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Friday 12th September 2025: Term 3 Week 9

Kia ora, whanau/ hello everyone!

This term is wrapping up but still a few things on the go. The new board will sit on Monday, **pet day details required** this week if you haven't done so (thank you to those that have). Diaries can then get underway and the excitement can build over the holidays.



An apology to all parents I had managed to miss putting information about our parent teacher interviews in the calendar and newsletter. The information only went through the skool loop app causing some parents to miss this. If you missed it and would like to arrange a time to speak to your child's teacher please contact them directly via email or dojo.

Thank you to the ladies from Altrusa for sponsoring the **Elizabeth Miller Memorial Story Telling Competition**. They could see how hard you have been working to produce the stories that they heard. Congratulations to everyone who participated on Wednesday. And especially to Isla who was the overall winner this year with a particularly entertaining rendition of Grandma McGarvy.



Zone football is coming up next term, we encourage all families to get out with the soccer ball to practice passing, dribbling and throwing in the ball at home. Every little bit helps and if there are any parents keen to help us with coaching 1 of the 3 soccer teams it would be greatly appreciated. Please let Brendan know in the office if you are keen before the end of term.

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Hi everyone.

We are on the hunt for some plant containers similar to the one in the photo that we could use at school for a up coming project. (Same size as the ones that tomatoes come in). If you or any family or friends have any spare we would love to be able to use them. Feel free to either pop into the office and drop off to Brendan or send along with your child. Thanks so much!

Pet Diaries will be coming home today for those children who have indicated that they will be bringing a pet to our School Pet Day next term. If your child is intending on bringing an animal and you haven't already let us know, please just flick your child's teacher a message and we can arrange for a diary to be sent home next week.

The Big Grow

This year, as a new addition to Pet Day, children will be growing vegetables – either lettuces or radishes. At school next week, all children will plant their seeds and bring these home to care for over the holidays. They will also be given a plant diary to record how their plant grows. Children are free to feed and name their plant, or even repot if required. All plants will be returned to

school for Pet Day judging where each child will talk about growing their plant.

If you have any pots suitable for us to use that you don't mind donating please send these to school on Monday.

On the last day of term (Friday 19th) we will be having a **celebration assembly** and shared lunch/kai. Lunch will be at 1pm with the assembly taking place straight after. Families are welcome to come for both the food and assembly, children can then be taken home at the completion of the assembly or wait for the bus and go home as usual. We know it is a busy time of year on farm, please don't stress about the food. There will be extra available, If you require any further details please get in touch with your child's teacher.



Story character day is coming up on Tuesday the 16th of September. All children are encouraged to dress up with a character in mind and a book in their hand. A costume however doesn't have to be purchased. Go through some of your child's favourite books and see who might jump out at you both. Drawing mouse-like features on your face and dress in the style of Thea or Geronimo Stilton. You might have fairy wings at home and come as one of the fairy class. You might wear shorts and a striped top and come as James with an orange balloon as your peach... Susie Fogg from dragon in a wagon. A yellow safety hat and hi vis as the driver of the yellow digger... Imaginations can run wild and in the same breath, it can be a "normal type" character. ENJOY and good luck!

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The 50th anniversary of the 1st recognised Maori language starts next week. We encourage inclusion and if you are ever left wondering what a term or word/phrase is/means please, don't hesitate to enquire with us at kura/school. The theme for the 50th is "A Forever Language". Having been through Polyfest this term there is a great energy around

our blended cultures, but also the enjoyment our tamariki/children get from the whole experience.



Our other story-telling superstars! Well done to everyone who faced fears and got up in front of us all!!

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We have been very busy getting the gardens ready for the new growing season. Thank you to Charlie Keenan for a donation of growing soil and manure to top up our gardens. Sue and Jo for getting the process under way.

We were wondering if anyone had **spare watering cans** or **redundant gardening tools** they might be able to donate. Brendan is happy to come pick them up or feel free to drop into the office.



