

### NEWS FROM AROUND SCHOOL

Kia ora e te whānau,

I hope you all had a restorative break and that the tamariki are ready for the term ahead. It is going to be a busy few months, so staying informed will be key as we move through our upcoming events and curriculum goals.

This week, our focus has been on ANZAC Day and the importance of commemoration. The tamariki have been working on artwork that will be displayed at the Waitati Hall this Saturday morning. To show our collective respect for those who served, the students also created a wreath to be laid at the cenotaph.

Our curriculum focus this term is science. The students will be developing their own science fair projects, which will be presented at our end-of-term hui at the Hall on 19th June at 2:30 pm.

In addition to their science projects, the tamariki will be performing drama pieces, celebrating Matariki, which takes place in lieu of our traditional lantern parade, during the hui. We look forward to seeing you there and will conclude the afternoon with a shared tea.

During the term break, our team gathered to review the Waitati Way Matrix. We have unpacked and rewritten these expectations to ensure consistency across the school. Our aim is to ensure we are all "walking the talk"—showing up authentically while maintaining high expectations for both social and academic learning.

Our goal at Waitati Kura is to ensure that behavioural expectations and responses are clear and predictable for everyone. When we use the same language and hold the same boundaries, we create a more cohesive environment for the students.


**Updates:** You can find the updated matrix on our website now.

**Coming Soon:** We are currently finalizing our "Response to Behaviour" chart and will share that with you shortly.

If you have any questions regarding these updates, please feel free to get in touch.

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### MATARIKI CELEBRATION



Waitati Hall  
Friday 19 June  
2.30-5pm

Come along with your whānau to our end-of-term prizegiving at the hall, followed by a special Matariki celebration and shared kai.

Bring a plate and enjoy this time of connection and community.

### TAKING TIME OFF FROM SCHOOL

Parents/guardians must make sure their child attends school every day. If a student needs time off, especially for holidays or overseas trips, parents/guardians must contact the school before making plans and request permission.

All absences must be explained as soon as possible, and no later than the end of the week. The school will follow up if no reason is given.

Students cannot leave school during the day unless a parent/guardian has requested permission and the school has approved it. Students with permission must tell their teacher before leaving.



We had a wonderful mihi for Chris this morning! Pictured here with Debbie - on duty!

## COMING UP THIS WEEK!

### MONDAY 27 APRIL

- **SCHOOL CLOSED**-Public holiday

### TUESDAY 28 APRIL

- Drumming with Jamie

### WEDNESDAY 29 APRIL

- Yr 7&8, Tech at DNI - 12-3pm

### THURSDAY 30 APRIL

- Piano with Brenda
- PTA Meeting - Kitchen 3-4pm

### FRIDAY 1 MAY

- Koha for Kai - Bring a bowl & cutlery

## PB4L Focus of the week

Saying hello to the teachers/children using kind and gentle voices.  
Turn taking.



## FUNDRAISING MEETING DATE!

Our next meeting date is **Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April \* NEW DATE !**  
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?**

## DONT FORGET!

- **Mon 27 Apr** - School closed for ANZAC Day.
- **Fri 29 May** - School closed for Teacher Only day

Donations of mince, eggs and icing sugar needed please!

## HOCKEY INFO

Hockey starts this term, here is some useful info:

**Term 2** - May - 6, 13, 20, 27  
June - 3, 10, 17, 24  
July - 1

**Term 3** - July - 22, 29  
August - 5, 12, 19 (Final)

Wednesdays  
Between: 3:40pm - 6:00pm  
All players must wear a mouth guard.



## DATES FOR TERM 2

- Mon 27 Apr - School closed for Anzac Day (public holiday)
- Thu 30 Apr \* New Date - PTA Meeting - in the kitchen 3-4pm
- 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 Matariki Assembly, 2.30 - 5 pm. All families are welcome
- Fri 03 Jul - Last day of Term 2
- Hui Ako at East Otago Events Centre (TBC)

Made by students!

Waitati  
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## KOHA FOR KAI

EVERY FRIDAY LUNCHTIME



Bring a bowl & cutlery

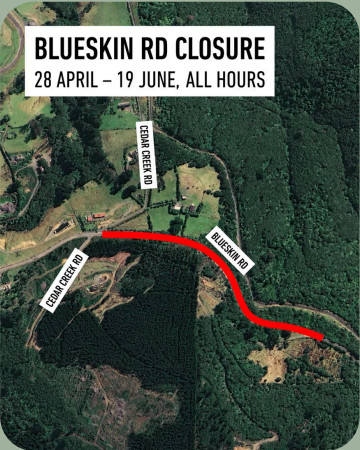
THIS WEEK WE HAVE COTTAGE PIE & MERINGUE WITH FROZEN FRUIT

GF OPTIONS AVAILABLE

# NOTICES

## BLUESKIN RD CLOSURE

28 APRIL – 19 JUNE, ALL HOURS



## IMPORTANT INFORMATION - ROAD CLOSURE

Blueskin Road between Green Road and Orokonui will be closed entirely from the 28th of April to the 19th of June. This closure is so repairs can take place to a section of the road. This ensures it does not further degrade and create an unplanned closure.

