



**Term 1 Wk 6**  
14th March 2025

# Newsletter

Kia ora Whānau,

*Congratulations to Riley who will be representing Waikoikoi and West Otago at the Southland Primary Schools Athletics on the 22 March for 100m.*

## **Swimming Lessons**

Next week, our students will be heading to Waikaka for swimming lessons each day. Please ensure your child brings their togs, towel, goggles, and warm clothes. We will be leaving school at 10:20 am daily. We swim from 11:00 to 11:45am each day. If you would like to attend please come over to watch. If your child requires a harness car seat, please send it to school.

## **Assembly – March 28th**

Mark your calendars! Our school assembly will be held on Friday, March 28th at 2:30pm. We look forward to seeing you there to celebrate our students' achievements.

## **Breakfast Donations Needed Please.**

We are asking for donations of spreads for breakfast, especially Nutella. Any contributions would be greatly appreciated! We would also appreciate any donation of apples as well please.

## **Oxford Maths**

We are excited to share that we are implementing Oxford Maths in our classrooms! This programme provides a structured approach to numeracy, helping students build strong mathematical skills through engaging activities and real-world problem-solving. We look forward to seeing our students grow in confidence with their maths learning.

## **Writer's Toolbox**

In writing, we are using Writer's Toolbox to support students in developing their writing skills. This fantastic tool helps learners structure their ideas, expand their vocabulary, and refine their writing in creative and meaningful ways. We start at sentence level and grow from there.

## **Attendance Matters!**

A friendly reminder about the importance of regular attendance. Being at school every day helps students stay on track with their learning and build strong routines. If your child is unwell or unable to attend, please notify us by either leaving a message on the phone system or by sending a message on whatsapp.

Ngā mihi, Jacqui Dillon and the Waikoikoi School Team.

## Waikoikoi School Board Meeting Update

Here are the key updates from our recent Waikoikoi School Board Meeting held on March 3rd, 2025:

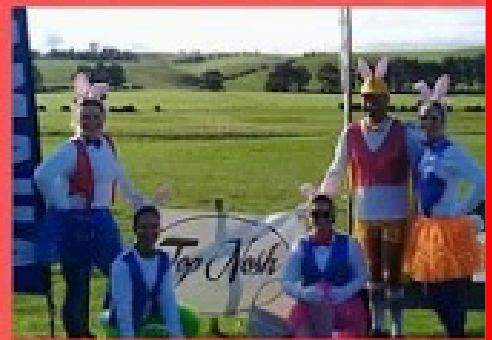
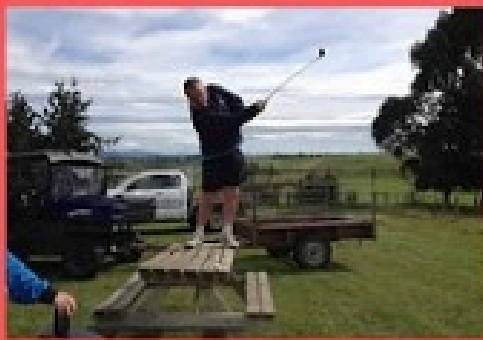
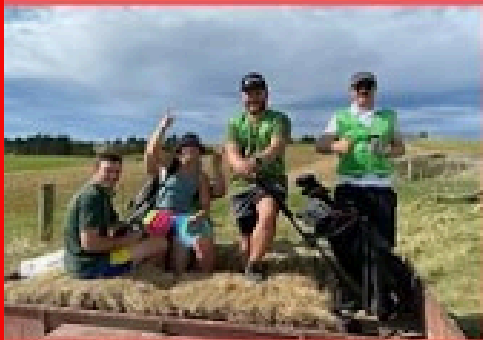
- Congratulations to Josh van Gool, who has been re-elected as the Presiding Member of our School Board.
- We're excited to announce that the windows in the classrooms and toilets are going to be upgraded. The school has been upgraded with acoustic panels and electrical plugs etc.
- Upcoming Events – A Teacher Only Day has been confirmed for April 11th, 2025 for teachers to work with the Kahui Ako schools on the new Mathematics curriculum.
- A working bee will be organised to spread bark chips and do gardening and maintenance around the school.
- Policy Review – The Board has reviewed and accepted policies on safety management, risk management, and health & safety.
- Next Board Meeting – April 7th, 2025

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT/SUN
<b>Week 7</b> <b>17</b> Swimming Home & School Meeting 7.30pm	<b>18</b> Swimming	<b>19</b> Swimming Sports Activator	<b>20</b> Swimming	<b>21</b> Swimming	<b>22/23</b> Ambrose Golf
<b>Week 8</b> <b>24</b> Otago Anniversary Closed	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Assembly	<b>29/30</b>
<b>Week 9</b> <b>30</b>	<b>01</b>	<b>02</b> Sports Activator	<b>03</b>	<b>04</b>	<b>05/06</b>
<b>Week 10</b> <b>07</b> Board Meeting	<b>08</b>	<b>09</b> Think Safe Brain - Heriot	<b>10</b> LAST DAY	<b>11</b> TEACHER ONLY DAY	

CELEBRATING 30 YEARS OF

# WAIKOIKOI

# AMBROSE GOLF



TEAMS OF 4  
\$80

DRESS UP THEME  
**COUNTRY  
HOEDOWN**

**SAT 22ND MARCH  
10-11AM START**

36 KOI ROAD WAIKOIKOI  
REGISTRATIONS TO:  
0212926541

**BAR | FOOD | PRIZES | RAFFLES**

# 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

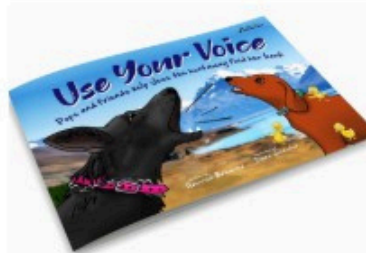


## Think Safe Brain CAMPAIGN



## Gurt & Pops

Est. 2017



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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


# 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**

**Junior Hockey Winter 2025**  
**Year 1-6**  
**28 April - 27 June**

All age groups will play on the turf.  
Please note registrations **MUST** be completed  
by the 23rd March l (Yr 1 - Yr 6)  
Any registrations after this date will not be possible.

Yr 1 & 2 Fridays 3:30 - 6pm  
Subs \$55 Abby Moseby 027 467 8736  
Yr 3 & 4 Fridays 3:30 - 6pm  
Subs \$70 Abby Moseby 027 467 8736  
Yr 5 & 6 Monday 3:30 - 7.30pm  
Subs \$85 Abby Moseby 027 467 8736

<https://www.playhq.com/hockey-new-zealand/register/046587>



**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](mailto:gorewanderersafc@outlook.co.nz) OR message our facebook page

## 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](mailto:clutha.library@cluthadc.govt.nz)  
<https://libraries.cluthadc.govt.nz>



# 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](http://www.crossrecreationcentre.co.nz)

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

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

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**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](http://goredc.govt.nz/fybob)

Check out our Facebook page  
[www.facebook.com/FreezeYaBitsBusking](https://www.facebook.com/FreezeYaBitsBusking)

**GO RURAL CITY RE LIVING**

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

**WE WANT YOU!**  
**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](mailto:southlandliteracy@nzla.org.nz)

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# 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:**  
maryann@parent2parent.org.nz | 027 808 3951