Upcoming Events Dates subject to change	
Sun 14 th – Sat 20 th September	Maori Language week (50 year celebration).
Monday 15 th September	School Board meeting (BoT)
Tuesday 16 th September	Story character day (dress as a character from a story book)
Friday 19 th September	Celebration Assembly – shared kai at 1pm then assembly to follow.
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)
Friday 24 th October	Pet Day
Monday 27 th October	Labour Day NO School – No Buses
Friday 31 st October	Southern Zone Football tournament
Date tbc	Southern Zone Triathlon
Monday 1 st December	School Board meeting (BoT)

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	
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



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Kia ora koutou,

We've got three exciting events coming up at ILT Stadium Southland, and we'd love your help to spread the word with your school whānau:

ILT Christmas Variety Show – Auditions

Do you have talented tamariki or rangatahi who love to perform? We're looking for singers, dancers, and performers with special skills to audition for this year's ILT Christmas Variety Show!



Saturday 13 September



Register now: <https://www.stadiumsouth.co.nz/christmas-ilt-stadium-southland>



Perform in front of 5,000+ people over two unforgettable nights and be part of the Christmas magic.

Sports-tastic School Holiday Programme

Our popular Sports-tastic programme is back! Packed with games, skills, and plenty of sporty fun, it's the perfect way for tamariki to stay active and entertained.



22 – 24 September



9:00am – 3:00pm (drop-off from 8:30am)



<https://stadiumsouthprogrammes.flicker.co.nz/>

Adventure Park ft. Bounce House

Get ready for non-stop energy and laughter as the Bounce House returns! Climb, jump, and bounce your way through this epic adventure.



22 – 24 September



Session times daily: 10am | 11am | 12pm | 2pm | 3pm | 4pm



\$15 general admission (all ages) – includes free access to our Multi-Wall (normally \$10 per person).



<https://stadiumsouthprogrammes.flicker.co.nz/>

Our last event sold out – don't miss out!

We'd really appreciate it if you could share this in your school newsletter, app, or social media. Flyers are attached in both PDF and JPG format for easy use.

Ngā mihi nui,
The ILT Stadium Southland Team

Approximately 1.3 million people die each year as a result of road traffic crashes. Between 20 and 50 million people suffer non-fatal injuries, with many incurring a disability as a result of their injury. Road traffic injuries are the leading cause of death for children and young adults aged 5–29 years. The main reason behind these road accidents is not following or knowing traffic and road safety rules.

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Trafficquiz.com is a **free-to use** website developed with the aim of spreading awareness regarding traffic rules and road safety rules. Through trafficquiz.com, students can learn and test their knowledge about traffic and road safety rules in an entertaining way, i.e., by playing quizzes. Teachers and parents can also use trafficquiz.com regularly to refresh their knowledge about traffic, road safety, and child safety rules. School bus drivers can also regularly use it to learn and be conscious about following traffic rules. The benefit of being **online** is that trafficquiz.com can be used anytime, anywhere, on any device.

We request that you kindly share the links given below with students, parents, teachers, and the driving staff so that everyone can learn and be conscious about following road safety and traffic rules. This can save many lives.

The links are as follows:

1. For Age group (5 to 9 years):

<https://trafficquiz.com/road-safety-quiz-junior-level-1/>

2. For Age group (10 to 15 years):

<https://trafficquiz.com/road-safety-quiz-secondary-level-1/>

GIVE IT A GO TRACK CYCLING

Looking for an exciting and active way to spend
the school holidays?

Come and learn to ride the velodrome!
Improve your skills and confidence whilst
having fun riding a bike!



Open to
ages 10+

No experience needed, loan of a bike and
helmet included

23RD + 24TH SEPT

11AM- 12PM

REGISTER NOW

\$15 PER SESSION



CSDEVELOPMENT@CYCLINGSOUTH.ORG.NZ



Cycling Southland are running two Give it a Go track cycling sessions during the school holidays. These sessions are aimed at children looking to try track cycling for the first time. I have attached a poster as well as some more information. Please could you share this with your school?

