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Thursday 28th August 2025: Term 3 Week 7

Kia ora, whanau/ hello everyone!

Crikey, that was a nice we thunderstorm we just had go over this afternoon. Thunderclap directly overhead making the school vibrate is pretty intense for a minute.



Please let teachers know before the end of the term if your child/ren are going to bring a pet to school **for pet day on Friday the 24th of October**. Those bringing pets with the aim of being judged will need to start a pet diary, so please get in touch via email or dojo 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!

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



Reminder for **Story-telling school comp** on Mon/ Tues to determine who will be chosen to share their stories with the ladies from Altrusa on WED morning at 10 am. Senior children, in particular, have had class time to prepare for this and by now the stories should be pretty fluent and ready for polishing over the weekend. Perhaps ask your children to tell YOU their story instead of reading to them!

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

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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.



A very proud Ben Black holding the Gordon Maxwell memorial trophy. A great link to our sporting past and those before us. It is fantastic to see it being awarded at Woodlands. When asked about his season and what area



had he grown in, Ben stated his "step was pretty good" and he had been working hard on it. Ben noted his team played well plus had some tough matches. Ben also said he was in the top 5 players on the team but by far had the best (side)step.

Congratulations Ben, well deserved!

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 ASAP.



The 50th anniversary of the 1st recognised Maori language week is coming up in September. We will be encouraging an increased use of reo not just over this week, but leading up to it as well. In our newsletter and in day to day school communications. We encourage inclusion and if you

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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 just been through Polyfest there is a great energy around our blended cultures but the enjoyment our tamariki/children get from the whole experience.

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:



**Leslie Clifford Frisby
O'Connor Agri Services Limited
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Thwaites**

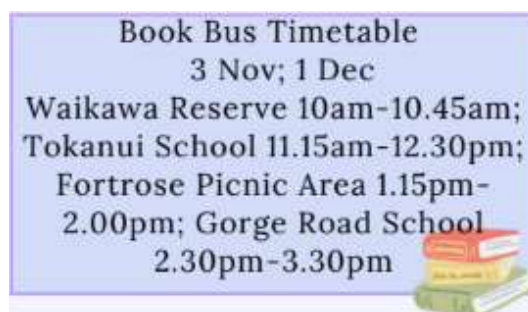
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Waimahaka Farms
MNM Farming Ltd - Waituna Rd
Waituna Investments Ltd - Lawson**



September.

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



Upcoming Events Dates subject to change	
Friday 29 th August	COL TOD NO School – No Buses
Wednesday 10 th September	Story telling competition 10am
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)

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Friday 24 th October	Pet Day
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.

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.

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/>

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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.flicket.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.

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):

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



**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

The poster features a cartoon tooth character holding a toothbrush and a tube of toothpaste. A thought bubble above the tooth explains the importance of brushing. A large circular graphic on the left is split vertically, with a sun on the left half and a moon on the right half, representing morning and night.

Health New Zealand
Te Whatu Ora

**Community Oral
Health Service**



Talkteeth Southern



**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
INCORPORATED**

The poster is red with white and yellow text. It features a small image of three cyclists at the top. The text provides details about track cycling sessions, including dates, times, costs, and a registration email address. The Cycling Southland logo is at the bottom.

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

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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

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



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SEPTEMBER / OCTOBER

SPRING HOLIDAYS

CHILD VS WILD (7-13)
A three day adventure quest
22nd September - 24th September Invercargill
25th 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 28th - 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 & Damper Making
Thursday October 2nd

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

LIMITED TO 15 PLACES EACH DAY!

Gareth and Katie Oliver at: Garethandkatie@truenature.com
www.truenature.com Phone: 0226381497



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www.healthinfo.org.nz

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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