



Term 1 Wk 4
28th Feb 2025

Newsletter

Kia ora koutou,

We are so incredibly proud of our students' impressive performances at the recent West Otago Athletics! Our tamariki showed outstanding determination, sportsmanship and most of all our Waikoikoi School values. It was fantastic to see our community coming together to support them. A huge thank you to all the parents and whanau who helped cheer them on and for transporting them to Tapanui - we really are a little school with big spirit! Good luck to Charlotte and Riley who have qualified to represent Waikoikoi and West Otago at Eastern Athletics on Tuesday. All the best - Go hard!

We continue to work hard in the classroom, we want to remind you that parent/teacher/student goal setting interviews are coming up on Monday. If you haven't yet made a booking, please do. If the date or time does not suit please reach out and we can make another time. These interviews are a great opportunity to discuss your child's progress, celebrate their achievements and set goals together. We're looking forward to connecting with you and sharing insights into how we can work together to support our learners.

We have our first Board meeting of the year on Monday 3rd March. The Board is in charge of the governance of the school. We need your feedback. Please fill in the attached questionnaire. Board elections are coming up this year so please consider joining our team to shape the future of our school.

We also want to give you a heads-up about some important upcoming events. Swimming lessons are just around the corner (17th to 21st of March)! We will travel to Waikaka School for swimming lessons. If your child needs a car seat with a harness please send it to school.

This year we welcome Miss Sage Campbell to our teaching team. Sage will be in and out of the classroom during the year. Sage will continue the classroom programme and support the students in all areas of their learning.

Ngā mihi, Jacqui Dillon and the Waikoikoi School Team.

[Goal Setting Interview](#)

[Parent Survey 2025](#)



Think Safe Brain CAMPAIGN



Gurt & Pops
Est. 2017



The ['Think Safe Brain'](#) Campaign is for Rural Schools around New Zealand where whole communities celebrate everything rural while teaching critical practical lessons about health, safety and well-being. Aimed at flipping health and safety on its head to focus on practicality and using children to advocate for changes in behaviours, we aim to ensure that everyone goes home alive at the end of every single day. With our industry facing challenging times and losing too many farmers, it is vital that we do something practical to make sure our people stay safe. Safety should be something that is not an added extra but something we do that makes sense and because we care. Let's stop, think and create an environment where staying safe is engaging and fun.

We are so excited to work with a range of people throughout the country including New Zealand Police, Firewatch, Fire and Emergency, Rural Support Trust, Farmstrong, FMG, St John, Beef and Lamb New Zealand, Local Contractors, Rural Schools, Power Companies, Farmers and local communities to make these days successful!

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT/SUN
Week 4 24 Home & School Meeting 7.30pm	25	26	27	28 Launch Pad First Day	01/02
Week 5 03 Board Meeting	04 Eastern Athletics	05	06	07	08/09
Week 6 10	11	12	13	14	15/16
Week 7 17 Swimming	18 Swimming	19 Swimming Sports Activator	20 Swimming	21 Swimming	22/23 Ambrose Golf
Week 8 24 Otago Anniversary Closed	25	26	27	28	29/30
Week 9 30	01	02 Sports Activator	03	04	05/06
Week 10 07 Board Meeting	08	09 Think Safe Brain - Heriot	10 LAST DAY	11 TEACHER ONLY DAY	

TERM ONE



weeks: 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11

MON - Lasagna

TUES - Butter Chicken

WED - Filled Ham Roll

THUR - Pasta & Meatballs

FRI - Chicken Burger

weeks: 2, 4, 6, 8, 10

MON - Nachos

TUES - Mac 'n' Cheese

WED - Noodle Box

THUR - Sandwich

FRI - Beef Burger



get your
REGISTRATION
for the 2025
season in by
the 20th March

INCLUDES:
all Juniors, Senior Men & Women

ANY QUERIES PLEASE
email gorewanderersafc@outlook.co.nz OR message our facebook page

Back to
School

2025 School Update

Tapanui Area

Kia ora koutou! Wishing everyone a smooth start to Term One and the school year!
The Community Oral Health Service provides free dental care until age 18 and our team is here to support your school community - below are some key updates for the year ahead.

Mobile Dental Unit:



- Tapanui

16 Sussex Street; Ph: 027 284 9872

*From 5 May - 6 June



Keep an eye out for the two handy oral health tips we'll send out each term, for your school to share via newsletters or social media



*Dates subject to change
For appointments outside these dates please call

0800 672 543

Local Community Clinics:



- Balclutha

45 Frances Street; Ph: 418 3366


- Gore

9 Birch Lane; Ph: 203 9042


Give Your Teeth A Rest

Snack All Day, Get Tooth Decay!



