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Friday 22th August 2025: Term 3 Week 6

Kia ora, whanau/ hello everyone!

Well, what an exciting and busy week we have had!!

Tuesday Polyfest, Wednesday Waituna Ambassadors and managed to sneak in a fair chunk of learning in there as well...

Next week we have a Teachers only day on Friday the 29th, **NO SCHOOL NO BUSES!**

We will be cramming a lot into the week to keep us on track, as we speed towards the end of the term.

A wee reminder when illness or absence occurs to please use school loop and submit an absence form. Alternatively, email both the office and your child's teacher or ring the school.



Well done to all our students who have been working hard this week! ☺



The day after Polyfest, **Waituna ambassadors** had a trip out to Waituna with Gay, Brian and Lachie. Picking up rubbish, checking the lagoon, plus cleaning the boards while out there. There was a fair bit of walking involved as they combed the beach.

Luckily there was only a brief shower and the rest of the time just overcast making it a pleasant stroll. The ambassadors arrived back at school with energy levels pretty well used up so no doubt slept well that night.



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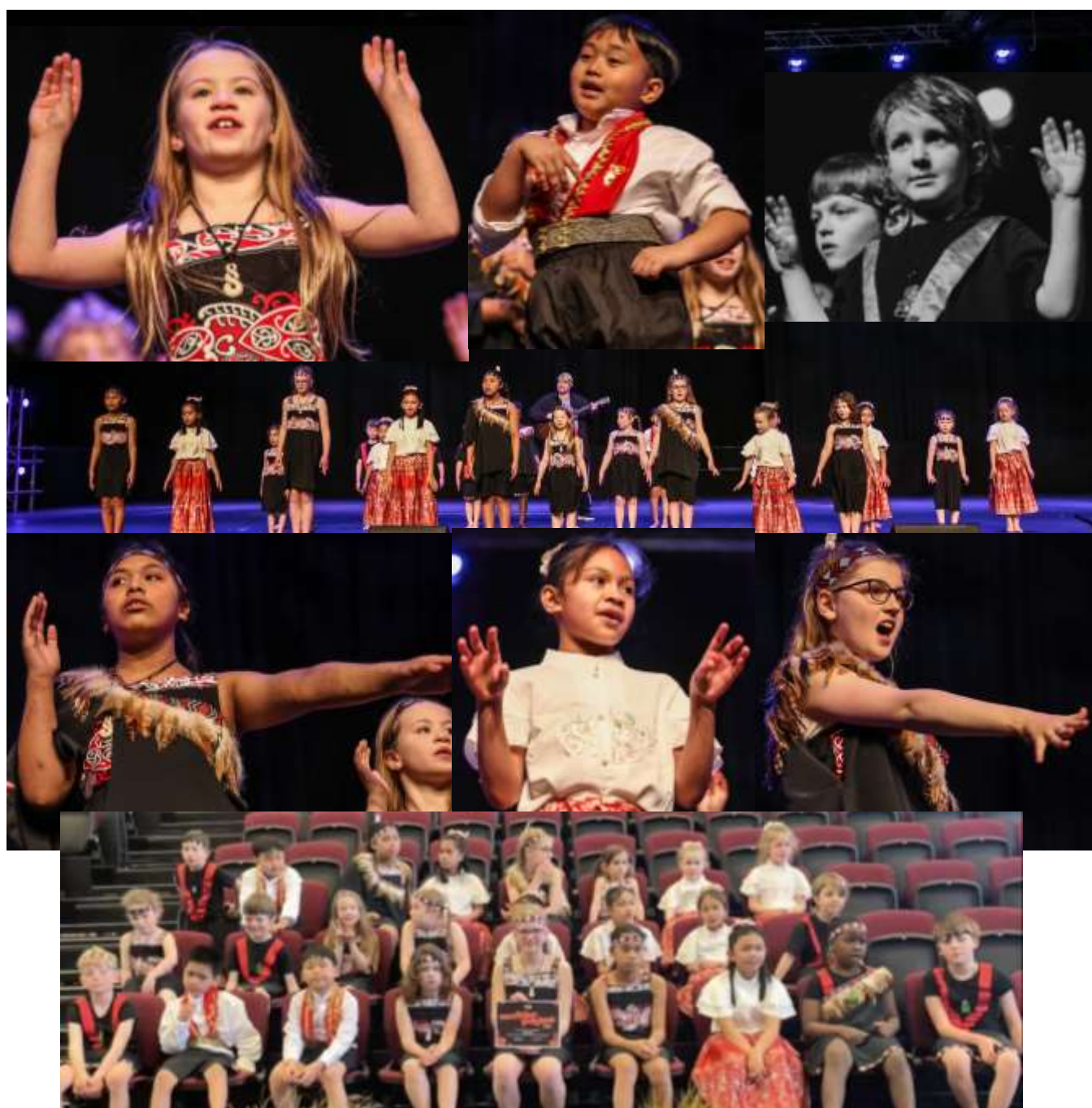
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MURIHIKU POLYFEST

