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Friday 27th June 2025: Term 2 Week 9

Kia ora, whanau/ hello everyone!

How good was **Matariki 2025?!! Ka Rawe/Awesome!!**

That's how good it was!

A fantastic turnout of families, amazing food. Good chats, good craic!

Hopefully, everyone felt their bucket was pretty full after Matariki, however you chose to acknowledge/celebrate.

Just like that, this short 9 week term has come to an end. Lots of illness around and hopefully we will all be back fighting fit in the third term.

Moffet cup practises have begun and that event will sneak up quickly in the second week.



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

SOME OF LAST YEARS
TOP MOFFETT CUP
PARTICIPANTS

We are on the lookout for anyone who would be interested to coach one of our netball teams for **Moffett Cup**. We have one amazing coach and a second is desired. Moffett Cup is being held in Invercargill on Friday 25th July. Commitment is: at least 1 practise a week, at school with the team during school hours. Then of course coaching the team on the day at the stadium. It isn't high performance sport. The person can be a family member, a friend, even a neighbour, someone who knows something about netball and keen to share knowledge, enjoyment and the spirit of the game. If interested or you know of someone, can you please let either Brendan or Belinda know. The sooner the better to start practices and get familiar with the team. 😊



Matariki ki te Wai—Matariki and Water—is the unifying theme for New Zealand's **2025 Matariki** celebrations.



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Kia ora e te Whānau, Hi Everyone.

Mānawatia a Matariki. Hope you are all keeping warm and dry.

Our staff were thrilled to have so many whānau come to support your tamariki and share in our celebration. Thank you all so much.

Huge thanks to all staff for getting behind this kaupapa. Staff really put in a great deal of effort in addition to their normal teaching/support roles and this is really appreciated. I feel very lucky to be part of such a committed team.

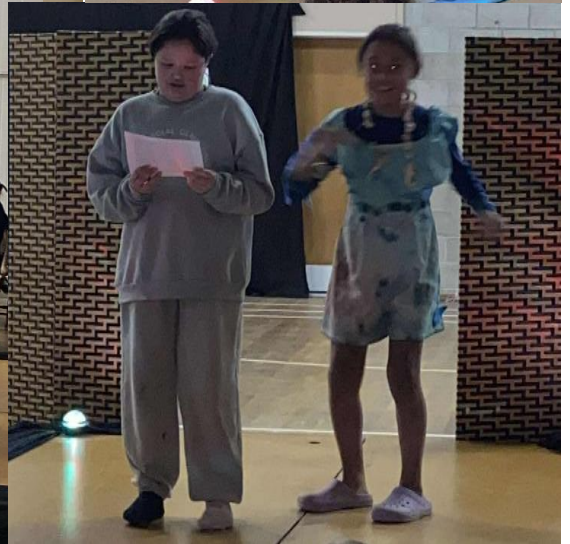
Special thanks to Brendan, our amazing, on-tap, guitarist who gives so freely of his time and skills to support our tamariki.

I really must also separately acknowledge Lachie, our incredible teacher-aide and cleaner, who worked tirelessly to set up the hall and displays. We think he did a superb job!

Sincere thanks to each and every person who helped us to come together to celebrate Matariki. If you have photos of the night, we would love you to share them with us. I will post some that Mrs Craig took last night into portfolios as soon as possible.

Ngā mihi nui,

nā Sheree Keenan



Jack and the Monster

Once upon a time there was a boy called Jack who was camping in the forest. It was dark and quiet. All he could hear was the crackling sound of his campfire and the water flowing in the river behind him. The marshmallow on the end of his stick was getting gooey as he roasted it over the fire.

Jack heard a branch snap. He peered behind him and saw it. He jumped up, spun around and pointed his stick at the tall, green monster that was standing up on two feet in front of him. The monster's bright, bold eyes were staring straight at him. It was gritting its teeth and growling.

Suddenly, the monster's eyes grew bigger and then it dropped down onto its hindlegs and sat like a dog. Its tongue lagged out and it started to whine.

Jack took the marshmallow off his stick, put it on his hand and held it out to the monster. The monster snatched the marshmallow with its tongue and gobbled up the marshmallow. The monster leapt up, did some flips and rolled over. Jack grabbed the bag of marshmallows, and took one out but before he could blink, the monster had quickly chomped the marshmallow. Jack reached into the bag but found there were no more marshmallows. The monster's eyes got smaller, its body got bigger and it showed its sharp teeth.

