



## Events Calendar

**Monday 11 June–Tuesday 12 June**  
**Swimming Lessons 1.30-2.30pm**

**Tuesday 12 June**  
**Year 7 & 8 Technology**

**Thursday 14 June**  
**Eastern Cross Country**

**Nicole is selling cheeserolls for her under 12 marching team Hokonui Militaries. \$6.50 dozen or 4 dozen for \$20.00. Orders and money due by 22 June. These will be made the following weekend, thank you.**



## Principal Report

Kia ora,

What a week! I hope that everyone was safe and warm during the past few days.

Our swimming lessons are going well. Students are benefiting from the small lessons. It is encouraging to see the confidence of Otama students in the water.

Next week is the Eastern Cross Country at Waimumu. Kathy Martin will teach while I transport the three competitors and support them at the event. Students can be picked up from the event after competing or I will drop them back at school before 3pm. Good luck in advance!

Thank you for your support during the wild weather we've had. Please let us know if you're not receiving messages as it's important to ensure our systems are working well.

Well done to...

**Nicole**, for developing and editing a story with care to achieve goals.

**Kewene**, for taking his time to complete work to a high standard.

Enjoy Nicole's story - I found it very topical!

Have a great weekend.

Samuel Smith

**A copy of the Otama School Audit 2017 is available at school to view.**

Our plumber, Nick Grant, brought his drone along and took this great shot of Otama School from above!



### Winter Worries - A narrative by Nicole

The frostbite nipping at the end of my frozen fingers. My mind is racing wondering when the end will come. Fingers turning purple, Jack Frost isn't on my side today. In the frozen unknown I'm sitting waiting till the end. The surroundings are silent. Fighting for life struggling for breath the day has ended. All I can see is the shimmering stars far away in the universe no sign of life to be seen.

I don't exactly know how I got here but this is how I took it. It was a snowy day and my Mum had the winter worries. I wanted to go play in the snow but mum said I might catch a cold.

I said, "but Mum, please, I'll wear my warm clothes and hat and scarf!"

So she said, "yes fine, you can, but remember that we're staying at a ski lodge, so be careful!"

I ran outside as fast as I could. I didn't stop when mum asked me to wait for her. I ran as fast as a cheetah onto the snow and slipped on some black ice and tumbled down the ski field into a grove of trees separated from all civilization. I wish I'd listened to mum and waited!

If I had, we probably would have had a snowball fight and be having a hot chocolate right now. I am so scared and lonely. Now I think I have the winter worries.

By Nicole



# Community Events



**PINK RIBBON BREAKFAST**  
Breast Cancer Foundation NZ

YOU'RE INVITED TO  
The Gore & Clutha Women's Refuge's Pink Ribbon Breakfast

DATE:  
Friday the 8th of June, 2018

TIME:  
8.00am

WHERE:  
The Gore Women's Refuge Office,  
77a Main Street, Gore

RSVP TO:  
admin@gorerefuge.org.nz

DONATE: <https://pinkribbonbreakfast.co.nz/page/goreandcluthawomensrefugeshostpage>



**Support Group**  
"Cancer, Coffee and a Chat"

Last Wednesday of the month  
10 - 11am  
Centre for Rural Health Development  
Kakapo Street, Gore  
Weds 2nd May, Weds 30th May,  
Weds 27th June

This group is open to anyone living with cancer and/or their carer. Some members may be newly diagnosed while others may be undergoing treatment or have finished treatment.

**Cancer Society**  
For Kiwi's Wellbeing Support  
Cancer Society Southland  
Ph: 03 218 4108  
Email: [adminsouth@cancersoc.org.nz](mailto:adminsouth@cancersoc.org.nz)

**Southland Hug a Rig Day**  
11th August 2018 12.30pm to 3.30pm



Celebrating 10 Years of  
Taking people with special needs, & lifelong medical conditions  
For a Ride in a Big Rig, Classic Car or Hot Rod  
Venue: Hokonui Rural Transport, Aparima Street, Gore

For more info: Check out our Facebook page: Southland Hug a Rig  
Or Contact Dianne on 032081758 or 0277732700 Email: [southlandhugarig@gmail.com](mailto:southlandhugarig@gmail.com)



**Autism Support Group**

Come out and get to know other parents, caregivers and professionals in a non-threatening environment

- Share Experiences
- Discuss Ideas
- Learn what resources are available

Location: Calvin Church, 25 Robertson Street, normally in the lounge room, far left

Time: 11am to 12pm  
Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> May  
Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> June  
Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> August  
Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October  
Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> November

For more information or if you would like specific resources please contact  
Wendy Jenkins - Autism Outreach Coordinator  
03 2182420 022 0200 106  
[southland@autismnz.org.nz](mailto:southland@autismnz.org.nz)

**DOES YOUR CHILD EXPERIENCE LEARNING DIFFICULTIES  
OR DO YOU FEEL THAT THEY ARE NOT FULFILLING  
THEIR POTENTIAL?**



This information evening is open to parents of children of all ages, specifically those parents whose children have not been formally diagnosed with any particular type of learning difficulty.

The evening will be facilitated by Dyslexia Support Southland team members who all have their own personal story of navigating learning difficulties and the interventions available in Southland.

Some of the areas they will cover include *Dyslexia, Dyscalculia, Auditory Processing Disorder, Irlen's Syndrome and Dyspraxia.*

Come along and hear what this can mean for your child, your family, school and teachers.

*"Every child has a different learning style and pace. Each child is unique, not only capable of learning but also capable of succeeding".*  
-Robert John Meehan.

**St Mary's School**  
14 Ardwick Street, Gore  
6 June 2018 7pm

Registrations to Community Connections Centre  
032088480 [cccagore@cnt.org.nz](mailto:cccagore@cnt.org.nz) 0221988416 or just come along on the night.



**Gore Out of School Music**  
Intro to Music for 5-7 Year olds



**Tuesday afternoons, May-September**  
30 minute class after school during term time  
Introducing musical concepts (high & low fast & slow), singing and playing instruments

To enrol email [gosmclasses@gmail.com](mailto:gosmclasses@gmail.com) by 10 April with your name & contact details, child's name & age

For more information phone  
Natalie 2.08 9994 or Nicola 02.10 871 8072