



Principal Report

Events Calendar

Tuesday 27 February
Technology

Thursday 1 March
Athletics

Kia ora,

Our first school trip of the year, to the Waimumu Field Days, was a great success. We had wonderful weather and all of us had a fantastic time. Thank you to Mrs Thomson, Mrs McBain, and Mr and Mrs Vincent for their help on the day.

At the moment in class we are focusing on developing our collaborative and thinking skills. We are learning how to think of things in different ways, and from different perspectives. These essential skills will allow students to undertake self-directed learning in the future.

We are busy making preparations for our Education Review Office visit, which begins on March 5th. ERO will be at our school for three days and will be working with us to see how we can continue to improve our educational outcomes.

Preparations for our combined Athletics day on March 1 are continuing, and I have led coaching for just about every event - I hope to be able to cover each event again before the big day.

Finally, we have been invited to take some senior students to Curio Bay for the Enviroschools hui next month (21 March). We would need to leave fairly early in the morning (perhaps 7.00am) in order to ensure we arrived on time, and we would not be back until around 5.00pm. If anyone is interested and able to take a car, please let me know. I will take my car and am able to take three or four students - students not attending will have a normal day in class.

Have a great weekend.

Mr Samuel Smith

Hokonui Militaires U12

Marching Team fundraising

Nicole McBain is doing extremely well with her Marching, they are fundraising towards the 2017-2018 season, including New Zealand Championships in Hamilton.

They are selling bags of cookie time,

1 bag (20 cookies in a bag) \$20.00.

Orders need to be in by 26

February 2018

please phone **Rowena** for orders,

Home: 208 9418

Cellphone: 027 2103161

Community Events

GORE MUSICAL THEATRE PRESENTS

DREAMWORKS

SHREK

The Musical JR.

Based on the DreamWorks Animation Motion Picture and the Book by William Steig

BROADWAY JUNIOR COLLECTION

Book and Lyrics by David Lindsay-Abaire Music by Jeanine Tesori

Originally produced on Broadway by DreamWorks Theatricals and Neal Street Productions
Original Production Directed by Jason Moore and Rob Ashford
"I'm a Believer" by Neil Diamond

Licensed exclusively by Music Theatre International (Australia).
All performance materials supplied by Hal Leonard Australia.

SBS ST JAMES THEATRE GORE

5th-8th April 2018

TICKET

JOIN US

WAIKAIÁ SCHOOL FAMILY TRAIL RIDE

3-4 MARCH 2018
Glendary Station, Bana Flat Road, Waikaiá

KIDCY TRAILBIKE RIDE
Specially designed for kids 10yrs and under suitable for the whole family
REGISTRATION \$20.00 (incl. 100ml and 100g OPEN WAHAPU) \$20.00 (incl. 100ml and 100g) \$10.00 (incl. 100ml and 100g) (under 5yrs)

FREE OVERNIGHT CAMPING
Make the most of this 2 day event and spend Friday and/or Saturday night amongst the stunning scenery. BBQ lunch available to purchase each day.

Waikaiá School FAMILY TRAILBIKE RIDE

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION DETAILS
#wherethekidsatnz
Waikaiá School Family Trail Ride
7 Nigel Barclay 027 498 5052 or Tina Wilson 027 562 9916

Carnaval

A COLOMBIAN NIGHT

SATURDAY 24th FEBRUARY - 6PM - HANSEN HALL, 133 TAY STREET

MONTHLY POTLUCK DINNER

The Southland Multicultural Council is proud to introduce for the first time ever in Southland a celebration of the Colombian culture. Colombia is ethnically and linguistically diverse with a rich cultural heritage. Come along and enjoy authentic Colombian cuisine.

This is a potluck dinner, therefore we encourage you to bring a plate of food to share. If you are unable to bring a plate of food, entry is as follows:
Individual \$5
Family \$10

On the night we will also be collecting donations of a gold coin or any household / clothing items in support of the Colombian refugees that are soon to be resettled in Invercargill.

Partners: H.T. LANGRISH, COGS, SOUTHERN

Children's Day

Sunday 4th March 2018 – 1-4pm
MLT Events Centre
Gore Multisports Complex
ALL FREE!