Jack started to run towards his tent, but tripped over and fell. He could feel the ground shaking as the monster came after him. Jack grabbed his pillow and held it out in front of him. The furious monster came charging towards him, but stopped when he saw the pillow. The monster looked greedily at the pillow. Jack used all his power to throw the pillow behind the monster. The monster boosted it and raced after the pillow. Jack took off running in the opposite direction, screaming as he ran.

The monster got the pillow, put it on a stick and put it over the fire. The pillow crumpled and went to pieces and the monster ended up sadly sitting by the fire. Jack ran all the way home and didn't go back into the woods again.

By Ben



The Boy, the Monster and the Marshmallow.

A boy named Carter was roasting a marshmallow in the big forest. The fire was burning brightly. He could hear an owl hooting. He heard footsteps. He jumped up and turned around and saw a tall, green, ugly creature. Carter thought it was a sea dragon. It had sharp, pointy teeth. It looked hungry.

The creature started whining for a marshmallow. Carter threw it a marshmallow and the creature gobbled it down in one bite. When there were no marshmallows left, the creature got angry. He showed his sharp, pointy teeth again. Carter started to run away. He fell over a rock. Carter was scared because the monster was only three big jumps away. Carter found a pillow and showed it to the monster. The monster thought it was a big marshmallow. Carter threw the pillow and the monster went jumping after it. Carter ran as fast as he could all the way home.

The monster found a stick and put the pillow on it and tried to roast it. The pillow flew into ashes and the monster was sad.

By Leeonn

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A Boy and a

Monster



One day there was a boy named Bob, and he was a bad boy. One day Bob asked his parents if he could go camping in the woods by himself but they said, "No." Bob did not like that answer, so he went camping by himself in the woods.

As Bob was roasting a marshmallow he heard a branch break behind him, and when he turned around he saw a big, green monster. The monster wanted the marshmallow so he licked the marshmallow right off Bob's stick.

Bob gave him another marshmallow and the

monster did a trick. But when Bob gave him the next marshmallow it was the last one. The creature got really mad and started to chase Bob. When Bob was running, he tripped on a stick. Bob saw his pillow and grabbed it. He put it in front of the creature's face. The creature thought it was a marshmallow so Bob threw his pillow away and then ran in the opposite direction.

The monster found a stick and put the pillow on it. He sat next to the fire and put the stick over the fire. But the pillow disintegrated and the monster was really, really sad.

When Bob got home he decided to listen to his parents and he never went to the woods again.

By Paige

Upcoming Events Dates subject to change	
Friday 27 th June	Last Day of Term 2
Monday 14 th July	First day of term 3
Monday 21 st July	School Board meeting (BoT)
Friday 25 th July	SZ Moffet Cup
Monday 4 th August	School Board meeting (BoT)
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
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 <small>not always in stock</small>	\$3.00
Moosies (Strawberry or Chocolate)	\$1.50	Toppas <small>not always in stock</small>	\$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

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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.

WAIMAHAKA PUBLIC HALL A.G.M

Monday 21st July 2025 7pm

Waimahaka Hall, Waimahaka

We will present the new constitution to the community,

We welcome all input from the district and hope you can come.

If you want a copy of the proposed constitution
contact

Jane Craske, secretary

021 2389 243

maccraske@farmside.co.nz

All welcome

TOI TOIS TOKANUI LIONS

LIONS HAY & BALEAGE AUCTION

Contact your friendly neighbourhood lion with any
donation (small & large)

JOIN US AT TOKANUI TAVERN

Friday 4th July

Heaviest SWEDE competition for the up to 16yo.

SUPPORTING STHLD / OTAGO RESCUE HELICOPTER SERVICE



TOI TOIS TOKANUI LIONS HAY & BALEAGE AUCTION *ET AL.*

To be held on Friday 4th July at 4pm in the
warm confines of the Tokanui Tavern and we
thank them for that.

Currently soliciting donations of *BALEAGE &
HAY [small & LARGE]*.

This's one of our major fundraisers for your
community and ours.

Recipients this year----

**STHLD / OTAGO RESCUE HELICOPTER SERVICE
TOI TOIS TOKANUI LIONS 'COMMUNITY
BANK'.**[concentrating on youth et al].

Plus for **junior---** Heaviest swede
competition for up to 16yo.

We thank all our sponsors for their continuing
support and you for your generous donations.

*Feel free to contact that neighbourly friendly
Lion with all offers.* See ya'll there.

STOP PRESS

Toi Tois Tokanui Lions are establishing a CLUB database [cellphone # or & landline phone # but
that's not all + VHF / CB #] for members.

Interested contact ANNE JOHNSTONE @ **0276881338**. Fortuitously it's also recruitment
'month' and if you want your # therein *contact that neighbourly friendly LION* as a
'PROSPECT' and you're potentially logged.....