Many thanks
Lucy

Looking for an exciting activity for the school holidays? Why not come along to our indoor velodrome and try track cycling!
No previous experience required, bikes and helmets provided

When: 23rd and 24th September 10-11am

Who: Open to children aged 10+

Where: Invercargill Velodrome, ILT Stadium Southland

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Sign up here <https://www.webscorer.com/Cyclingsouthland>



**Morning
& Night**

Every Day

Why Brush?
Plaque is a sticky white layer full of germs (bacteria) that coats our teeth. Brushing twice a day gets rid of plaque. If we don't brush our teeth, these germs aren't removed and plaque quickly builds up. Over time, the plaque can cause holes in our teeth and also harm our gums

2+2
is best to do!

2 minutes to brush all surfaces
2 x daily with fluoride toothpaste

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**LEARNING OUTDOORS
TRUE
IN
NATURE**

SEPTEMBER / OCTOBER

SPRING HOLIDAYS

CHILD VS WILD (7-13)
A three day adventure quest
22nd September - 24th September Invercargill
29th September - 1st October Invercargill

BUSH KIDS (7-16)
One day of bushcraft and survival skills
Monday, September 22nd - Invercargill
Tuesday, September 23rd - Invercargill
Thursday, September 25th - Gore
Friday, September 26th - Gore
Monday, September 29th - Invercargill
Tuesday, September 30th - Invercargill

A WILD DAY OUT (11-16)
A Wild and Game cooking experience
Friday, October 3rd - Invercargill

BUSH, MAKE & BAKE (5-16)
Bushcraft, Crafting & Dampor Making
Thursday, October 2nd

WILD WOMEN
A wild evening for the ladies, mums and grandmums. A night around the fire and some fun night activities!
Friday, October 10th 6pm-8pm

**LIMITED TO
15 PLACES
EACH DAY!**

Gareth and Katie Oliver at: Garethandkatie@trueinnature.com
www.trueinnature.com Phone: 0226814197

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Summer Football 2025

SOUTHLAND FOOTBALL

Juniors

- Year 1-2, 4 A-Side
- Year 3-4, 4 A-Side
- Year 5-6, 5 A-Side
- Year 7-8 and 9-10, 5 A-Side

- Monday 20th October to 8th December (7 Weeks) (no games on 27th October)

- \$300 per team for Term 4 or \$520 for Term 4 2024 and Term 1 2025.

- Entries close 8th October

enquiries to: ryan@southlandfootball.org.nz
or visit southlandfootball.org.nz

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Bountiful Backyards

Riverton 4th & 5th October

Spring workshop weekend

www.sces.org.nz/bountifulbackyards

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Athletics is a fundamental sport
It teaches skills that can be transferred into other
sports - running, jumping and throwing.



Everyone loves the Primary schools champs
in March - get involved now and work on
those events and make it even better!

Clubs across Southland ●

Regular club nights ●

Bring your Mates ●

Regular interclub events ●

Have fun and learn new skills ●



**Club nights starting week 1
in term 4**

For more information contact us

<http://www.athleticsouthland.co.nz/SOUTHLAND-CONTACTS>

Follow us
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Contact Us
Chris Knight 0276518001



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WIN A



WHITE LOTUS HOLIDAY

LUXURY TRIP FOR 2 WORTH OVER \$25K

Return flights for 2 to Koh Samui, Thailand. Return NZ regional flights for 2.
6 nights at Four Seasons Hotel Koh Samui in a Serenity Pool Villa (Season 3 location).
\$3K spending money. \$1K for spa treatments at Anantara Bophut Koh Samui

Plus great 2nd and 3rd prizes - see website for details!

TICKETS \$25. LIMITED TICKETS. SALES CLOSE 16TH SEPTEMBER



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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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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!



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