3 x 
as 1 snack
= 30 minutes of possible
tooth decay



1 x 
as 3 separate snacks
= 90 minutes of possible
tooth decay



**HOW OFTEN we eat is as important as
WHAT we eat to keep our teeth healthy**

The more times we eat each day = more chance for holes in our teeth



**SMASH PLAY CRICKET
TERM 1 2025
TUESDAYS - GORE**

YR1/2 BOYS & GIRLS

STARTING TUES 25TH FEB FOR 6 WEEKS

**4PM START EVERY WEEK
@ HAMILTON PK**

\$25 COST PER PLAYER

REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN!



**GIRLS SMASH CRICKET
TERM 1 2025
TUESDAYS - GORE**

YR3-YR8 GIRLS

STARTING TUES 25TH FEB FOR 6 WEEKS

**4PM START EVERY WEEK
@ HAMILTON PK**

\$25 COST PER PLAYER

REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN!

**SUMMER
SMASH**



**SUMMER SMASH CRICKET
TERM 1 2025
TUESDAYS - GORE**

YR3/4 BOYS & GIRLS

STARTING TUES 25TH FEB FOR 6 WEEKS

**4PM START EVERY WEEK
@ HAMILTON PK**

\$25 COST PER PLAYER

REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN!



**FRIDAY CRICKET
TERM 1 2025
EASTERN SOUTHLAND**

YR4-6 & YR7/8 GRADES

STARTING FRI 28TH FEB FOR 6 WEEKS

**4PM START EVERY WEEK
@ EASTERN SOUTHLAND VENUES**

\$25 COST PER PLAYER

REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN!

Tapanui Community Library Change of opening hours for Term 1

Tuesday 28 Jan Open 3pm -5pm	Tuesday 4 March Open 2pm - 5pm
Tuesday 4 Feb Open 2pm -5pm	Tuesday 11 March Open 3pm -5pm
Tuesday 11 Feb Closed All Day	Tuesday 18 March Open 2pm- 5pm
Tuesday 18 Feb Open 2pm -5pm	Tuesday 25 March Closed All Day
Tuesday 25 Feb Closed All Day	Tuesday 8 April Closed All Day
Wednesday 9 April Back to normal hours Mon-Fri 8.30am-5pm	

(03) 204 8306 | clutha.library@cluthadc.govt.nz
https://libraries.cluthadc.govt.nz



Cross Recreation Centre
home of recreation & sport

FOOD TRUCK Night

GOLD COIN ENTRY

HELP US
TO GET NEW
RESOURCES
FOR THE
COMMUNITY
TO ENJOY



**Friday, 14 March 2025
5.00-7.30pm**

More information
03 418 3470

Visit our website
www.crossrecreationcentre.co.nz

Proud to be part of **Tasman Country** NZ's Country Music Festival

4 DAY EVENT
The Coolest **BUSKING** Event in NZ!

PROUDLY SUPPORTED BY
VAN DE WATER JEWELLERS

FREEZE YA BITS OFF BUSKING

THURSDAY 29 MAY - Schools Competition
11:00am - 1:00pm

FRIDAY 30 & SATURDAY 31 MAY - Busking Auditions
10:00am - 12:00 noon / 12:00 noon - 2:00pm

SUNDAY 1 JUNE - FINALS
4:30pm - 6:30pm at St James Theatre

Wrap yourself up warm, hit the streets and be in to win great prizes!

Find out more and register at
goredc.govt.nz/fybob

Check out our Facebook page
facebook.com/FreezeYaBitsBusking

GO RURAL CITY

MINDS IN MOTION



ABLE MINDS INVITE YOU TO JOIN OUR GROUP FOR PARENTS AND WHĀNAU WHO HAVE A CHILD IN THEIR LIFE WITH ADHD OR AUTISM

WE AIM TO EMPOWER, EDUCATE AND CONNECT PARENTS WITH FREE SUPPORT FROM ABLE MINDS

5.30PM-7PM FIRST MONDAY EVERY MONTH - 1ST GROUP ON 3RD MARCH 2025

CONNECTED EASTERN SOUTHLAND, 1 CHARLTON LANE, GORE

FOR MORE INFO, PLEASE CONTACT:
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