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Gorge Road School

Thanks to the below businesses for sponsoring our school app:



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MENZIES COLLEGE

BASKETBALL TRAINING CAMP

\$15 per session

Thursday 3rd July

1.00pm - 2.30pm Year 3 - 6 Students

2.30pm - 4.00pm Year 7 - 10 Students

Thursday 10th July

1.00pm - 2.30pm Year 3 - 6 Students

2.30pm - 4.00pm Year 7 - 10 Students

The Menzies Senior Boys Basketball Team will be running training camp sessions at the Menzies College Gym.

Boys and girls welcome, no experience required.

- You can pay online in advance or bring cash on the day.
- All participants must be registered beforehand as there is a number limit.
- Please email Andrea at andy.vaughan@xtra.co.nz or 027 6507 441 to register or if you have any questions.
- All funds raised will be used to support the team to attend the New Zealand Basketball Secondary Schools Southern Cup A Tournament.

Thanks for your support!

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MENZIES
COLLEGE

OPEN NIGHT

Wednesday 6th August — 3.30 - 7pm

Principal's address 3.40pm

All families are asked to be present no later than 6pm



Phone 03 206 4979 • www.menzies.school.nz

Menzies, connecting to your future



SOUTHLAND GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL
2025 OPEN DAY
THURSDAY 24 JULY 3PM-6PM
TOUR THE SCHOOL
MEET THE STAFF AND CURRENT STUDENT INTERACTIVE
EXPERIENCES
VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE INFO WWW.SOUTHLANDGIRLS.SCHOOL.NZ

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STAYING IN INVERCARGILL THESE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS AND LOOKING FOR THINGS TO DO?



JUMP N FUN

- Trampoline Park
- Laser tag
- Mini golf
- Arcade games
- Pixel Parkour

The brand-new Pixel Parkour, open just in time for the school holidays.

Leap, dash, walk and run through a neon jungle. Pixel Parkour is a high-octane, retro-futuristic game where every pixel counts, and every jump could be your last.

School holiday hours: Monday to Sunday 10am to 5pm, after hours bookings available for groups of 10 or more

jumpnfun.co.nz



INVERCARGILL CITY LIBRARIES

Bluff Activity - 2nd July
10am - 12pm
1pm - 3pm

Digi Activity - Otautau
Kids Fun Friday
Saturday 4th July
Sunday 5th July

Drop-in Activity - The Pod
10th July, 1pm - 4pm

library.co.nz



ILT STADIUM SOUTHLAND

Events

Steel v Magic - Saturday 28 June

Doors open 1:45, curtain raiser match
Southern Blast v WBOP, Steel v Magic 4pm
(book online)

Sharks v Whai - Sunday 29 June

(book online)

Activities

Sports-tastic Holiday Programme

30 June to 2 July
(book online)

Clip n Climb

All holidays (book online)

Circus of Illusion

8 July (book online)

Multi-Wall

(call to book)

Pickleball

(call to book)

Casual shots

Available most days

Free walking track around top of velodrome

stadiumsouth.co.nz/programmes-activities-1

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PRIME GOLF

Tuesday
4:00pm to 8:00pm
Wednesday & Thursday
12:00pm to 8:00pm
Friday
12:00pm to 10:00pm
Saturday
10:00am to 10:00pm
Sunday
10:00am to 6:00pm

primegolf.co.nz



SOLVE IT AND ESCAPE

Sunday to Friday
12:00 to 5:30
Saturday
12:00 to 7:00pm

Private bookings available
outside of the above
hours

solveitandescape.co.nz



TRUE IN NATURE - INVERCARGILL AND GORE

School holidays programme
Various hours for different
camps

trueinnature.com/holidayprogrammes



YMCA

77 Tay Street, Invercargill

Teen Gym
Weekdays 3:30pm to 5:00pm
Y Squads
Ongoing

ysouthland.org.nz/service-list/y-squads

ysouthland.org.nz/service-list/teen-gym

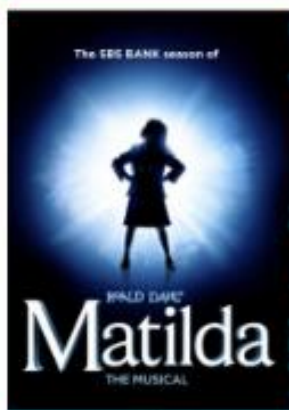


MID-WINTER MARKET

Join us for a vibrant
Mid-Winter Market
experience right in the
heart of Invercargill!

