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**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2025: Term 3 Week 10**

Kia ora, whanau/ hello everyone!

Last week for the term and there is a renewed energy after storybook character day. Scripts and parts for our end of year production were given out to our tamariki. Aladdin!! Always a highlight of the school year, can't wait to see and hear the results. 2 weeks of practise during holidays will give a good head start.



**Aladdin Scripts** went home on Tuesday.

Rats/gems/maids to be sorted /confirmed when back at school.

Please look after scripts and bring back to school **first day of next term**, Monday 6<sup>th</sup> of October. Take time in the holidays to become familiar with lines/words in songs etc. Ready to hit the ground running.

**Concert December 3rd.** Put the date on your calendar. Every child has a part to play and it's really important that each child attends the production and prize giving night. If you know your child will be unable to attend please alert the school ASAP.

**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.

### **The Big Grow**

This year, as a new addition to Pet Day, children will be growing vegetables – either lettuces or radishes. 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.

**Reminder everyone has a diary to fill in over the holidays for pet day.**



We had an amazing visitor today. James Golden from the Toi Tois Lions vege seedling stall stand popped in. James grows the seedlings that are for sale at the lions stall down at Fortrose. The proceeds from the sale of plants go towards the many community projects Lions are involved in. James donates his time and is helped by Wendy (who is also a resident in Fortrose) and his parents Leigh & Philip. Many hands help to make this a success.

Fortrose Café opens again this weekend, take a trip over that way for a treat and cuppa. Keep some cash on you and pop into the township, find the stall and get your seedlings for the upcoming growing season.

**Kāore te kumara e kōrero mō tōna ake reka**

*The kumara (sweet potato) does not say how sweet he is*



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**Story character day** was a great success on Tuesday. All children were encouraged to dress up with a character in mind and a book in their hand. It was fantastic to see the variety and creativity from all our tamariki! A big Nga mihi / thank you to all parents for getting in behind this one also!





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**Tomorrow is the last day of term** (Friday 19<sup>th</sup>) 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 is always plenty available, if you require any further details please get in touch with your child's teacher.



The 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 1<sup>st</sup> 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 50<sup>th</sup> 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.



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.



| <b>Upcoming Events</b> Dates subject to change        |                                                                   |
|-------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Sun 14 <sup>th</sup> – Sat 20 <sup>th</sup> September | Maori Language week (50 year celebration).                        |
| Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> September                     | Celebration Assembly – shared kai at 1pm then assembly to follow. |
| Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> September                     | Last Day of Term 3                                                |
| Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> October                        | First day of term 4                                               |
| Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> October                       | Life Education                                                    |
| Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> October                       | School Board meeting (BoT)                                        |
| Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> October                       | Pet Day                                                           |
| Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> October                       | Labour Day <b>NO School – No Buses</b>                            |
| Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> October                       | Southern Zone Football tournament                                 |
| Date tbc                                              | Southern Zone Triathlon                                           |
| Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> December                       | School Board meeting (BoT)                                        |
| Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December                    | School Production & prize giving                                  |

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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) | <b>\$1.50</b> | Small Sausage rolls not always in stock | <b>\$3.00</b> |
| Moosies (Chocolate)             | <b>\$1.50</b> | Toppas not always in stock              | <b>\$3.00</b> |

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](mailto: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 Otepunui 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             |

**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.flickit.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.flickit.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

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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.

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](https://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](https://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](https://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):**

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<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

**23<sup>RD</sup> + 24<sup>TH</sup> 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: 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> September 10-11am

Who: Open to children aged 10+

Where: Invercargill Velodrome, ILT Stadium Southland

Sign up

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



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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

Health New Zealand  
Te Whatu Ora

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Health Service

 Talkteeth Southern



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 & Dampier Making  
Thursday October 2nd

**WILD WOMEN**  
A wild evening for the ladies, mums and grandmums. A night around the fire and some fun night orienteering!  
Friday October 3rd 6pm-9pm