All children must be accompanied by a caregiver
Normal pool and ice rink rules apply*

#ChildrensDayNZ

Put tamariki first

Children's Day
childrensday.org.nz

TE RÁ O NGA TAMARIKI CHILDREN'S DAY

LEUKAEMIA AND BLOOD CANCER NZ FUNDRAISER WAIKAIÁ

Firefighter Sky Tower Star Challenge

Come and join us for these events

11.00 am Massive Workout Join Kaz for a workout \$10 pp Boys in Level 2 gear participating!	12.00 pm Street Market Bunty Tissues Bart Sals & Stalls Chocolate Wheel Hot Food Car wash	3.00 pm Raffle Drawn & Head Shave First out the raffles winners Charly head shave Auction	4.00 pm Dog Derby Spectators \$2 pp \$6 a family More information to come	5.00 pm Live Music Come and enjoy some live music! Meet kay raffles	8.00 pm Sit Back & Relax! Special mystery cocktails at the pub!
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FOR THE KIDS...
- old fire truck rides \$7
- police car, tractor, truck rides \$2
- face painting \$2
- bouncy castle \$2

If you can't make the day...
but you still like to help a great cause, you can help online to make a donation. Just go to www.firefighterteam.org.nz and press DONATE! Do a team search for Waikaiá. Thank you for your contribution!

Four local volunteer fire brigade members are participating in the Sky Tower Star Challenge 2018. Help them raise vital money for Leukaemia and Blood Cancer NZ.

SATURDAY 17 MARCH
ST PATRICK'S DAY 2018
Main Street Waikaiá
EVENTS STARTING FROM 11AM
Buck Sale and Stalls \$20pp
To Book your stall phone Tiffany Prewiens 027 332883

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Junior Wanderers Football Club

Are you aged 11 this year, or up to age 16

Come and enjoy a team sport, make new friends and have a lot of fun
Football is for girls and boys

Registration day: Thursday 1st and Tuesday 6th March from 5:00 - 6:30pm
at the St Peters School Hall.

You can also register online at MyCOMET www.tiny.co/mycomet
Our website is www.tiny.co/jw or you can find us on facebook
www.facebook.com/JuniorWanderers/
Or email juniowanderers@gmail.com

Notice to Parents/Caregivers



Public Health South

Dunedin: Private Bag 1921, Dunedin 9054
Ph: 03 476 9800 Fax: 03 476 9858

Invercargill: PO Box 1601, Invercargill 9840
Ph: 03 211 8500 Fax: 03 214 9070

Queenstown: PO Box 2180, Frankton, Queenstown 9349
Ph: 03 450 9156 Fax: 03 450 9169

February 2018

Principals and Head teachers

Whooping Cough (pertussis) - Advice to schools and early childcare institutions

Whooping cough (Pertussis) is a bacterial illness that is always circulating in the community. However in November 2017, the Ministry of Health declared a national outbreak due to an increase in notification of cases. Whooping cough is highly infectious and is spread by coughing and sneezing. While anyone can be affected, in Southern DHB it is more common in people under 19 years.

Vaccination is the best way to prevent spread of disease and protect individuals. Booster vaccination for teaching staff is available at their own GP and should be considered every 10 years, particularly when working with vulnerable infants and children who are immune-compromised.

It is free for:

- Pregnant women in the third trimester. This helps protect mother and baby in the first weeks of life but needs to be repeated in each pregnancy.
- Babies at 6 weeks, 3 months and 5 months - on time vaccination is best
- Booster for children at 4 years and 11 years of age

Who is at risk?

Infants under the age of 12 months who are not old enough to have been fully vaccinated are most at risk of serious illness and complications requiring hospitalisation. Maori or Pacific infants are two to three times more likely to be hospitalised than those of European ethnicity. This risk is reduced if pregnant women are vaccinated in late pregnancy (third trimester).

Children who have been fully immunised, are likely to have protective immunity to the illness for a few years and may not develop symptoms, or their symptoms may be milder. Unfortunately, older children and adults can still get and spread the infection because immunity fades over time, and catching the infection also does not provide lifelong immunity. This includes teaching staff who may then spread disease.

Symptoms and signs of whooping cough

Initially, a runny nose and an irritating cough, with a slight fever that may be followed by spasms of coughing some days later. The cough can last for weeks and may have a "whooping" sound during coughing fits, gasping for breath or vomiting after coughing. People are infectious from the start of the runny nose until 21 days later. Antibiotics can help reduce the infectious period if started within 18 days of onset but beyond that are unlikely to be beneficial. Children often appear well between coughing fits and may not have all of the above signs/symptoms.

Kind
Manaakitanga

Open
Pono

Positive
Whaiwhakaaro

Community
Whanaungatanga