

NEWS FROM AROUND SCHOOL

THE RANFURLY SHIELD VISIT

Otago are the current Ranfurly Shield holders after their thrilling 38–36 win over Canterbury in September 2025.

Our tamariki enjoyed seeing this iconic trophy up close and learning about its long history as one of New Zealand rugby's most treasured trophies.



Music Lunch Club

Robyn and Jamie open up the music room once a week at lunchtime, so all of our children can benefit from playing music. This club actively encourages creativity and a real sense of joy and connection. Here are Baylee and Robyn enjoying a jam together at the Monday music lunch club!



BLUESKIN SHOW AWARD

Well done to everyone who made vegetable sculptures, decorated cupcakes and created sand-saucers. Waitati School was awarded the most points, so we are the proud winners of this silver trophy!



WHEELS DAY

We celebrated the last week of term with a Wheels Day on Tuesday.

Wheels Day encourages active play, boosts confidence, and adds a joyful break to the routine.

BLUESKIN SHOW DAY



A huge thank you to everyone who came out and supported us at the Possum Cafe on Sunday. It was a huge success, despite the weather. Every single last piece of baking was sold, and we brewed over 3 kgs of coffee! Together we made \$1,400! A special thank you to Grid Coffee for supporting the cafe.



FUNDRAISING MEETING DATE!

Our next meeting date is **Tuesday 28th April.**

Bring your energy and ideas for fundraising to the kitchen from 3-4 pm.

We are considering selling pies, having a disco & lots more.
What would you like to do?

IMPORTANT DATES COMING UP!

- **Thu 02 Apr** - Last day of Term 1 and school assembly (2-3pm)
- **Mon 20 Apr** - First day of Term 2
- **Mon 27 Apr** - School closed for Anzacs Day.
- **Fri 29 May** - School closed for Teacher Only day

Waitati Community Hui

Getting ready for emergencies – together



Join us for a community hui to talk about local hazards, share ideas, and look at how we can support each other during emergencies.

We'll also cover a few simple ways to get prepared at home and what a Community Resilience Group could look like for Waitati.

Everyone is welcome.

Date: Tuesday, 14 April 2026

Time: 7:00pm - 8:00pm

Location:
Waitati Hall
26 Harvey Street
Waitati



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IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2026

Term 2

- Mon 20 Apr - First Day of Term 2
- Mon 27 Apr - School closed for Anzac Day (public holiday)
- Wed 13 May - BoT hui 5.45-7.45pm
- Thu 15 May - School Assembly 2-3pm - All families are welcome
- Fri 29 May - School Closed for Teacher Only Day
- Mon 01 Jun - School closed for King's Birthday (public holiday)
- Wed 17 Jun - BoT hui 5.45-7.45pm
- Fri 19 Jun - End of Term Assembly, 2 - 3 pm. All families are welcome
- Fri 03 Jul - Last day of Term 2
- Hui Ako at East Otago Events Centre (TBC)

Term 3 - Swimming on Friday afternoons all term 1-2 pm at Moana pool.

- Tue 21 Jul - First day of Term 3
- Wed 12 Aug - BoT hui 5.45-7.45pm
- Thu 13 Aug - School Assembly 2-3pm - All families are welcome
- Tue 18 Aug - Student, Parent & Teacher Conferences, 2.5 pm
- Wed 19 Aug - Student, Parent & Teacher Conferences, 2-6 pm
- Wed 19 Aug - School closed from lunchtime for conferences
- Mon 31 Aug - School Closed for Teacher Only Day
- Wed 16 Sep - BoT hui 5.45-7.45pm
- Thu 17 Sep - End of Term Assembly, 2 - 3 pm. All families are welcome
- Fri 25 Sep - Last day of Term 3
- Metro Ripa Rugby Day at Logan Park (TBC)
- Three Peaks Cross Country for Year 3-8 (TBC)
- Junior & Senior Cross Country (TBC)
- Polyfest. Time and date, (TBC)
- School Photos in Term 3, date (TBC)

Term 4

- Mon 12 Oct - First day of Term 4
- Mon 26 Oct - School closed for Labour Day (public holiday)
- Tue 27 Oct - School closed for a Teacher Only Day
- Wed 04 Nov - BoT hui 5.45-7.45pm
- Fri 06 Nov - School Assembly 2-3pm - All families are welcome
- Wed 02 Dec - BoT hui 5.45-7.45pm
- Fri 11 Dec - End of Year Prizegiving Assembly
- Wed 16 Dec - Last day of Term 4
- Junior & Senior Athletics, dates (TBC)