a person
but I stayed green all the time. It was pretty where I was. I
moved a lot in the wind.

One day a girl pulled me off my tree and put me into a box. It
was dark and scary. I was in the box for a long time.

One day, I felt the box move. I was getting shaken inside the
box. I landed on my back and I got hurt.

Another day, a catnip leaf came into my box and we played all
day. At the end of the day Catnip told me a story about when a
cat bit him off his family plant. The same girl had found him and
put him in the box. We became friends forever.

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By Paige

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Less than a week until nomination forms need to be emailed/sent/handed in by Wednesday the 6th at 12pm. If Brendan isn't in the office when you come to do so during the week you may drop your nomination form in the red letterbox on the office counter. Anyone requiring a physical form please let Brendan know first thing Monday. We have a member stepping down this year and looking for at least one new motivated member for the board. This person will work alongside the other members, presiding member & principal to ensure the governance

of the school is optimum.

If you have any questions or would like School Board information sent to you, please contact Brendan in the office.



Upcoming Events Dates subject to change	
Monday 4 th August	School Board meeting (BoT)
Wednesday 6 th August	School Board Nominations Close (12pm)
Wednesday 13 th August	School Board Voting papers issued (If required)
Tuesday 19 th August	Polyfest @ ILT Stadium Southland Booked in for 12:10pm – 12:30pm
Friday 29 th August	COL TOD NO School – No Buses
Wednesday 10 th September	School Board Elections day
Monday 15 th September	School Board meeting (BoT)
Friday 19 th September	Last Day of Term 3
Monday 6 th October	First day of term 4
Friday 17 th October	Life Education
Monday 20 th October	School Board meeting (BoT)
Monday 27 th October	Labour Day NO School – No Buses
Friday 31 st October	Southern Zone Football tournament

LUNCH FOOD LIST

Pies (Mince & Cheese) or Mince	\$1.50	Popcorn lightly salted 12g	\$1.00
Pizza (Ham/Cheese) or Hawaiian	\$2.50	Choc Chip Cookie	\$2.00
Juicies (wildberry or tropical)	\$1.50	Small Sausage rolls not always in stock	\$3.00
Moosies (Chocolate)	\$1.50	Toppas not always in stock	\$3.00

All lunch orders must come from home via a note/envelope (written by an adult). Money can be paid in cash or via a bank deposit to 03 1745 0027472 00 with Name and lunch as reference. We will no longer use credits as money will be sorted on the day and sent home within the week. Mr Mason will take charge of doing the ordered lunches. **Please if ordering Juicies note down the flavour on order**

ABSENTEES: To report an absence please use the **Skool Loop** (preferred option) or phone the land line 032395763 opt 1 or 3 before 9.30am, text 0274674373 or email office@gorgeroad.school.nz It is a Ministry requirement to have a reason recorded for the absence; e.g. appointment, sick, dentist...

SCHOOL UNIFORM TOPS: We no longer carry these in stock, they can be purchased from the UniformNZ website then collected at their shop which is now at 142 Otepunu Avenue.

<http://gorgeroad.uniformnz.com> this is the polo top we wear to sports day but can be worn every day as a uniform if you wish. Note the sizing is on the small side. We also have the option of a grey/red hoodie with logo on front. These hoodies are warm and the perfect garment for these cooler days.

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A reminder to all parents to ensure your tamariki / children have something for **fruit/brain break and lunches are healthy**. We know it is tough to make the contents of a lunchbox exciting during winter. The cost of fruit, nuts and veges are well up which adds to the difficulty. Our tamariki are also lured to packaged snack foods and other exciting things. Apples, oranges, carrots and mandarins are in season at not a bad price.

School lunch boxes are a hot topic at the moment in many schools and teachers hate being the lunchbox police. Many groups have healthy lunch idea pages to look at online. The supermarket chains have a section dedicated to it. The heart foundation has ideas also. The main issue being they clearly did all of these in summer. In winter no one is paying \$15-\$18kg for grapes and \$5 for a tiny cucumber. We have a pie warmer operating at school. It is great for leftover meals, toasties/wraps and things from home. Please make sure there is no glad wrap/cling film on the items to be heated and they are named clearly.



heartfoundation.org.nz



Book Bus Timetable
11 Aug; 3 Nov; 1 Dec
Waikawa Reserve 10am-10.45am;
Tokanui School 11.15am-12.30pm;
Fortrose Picnic Area 1.15pm-
2.00pm; Gorge Road School
2.30pm-3.30pm

JINGO
Night
MUSICAL BINGO

Join us for an exciting evening with great prizes, food and drinks, raffles and auctions galore

Download and use Shazam on the night

4TH AUGUST STARTS 7PM	Pioneer Tavern Edendale
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\$20 FOR 4 ROUNDS

FUNDRAISING FOR MENZIES BASKETBALL 1ST V
To attend tournaments in Invercargill & Palmerston North

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LMV CLUBS @ Menzies College



Where students complete fun and engaging ART, SCIENCE, DIGI, and TECH activities designed to empower kids to love and learn.

