



Term 1 Wk 10
10th April 2025

Newsletter

Welcome to the last newsletter of Term 1 – time is flying!

Our Waikoikoi tamariki had an awesome time at Think Brain Safe Day at Heriot – a big thank you to Aimee Keenan and Harriet Bremner for organising such a fun, hands-on day of learning! It was incredible to explore farm safety in a real, local environment. All the modules were interactive, giving our students the chance to *learn by doing!*

A huge thanks to the sponsors and all the amazing learning station facilitators. We'd also like to thank the Heriot Fire Brigade for donating a book to our school library!

The Heriot PTA's hospitality was fabulous. Thank you for feeding us so well!

Each Waikoikoi School family will receive two of Harriet's books, thanks to the generosity of the sponsors. And of course, a massive thank you to all the parents who helped with transport and supported our groups on the day – we truly appreciate you!

What's Coming Up at Waikoikoi School?

In **Term 2**, we're lucky to have *Whaea Jaki* joining us once a week to help strengthen our learning in te reo Māori and tikanga Māori working towards our community Matariki Celebration at the end of the term.

Term 3 will see us putting on a school production. A bespoke script about our community and our learning journey this year (written by Miss Dillon).

Term 4, we're off on camp to Te Anau! We're super excited for our school camp to Te Anau! It's going to be an unforgettable experience packed with fun, learning, and adventure. The cost will be around \$100 this year so please keep that in mind and just a quick reminder that all camp payments must be received before camp commences. If you have any questions or need to arrange a payment plan, please get in touch – we're happy to help! More info to come closer to the time!

Remember school is closed for instruction tomorrow as the staff have teachers only day where they will be learning about the new mathematics curriculum with the schools of the Pomahaka Kahui Ako.

Have a great term break and see you on the 28th of April.

Ma te wa

Jacqui Dillon and the Waikoikoi School Staff.

WORLD BOOK DAY

On World Book Day, which is a celebration of books and reading, many people dress up as their favorite book characters, fostering a love for literature and storytelling. This day falls in the school holidays so we will be celebrating this day on **Friday the 2nd of May!** Some students may want to incorporate duckshooting as their dressup!

What is World Book Day?

- It's an annual event, celebrated worldwide, that encourages people of all ages to enjoy books and reading.
- It's a time for schools, libraries, and communities to organize events and activities that promote literacy.
- A key part of the celebration is dressing up as a favorite book character.

Why dress up?

- It's a fun and engaging way to participate in the celebration.
- It allows people to connect with their favourite stories and characters.
- It can spark conversations about books and reading.

Tips for choosing a costume:

- Pick a character: Choose a character that you or your child enjoys and that you feel comfortable dressing up as.
- Get creative: Use everyday items to create your costume, or find inspiration online.
- Be resourceful: If you don't have the items you need, you can often find them at second hand shops or already at home.

The most important thing is to have fun with your costume and enjoy the day!



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT/SUN
Wk1 - 28/04	29	30	01	02 World Book Day	03/04
Wk 2 - 05/05	06	07	08	09	10/11
Wk 3 - 12/05 Sports Activator	13	14 Play House Theatre- Pukerau	15	16	17/18
Wk 4 - 19/05	20	21	22	23 Country School Cross Country	24/25
Wk 5 - 26/05 BOT Meeting 7pm	27	28	29	30	31/01-06
Wk 6 - 02/06 King's Birthday CLOSED	03	04 Sports Activator	05 Eastern Cross Country	06	07/08
Wk 7 - 09/06	10	11	12	13 Southland Primary Cross Country	14/15
Wk 8 - 16/06	17	18	19 Mataniki Celebration Tapanui	20 Matariki CLOSED	21/22
Wk 9 - 23/06 BOT Meeting 7pm	24	25 Sports Activator	26	27	

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	

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<https://libraries.cluthadc.govt.nz>



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We aim to EMPOWER, EDUCATE and CONNECT parents with free support from Able Minds

1 PM-3 PM First Thursday every month:
3rd April
1st May
5th June
3rd July

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51 Centre St Invercargill

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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
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The Southland Literacy Association presents the

2025 Southland Literacy Symposium



SATURDAY 17TH MAY, 8:30AM - 1:15 PM

Donovan Primary School, 200 Drury Lane, Invercargill

Come & join us for an amazing Keynote followed by a variety of workshops!

Our superb Keynote Speaker **Jill Eggleton** has a lifelong passion for literacy learning arising from a successful career as an Assistant Principal and classroom teacher. Jill is the author of over 1,000 books, along with poetry anthologies and teacher resource books. In 2010 she was awarded a Q.S.O. for Education and Literacy in NZ, and in 2015 the Margaret Mahy medal for her work in children's literature.

Keynote: 'Sensing the Struggle'

'Sensing the Struggle,' is about highlighting an awareness of what can create barriers to the joy of reading, for both teachers and learners. In presenting 'Sensing the Struggle,' Jill will highlight what she believes matters and works in assisting engagement and helping all children view reading and writing, as sources of pleasure. Jill will draw on the richness of our literacy heritage, but with the importance of embracing and adapting to the learning needs of our children today. Jill will look beyond decoding, to creating a literacy environment where a teacher both reaches and teaches with methods, that capture the heart of the learners.

Jill Eggleton



COST
\$50 SLA MEMBERS
\$60 NON SLA MEMBERS
\$45 KEYNOTE ZOOM LIVE STREAMING ONLY*
\$20 STUDENTS
All prices exclude GST

Registrations open: Monday 17th March
Registrations close: Thursday 8th May

*A recording will not be taken of the Keynote Speaker's presentation



WORKSHOP PRESENTERS WANTED!

We are looking for keen educators who would love to present 1-2 literacy based workshops at the symposium! A special symposium rate will be offered to those who will be selected. Email us with your expression of interest at southlandliteracy@nzla.org.nz

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NZ Southland Literacy Association



Parent Support Group

A space for you to connect



Meet with other parents and carers who know what it's like to care for a disabled child, a neurodivergent child, or a child with health impairments.

Parent to Parent hosts regular Parent Support Groups in Gore, to support carers and parents just like you. These groups are a safe space for family and whānau to share their experiences, their challenges, their triumphs, and to learn from each other in an open and 100% judgement-free environment. No topic is too 'weird', no question too 'out there'. We get it, and we are here to help.

So if you'd like to share a struggle, celebrate a success, raise a concern, or simply have a cuppa and chat with other parents and carers in your area, you are always welcome at our Parent Support Group. Children are welcome too! Drop in for as long or as short a time as you want.

Upcoming groups for 2025

Dates: Wed 19th March | Wed 16th April | Wed 18th June | Wed 16th July |
Wed 17th September | Wed 15th October | Wed 12th November

Time: 11:00am - 12:00pm

Venue: Calvin Community Church, 25 Robertson Street, Gore 9710

Just show up on the day!

Or contact MaryAnn Hughes for more information:

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