19 July 2025
9:00am - 3:00pm
Free Entry

southlandnz.com/event/mid-winter-market



MATILDA THE MUSICAL

Civic Theatre 88 Tay Street,
Invercargill

12,13,14,16,17,18,19,
20,23,24,25, and 26 July

2:00pm, 4:00pm & 7:30pm

Premium \$85, Adult \$74,
Concession \$60, Child \$40

southlandnz.com/event/matilda-the-musical



BILL RICHARDSON TRANSPORT WORLD

**Monday 30 June to
Sunday 13 July**
10:00am to 5:00pm daily

transportworld.co.nz/invercargill-events-and-exhibits/school-holidays/



RETROBOWL

Matariki day 20 June
10:00am-9:00pm

Tuesday
4:00pm to 9:00pm

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday
12:00pm to 9:00pm

Saturday 10:00am to 9:00pm

Sunday 10:00am to 7:00pm

retrobowl.co.nz/functions-events/

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July School Holidays



Come and enjoy our fun, free range of activities at the Invercargill Public Library. Everyone is welcome to join in!



	Monday 30 June	Tuesday 1 July	Wednesday 2 July	Thursday 3 July	Friday 4 July	Saturday 5 July	Sunday 6 July
Morning	Wriggle & Rhyme Bond with your child while they develop skills vital for growing bodies and minds! 10.30-11am Ages 0 - 2	Active Rhyming Be part of the fun while your child develops new skills through rhymes, play, and movement! 10.30-11am Ages 2 - 6	Storytime & Craft Haere mai to a half hour of your favourite stories, followed by a fun, easy craft! 10.30-11am Ages 3 - 6	Storytime Haere mai to a half hour of your favourite stories, with our friendly staff. 10.30-11am Ages 3 - 6	Magician Show Magic and mayhem with Wayne the Magic Guy. REGISTRATIONS ESSENTIAL 11am-12noon All ages KOHIA ENTRY	Movie Screening Movie time at the library! Come on in and enjoy a family friendly movie - plus free ice cream and popcorn! 11am All ages	Big Games+ Bookmark making station We will have some big games to enjoy, out in the library. Plus make an amazing bookmark at our crafting station! 10am-3pm All ages
Afternoon	Eco Bird Feeders Come along and make a pine cone bird feeder with the team from Environment Southland, plus find out all about this year's NZ Garden Bird survey. Along warning: This activity will involve the use of hot products as an ingredient. All materials supplied 2-4pm • All ages	Kēmu Matahiko Digi Drop-in Come on in and have a go on some of our tablet Digi games. The Robots will be on hand too! 2-4pm • All ages	Mask Making Join us for an afternoon of crafty fun. Use one of templates to create an awesome mask! 2-4pm • All ages	Teen Crafternoon Chill Join us for some crafternoon chill. 2-4pm • Age 12+	Magician Show Magic and mayhem with Wayne the Magic Guy. REGISTRATIONS ESSENTIAL 2-3pm All ages KOHIA ENTRY		
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Afternoon	Little Winter Gardens Come on in and plant up a tiny, garden to keep by your window, watch them sprout and grow into a tiny edible garden. 2-4pm • All ages	Kēmu Matahiko Digi Drop-in Come on in and have a go on some of our tablet Digi games. The Robots will be on hand too! 2-4pm • All ages	Penguin Portraits Use your arty-crafty skills and make an awesome polar penguin portrait. All materials supplied. 2-4pm • All ages	Teen Crafternoon Chill Join us for some crafternoon chill. 2-4pm • Age 12+	Putty Making Come along and create some stretch putty to take home! All materials supplied. 2-4pm • All ages		

Ngā mea mahi - Other Activities

**Wednesday
2 July**

Bluff Activity Drop-in

Join the Library team at the Bluff Senior Citizen's Rooms for a day of fun, free activities: Stories, Mask making, Penguin portraits and a scavenger hunt!

10am-12noon • 1pm-3pm

**Thursday
10 July**

The Pod Activity Drop-in at South City

Join the Library team at The Pod at South Alive in South City for an afternoon of fun, free activities: VR (for ages 12+), plus Penguin portrait crafts, a mask making station, robots and digi games for all ages!

1-4pm • All ages

All afternoon activities are for two hours. Drop in between 2-4pm*

***Depending on numbers there may be some waiting time**

Can you find Finn?

Spot Finn the Penguin puzzle hiding somewhere in the Invercargill Library. Let us know where and enter your answer into the prize draw for an awesome prize! Starts 7 July and finishes Sunday 13 July.

2ND WEEK ONLY



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