A great way for students to become familiar with the Menzies environment and build relationships with teachers and students.

WHAT	Students will be put into aged groups and rotate around the five areas - one session at each!
WHO	Primary-aged students: Y0-6
WHEN	Term Three 2025 - 3.20-4.20 pm Start Wednesday 13th August for 5 weeks (no clubs Wednesday 27th August due to tournament week)
WHERE	Menzies College, meet in the school hall - please collect students from the hall at end of the session.
<u>COST</u>	\$30 term (we don't want cost to be a barrier for anyone so please contact Margaret Dale if this is a problem). Cash at Wyndham and Menzies offices Bank account: Menzies College 03 0962 0044848 000 ref: Clubs and name
<u>TRANSPORT</u>	Wyndham - Mrs. Dale will collect students from vege patch Edendale - a van will run (gold coin donation), add a name to list at Edendale office. Everyone else - meet at the school hall.

Enrol at Menzies, Wyndham, or Edendale Office or email mdale@menzies.school.nz

Join the "LMV SCIENCE CLUB PLUS" page on Facebook for updates!

We're Back for Term 3

Join In-Studio Music Lesson

Don't Miss Out On Another Awesome Term of Music!!

FIRST BEAT

UKULELE

KEYBOARD

GUITAR

DRUMS

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Register Now



info@ksom.nz

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IN-CONFIDENCE

Become an Oranga Tamariki Foster Caregiver in Southland

Help make a Difference in a Child's Life!

Are you ready to provide a safe, loving, and supportive home for a child in need? Oranga Tamariki is looking for caring individuals and families who can help children in care to grow, heal, and thrive.

We are currently seeking caregivers who can offer:

- A safe and nurturing environment
- Emotional and physical support to children in need
- A commitment to helping a child reach their full potential

As an Oranga Tamariki caregiver, you'll receive training, 24/7 support, and a financial allowance to assist with the care of the child. You'll also join a network of compassionate individuals dedicated to making a lasting, positive impact in the lives of children.

Who can become a caregiver?

- People with a genuine desire to care for children
- Families, singles, and couples
- People with different life experiences, backgrounds, and cultural connections

Every child deserves the chance to grow up in a loving, stable home. Could that home be with you?



Contact us today to learn more about joining the Southland caregiving whānau.

Call: **Isla Hardy**

Email: Isla.hardy@ot.govt.nz

Website: orangatamariki.govt.nz

Together, we can make a brighter future for children in Southland!



- Vegetables and fruit – they provide fibre and important minerals and vitamins. Cut vegetables into manageable pieces such as carrot, cucumber or celery sticks. You can also add vegetables to sandwich fillings. Use fruit that fits easily in a lunch box such as mandarins, small apples, grapes or a pottle of diced fruit. To keep the cost down, buy vegetables and fruit that are in season. Eat fruit instead of drinking fruit juice.
- Bottle of water – try adding fruit or vegetables like lemon, cucumber, oranges or berries to make flavoured water. See *Make your own flavoured water* from *Healthy Kids* (www.healthykids.org.nz).

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OPEN NIGHT

Wednesday 6th August — 3.30 - 7pm
Principal's address 3.40pm
All families are asked to be present no later than 6pm

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sugar and our Teeth



Did you know...

The TYPE of sugar really does matter when it comes to looking after our teeth

HOW OFTEN we eat and drink sugar each day is more important than **HOW MUCH**

Free or Added Sugar
Any sugars **added to food and drinks**, and the **unbound sugars** naturally found in honey, fruit juice, and syrups. These sugars are **easy for bacteria to use** to cause tooth decay

Intrinsic or Natural Sugar
Naturally found sugar that is **tightly bound in the cell structure** of whole foods - fresh fruit, vegetables, wholegrains, and milk. Unlike 'free' sugar, this form is **much harder for bacteria to use** to cause tooth decay

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RAISE A CALF FOR HOSPICE

Supporting our family & whānau, one calf at a time.

Dear ,

I wanted to follow up on Hospice Southland's *Raise a Calf for Hospice* campaign — a heartfelt initiative that helps us support our community, one calf at a time.

We're thrilled to share that **18 live and 5 virtual calves** have already been **donated** — an incredible show of support from our community. Every single calf makes a meaningful difference.

All proceeds raised through the campaign stay right here in the Southland and Wakatipu region, enabling Hospice Southland to continue providing care at no cost to those who need it most.

You can get involved in two ways:

- **Pledge a calf** – Raise a calf until weaning and donate the sale proceeds to Hospice.
- **Donate a virtual calf** – Make a one-off donation of \$350 and we'll do the rest.

You will find a links to the registration forms below.

If you'd like to join the campaign or have any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Every registration goes in the draw to win 1 of 2 \$500 worth of calf meal

The heaviest calf will win
\$1,000 travel voucher



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Thanks to the below businesses for sponsoring our school app:



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