A big thank you to all the family members who came to support our Kura/school at Polyfest!! It was fantastic to see the beaming smiles of our tamariki/children on stage. They handled themselves very well, even when our guitarist tried to cut the dance items short....

As always it wouldn't be a success without the support from home, our amazing staff and Mrs Keenan whose passion and guidance showcases our roopu/group to Murihiku/Southland. We were also very lucky (as part of our COL group) to have had Whaea Trish (who teaches Te reo at Menzies) come in and push us. How lucky we all are to have passionate, amazing people in our district!

The live stream can still be found on the TUESDAY video around the 3 hours and 23 minute mark. [HERE](#) or check out the Miharo website. [Miharo Murihiku Trust](#)



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We would like to take the time to mention
and thank those members of the
community that have contributed to our
school, they are listed as follows:

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Thank you everyone who has completed the nomination process. We will
confirm the offices after the School board meeting on the 15th of
September.

Ever thought about giving football a go... but didn't know where to start?

Here's your chance – and you don't have to do it alone!

We're inviting mothers and daughters to join us for some fun, free "Come & Try" football
sessions – perfect for first-timers or anyone just keen to get active and try something new,
together!

Whether you've played before or it's your very first kick of a ball, these sessions are all about
having a go in a friendly, relaxed environment. No pressure, no scoreboards – just lots of
laughs, movement, and quality time on the field.

When: August 23rd & 30th - 10am to 10:45am

Where: ILT Football Turf

Cost: Absolutely free!

Great for mums, aunties, nanas, and female caregivers

Perfect for daughters from 5 years and up

A fun and active way to build confidence and connection

So bring your runners or boots, bring your daughter, and come make some football memories
together. To find out more, message us or contact Leigh on leigh@southlandfootball.org.nz

Register below on the following link <https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/364155>

Let's try something new – side by side!

Upcoming Events Dates subject to change	
Friday 29th August	COL TOD NO School – No Buses
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

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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.

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.

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



International
Literacy Day

Competition

Award Ceremony 10th September Sacred Heart Primary

Unleash your creative side & design one of the below:

- a costume for a book character
- illustration of a book or literacy 'theme',
- a book cover.

Enter by 3pm 1st September.
Include name, year, school & description of entry. Categories Yrs 0-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 11+

email - southlandliteracy@nzla.org.nz

Judging 2nd September & winners notified via email.

Hard copy entries dropped to Sacred Heart Primary School

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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!



School lunches

Ngā kai hauora o te wā tina ki te kura

A healthy, balanced lunch gives children everything they need to play and learn well.

Involve your child in choosing and making lunches. This will make them more likely to eat and enjoy their lunch.

Lunch box checklist

Include items from the following food groups.



Something filling – Go foods (carbohydrates)

- Grain foods – they give children energy and brain power. Choose high-fibre and wholegrain bread. Try mixing it up by using wraps, flatbread, pita bread, grainy rolls and crackers.

Something lasting – Grow foods (protein)

- Milk and milk products – they provide calcium, which helps to build strong bones and teeth. Cheese slices and yoghurt are great snacks in lunch boxes. Include a small ice brick or a frozen water bottle to keep them cool and at a safe temperature.
- Lean meat, chicken, fish, eggs, nuts and beans – they provide protein to help build strong muscles and key nutrients such as iron and magnesium for growth. Peanut butter, chicken, tuna, eggs or hummus make great high-protein sandwich fillings.

Some colour – Glow foods (vegetables and fruit)

- 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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