



Term 1 Wk 2
13th Feb 2025

Newsletter

Welcome to 2025! We are so excited to welcome you to Waikoikoi School 2025. A special welcome to the Crawford and Starnes families. We are excited to be part of your school life journey.

We have started the year with 9 amazing students and we will be welcoming more students as the year progresses. We have moved into room 2 and Waikoikoi Playgroup are in room 1. It is wonderful to be sharing our space with our community.

This year we are offering a goal setting meeting with parents. This is an opportunity to chat about student achievement and the next learning step for each learner. We encourage every family to attend as this is incredible valuable. Please book a time by clicking on this [link](#).

Waikoikoi School board is looking for some feedback from every family about our school. Please fill in the attached questionnaire. It would be amazing if every family could please fill in your thoughts. By doing so, you will help shape the schools local curriculum.

Click this [link](#) to complete.

Attendance

One of the things we are continuing to focus on in 2025 is student attendance. If a student misses one day of school every two weeks, they miss more than a whole year of school by 16 years of age. As a parent or caregiver, you, alongside our school, play a key role in building strong habits of regular school attendance.

All students are legally required to attend school every day and it is a shared responsibility to make sure students attend and engage in learning from when they first start school.

You must let the school know if your child is going to be absent or intends to be absent for a portion of the school term for whatever reason, like a tangi or medical procedure. Family holidays or taking time off for extracurricular activities (not organised by school) are unjustified reasons for being absent.

Knowing if your child is well enough to go to school can be tricky. Health guidance to support you to decide is available from Te Whatu ora. If you are still unsure, get in touch with us and let's work together to support your child. A medical certificate is requested for prolonged illness of three days.

If you are finding it hard to get your child to school, please talk with us so we can work together. Waikoikoi School is committed to supporting your child to attend school. Our school continues to build a culture that fosters attendance every day by having:

- School staff who have strong relationships with students and family.
- A school culture that recognises your child and your family for who you are, where you come from and what you value.
- A school whānau that takes all practical steps to make sure your child is at school and progressing in their learning.
- A school that is safe and welcoming for everyone in our school community.

If you have any attendance queries and issues, please contact us so we can work together.

Athletics information

Date: Thursday 20 February 2025

Postponement: Friday 21st February 2025 or next fine day

Venue: Blue Mountain College Grounds. Grounds are smokefree.

Age: As at 31 December 2024

Time: 8.30 am for students competing in the 1500m event. 9.00am for all other students. All events start at 9.20am

Travel: Parents to transport students to event. Contact the school if you need support with this.

Clothing: Waikoikoi School t-shirt, and black shorts. School hoodie will be given out to wear and sunhat supplied from school and running shoes.

Equipment: Sunscreen, packed morning tea and lunch, water bottle. Heriot PTA will be running a BBQ lunch this year, Sausages \$3. Coffee Can will be on site throughout the day. Lunch will be between 12.40 and 1.15pm approx. If children are not back in time for the next event they will miss out.

Postponement: Parents will need to listen to 'Hokonui Gold' radio on Thursday morning and a message will be sent in the Whats App group.

Help during the day: Waikoikoi School is in charge of long jump so please come and give us a hand with measuring etc

General Information -

- Children must remain at each event until the hooter sounds for them to go to the next station.
- Remember the day could be sunny or cold. Please come prepared.
- Results will be recorded beside children's names at each event. There will be no individual results.
- Following the last of their events children will be free to go home with parents. All transport is parents responsibility **5 & 6 year olds will be involved in Sprint Finals for the first time this year so will need to remain until after lunch.**
- Parents and students will be informed asap about qualification for Eastern on Tuesday 4th March
- 5 year old children will have the choice of using quoit and softball or 350g discus and 1kg shot. 6 year old children will use 350g discus and 1 kg shot put as per previous years.
- High Jump - scissor technique to be used unless the Fosbury Flop has been coached by trained personnel ie Gore Athletics Club - in this case a signed note to be supplied.

(These are the same rules used at Eastern Athletics) (If a note is received the thick mat will be arranged)

- 1st Jump to be 30cm below Eastern Standard, 2nd jump 20cm, 3rd jump 10cm. 4th jump onwards to go up in 3 or 4cm increments until competition is complete.
- 800m – remind students they need to remain in lane for the first 100

Any concerns, complaints, questions to be addressed to Jacqui please, not people running each event.

ORDER OF EVENTS Times are only approximate and may well change on the day.

Age	8.30	9.00	9.20	9.50	10.20	10.50	11.10	11.40	12.10	12.40	1.15
5		A S S E M B L E	Nerf Throw	Shot Put	Long Jump	BREAK	High Jump	Discus	Sprints 60m	L U N C H	Sprint Finals
6			Shot Put	Long Jump	High Jump	BREAK	Discus	Sprints 60m	Nerf Throw		Sprint Finals
7			Long Jump	High Jump	Discus	BREAK	Sprints 60/100m	Nerf Throw	Shot Put		Sprint Finals
8			High Jump	Discus	Sprints 60/100m	BREAK	Nerf Throw	Shot Put	Long Jump		Sprint Finals
9	1500m		Discus	Sprints 100/200 m	Nerf Throw	800m	Shot Put	Long Jump	High Jump		Sprint Finals
10	1500m		Sprints 100/200 m	Nerf Throw	Shot Put	800m	Long Jump	High Jump	Discus		Sprint Finals

ORDER OF SPRINT FINALS

200m 10 & 9 Yrs
60m 8 & 7 Yrs, 6 & 5 Yrs
100m 9, 8, 7, 10 Yrs

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT/SUN
10- Week 2	11	12	13	14	15/16
17- Week 3	18	19 Sports Activator	20 Athletics Day	21	22/23
24- Week 4 Home & School Meeting 7.30pm	25	26	27	28 Launch Pad First Day	01/02
03- Week 5	04 Eastern Athletics	05 Sports Activator	06	07	08/09
10- Week 6	11	12	13	14	15/16
17- Week 7 Swimming	18 Swimming	19 Sports Activator Swimming	20 Swimming	21 Swimming	22/23 Ambrose Golf
24- Week 8 Otago Anniversary Closed	25	26	27	28	29/30
30- Week 9	01	02 Sports Activator	03	04	05/06
07- Week 10	08	09	10	11	

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

TE REO MĀORI ORIENTATION NIGHT

SIT Gore Campus
Level 2

Date:

Wednesday, 12th February
6:00pm – 9:00pm

Start Date:

Wednesday, 19th February

Enrol now at sit.ac.nz

gore@sit.ac.nz | 03 208 9833

*T&Cs apply



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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

Health New Zealand
Te Whatu Ora

Community Oral
Health Service

Scan this code
for more great
tooth tips



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@cluthadoc.govt.nz
<https://libraries.cluthadoc.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:
ZAVANA@ABLE.ORG.NZ OR 021360096





**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!