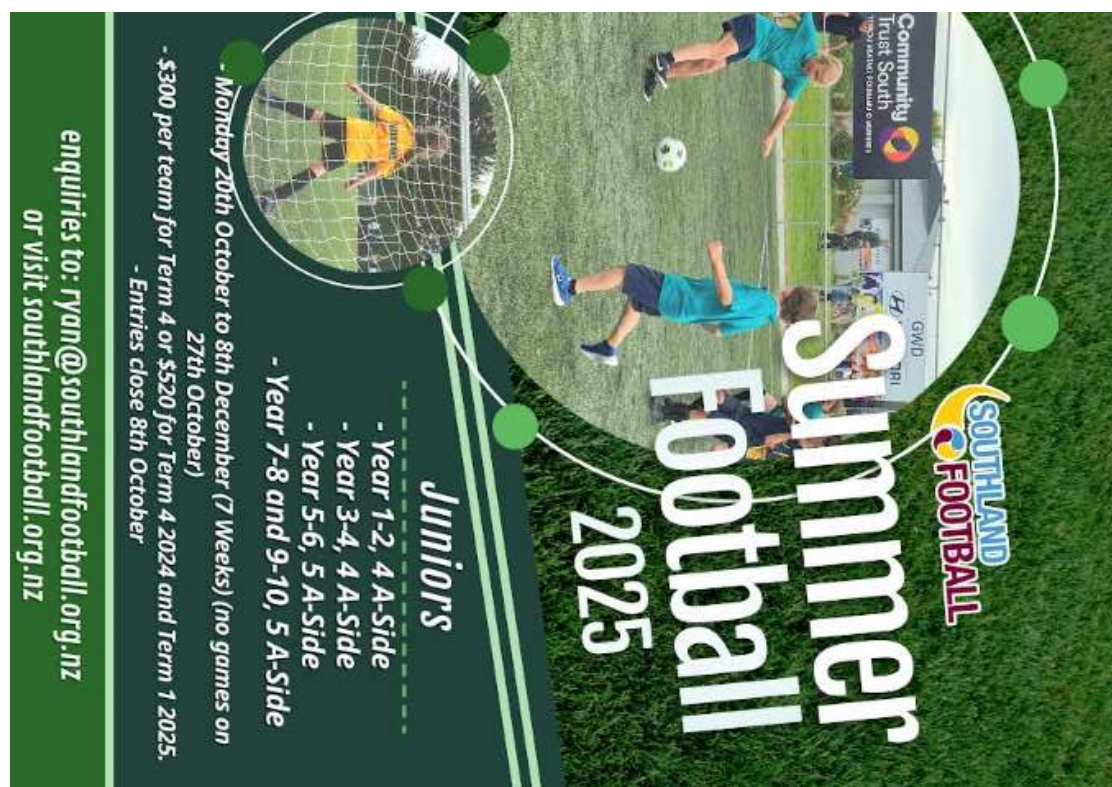
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A circular graphic showing a football pitch with players in blue and yellow kits. The text 'Summer Football 2025' is prominently displayed in the center. To the right, the 'SOUTHLAND FOOTBALL' logo is visible. Below the main title, the word 'Juniors' is written in a stylized font. The poster lists details for the tournament, including dates, fees, and age groups.

**Summer Football 2025**

**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](mailto:ryan@southlandfootball.org.nz)  
or visit [southlandfootball.org.nz](http://southlandfootball.org.nz)

The South Coast Environment Society's



A colorful poster for 'Bountiful Backyards' featuring a tree with pink blossoms, two chickens, and a bunch of carrots. The text 'Bountiful Backyards' is written in a large, green, hand-drawn font. A red banner in the top right corner indicates the location and dates. Below the title, it says 'Spring workshop weekend' and provides a website link. A QR code is on the left, and a blue cloud-like shape on the right mentions cheap transport.

**Bountiful Backyards**

**Riverton 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> October**

**Spring workshop weekend**

[www.sces.org.nz/bountifulbackyards](http://www.sces.org.nz/bountifulbackyards)

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Cheap transport available!

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## **ATHLETICS FOR EVERYBODY**

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  
[Athletics Southland Facebook](#)

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 16<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER**



FOR MORE DETAILS AND  
TO PURCHASE TICKETS VISIT  
**[GALABID.COM/WHITELOTUS](https://galabid.com/whitelotus)**

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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](http://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](mailto:Isla.hardy@ot.govt.nz)

Website: [orangatamariki.govt.nz](http://orangatamariki.govt.nz)

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





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