TRINITY CATHOLIC COLLEGE'S PRODUCTION OF

## Disney THE LITTLE MERMAID



TRINITY CATHOLIC COLLEGE AUDITORIUM

Tickets available at:



<https://theatretickets.co.nz>

Music by ALAN MENKEN

Lyrics by HOWARD ASHMAN & GLENN SLATER

Book by DOUG WRIGHT

Based on the Hans Christian Andersen story and the Disney film produced by Howard Ashman and John Musker and written & directed by John Musker and Ron Clements  
Originally produced by Disney Theatrical Productions  
Licensed exclusively by Music Theatre International (Australasia)

DUNEDIN MIDWINTER CELEBRATIONS PRESENTS

## 2026 Dunedin Midwinter Carnival

**First Church**  
June 12th & 13th  
5:30-7pm & 7:30-9pm

**A Rustle in the Night**

Low Sensory Session  
4-5pm June 13  
Postponement  
19th & 20th

TICKETS VIA MIDWINTERCARNIVAL.CO.NZ  
Under 3 years free | \$5 child | \$10 adult | \$25 family (2 adult + 2 child)

## CIRCUS QUIRKUS LIVE!!

Monday 25 May  
Dunedin Rotary Club  
Kings & Queens  
Performing Arts Centre  
4.30pm / 7.30pm

Rotary Dunedin | UNITE FOR GOOD

## BLUESKIN NURSERIES' CAFE LUNCH DELIVERY

Place your orders at the cafe by midday on Tuesdays for delivery to school on Thursdays. This menu is also available on our website.

## FREE TICKETS!

We have some free tickets for Circus Quirkus. Let us know if you would like some - These will be available on a first come first served basis.

NAME		
CLASSROOM		
<b>ORDER WEEK 1- 23rd April</b>	<b>COST</b>	
American Hotdogs (if available)	\$5.90	
Vegetarian hotdogs	\$5.90	
Blueberry Muffin	\$4.00	
	<b>TOTAL MONEY</b>	
<b>ORDER WEEK 2 30th April</b>	<b>COST</b>	
Bacon buttie with sauce & cheese	\$6.00	
Tomato and cheese buttie	\$5.90	
Banana Smoothie	\$6.20	
	<b>TOTAL MONEY</b>	
<b>ORDER WEEK 3 7th May</b>	<b>COST</b>	
Ham and Cheese Pizza (gf on request)	\$6.00	
Tomato and cheese pizza	\$5.90	
Banana Choc chip muffins	\$4.00	
	<b>TOTAL MONEY</b>	
<b>ORDER WEEK 4 14th May</b>	<b>COST</b>	
Sausage Rolls	\$6.00	
Vege roll	\$5.90	
Cheese scone	\$4.70	
	<b>TOTAL MONEY</b>	
<b>ORDER WEEK 5 21st May</b>	<b>COST</b>	
Chunky Fries	\$4.70	
Raspberry Marshmallow slice (gf)	\$4.70	
	<b>TOTAL MONEY</b>	
<b>ORDER WEEK 6 28th May</b>	<b>COST</b>	
Mac n Cheese (gf)	\$6.50	
Rocky road slice (gf)	\$4.70	
	<b>TOTAL MONEY</b>	
<b>ORDER WEEK 7 4th June</b>	<b>COST</b>	
Cheese Burger (gf on request)	\$6.50	
Vegetarian burger	\$6.00	
Orange Chocolate Chip Muffins	\$4.00	
	<b>TOTAL MONEY</b>	
<b>ORDER WEEK 8 11th June</b>	<b>COST</b>	
Mince Pie	\$6.00	
Vegetarian pie	\$6.00	
Bacon & egg fritatta (gf)	\$6.00	
	<b>TOTAL MONEY</b>	
<b>ORDER WEEK 9 18th June</b>	<b>COST</b>	
Our famous cheese Rolls	\$5.90	
Cheese toasties (gf on request)	\$5.90	
Banana & berry Smoothie	\$6.20	
	<b>TOTAL MONEY</b>	
<b>ORDER WEEK 10 25th June</b>	<b>COST</b>	
Chunky Fries	\$4.70	
Raspberry Marshmallow slice (gf)	\$4.70	
	<b>TOTAL MONEY</b>	

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# SOUTH ISLAND X COUNTRY FESTIVAL

24th MAY 2026  
SANDY POINT INVERCARGILL

Southland Harriers | SOUTHLAND SECONDARY SCHOOLS SPORT | IUT FOUNDATION

[www.southlandschoolsport.org.nz](http://www.southlandschoolsport.org.nz)

## STRENGTHENING CHILDREN & TEENS AGAINST ANXIETY



Presented By: Karen Young

Free Event!  
Strengthening Rangatahi Against Anxiety  
Karen Young - Psychologist @ Hey Sigmund

Trinity College Auditorium  
entrance is off Tennyson Street  
Monday 18th May @ 7:00 - 8:30 pm  
Tickets free, limit 2 per person

Tickets available by scanning the QR code above or via the following link  
<https://events.humanitix.com/strengthening-rangatahi-against-anxiety/tickets>

A practical and innovative workshop to support parents and caregivers strengthen their young people against anxiety, and build courage and resilience.

See more: [www.heyigmund.com](http://www.heyigmund.com)



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**About Karen Young**  
Karen began her career as a psychologist and is recognised as one of Australia's leading authorities on child and adolescent anxiety. She is a sought-after speaker, educator, and consultant, and works with parents, schools, government bodies, and child and adolescent focused organisations both in Australia and overseas. Karen is the founder of 'Hey Sigmund', an internationally popular online resource that provides contemporary, research-driven information on anxiety and the neurodevelopment of children. She has written five books, including the bestselling 'Hey Warrior' and 'Hey Awesome', which creatively assist children to understand and manage anxiety.