



FORTNIGHTLY UPDATE

8TH APRIL 2025

From the Principal's desk:



Kia ora e te whānau,

Its been an amazing first term at Woodlands School. We can't believe how quickly 11 weeks have gone by!

Next term our learning focus shifts to story telling. We are pretty excited to explore stories of people, places and events from Woodlands, Southland, New Zealand and beyond, as well as writing some amazing stories of our own! We'd love to hear from parents, grandparents and other community members if you have stories to share with us. More about this next term...

One amazing story is Ye-Ha! - a production by the very talented students of Woodlands School. Mark the evening of June 26th in your calendars now and prepare to be wowed by some magical story telling by our kids.

The ANZAC story is special for different reasons. Whilst this is not a school event, it would be lovely to see Woodlands School students in uniform to represent themselves, their families and their school at this service. (Details below.)

Finally, we were sad to learn that Blake Pirie remains in Christchurch Hospital for another week as he undergoes kidney surgery. We will be having a 'Mufti-Day' on Friday to raise some money to send him some gifts to ease his recovery and remind him how much we all miss him. Get well soon Blake.

Ngā mihi nui

Jim

2025

11 April - Mufti Day for Blake
11 April - Easter Egg hunt
11 April - end of Term 1
28 April - start of Term 2
29 April - Duck Shooting Disco
13 May - BOT Meeting 7pm
23 May - Zone Cross Country
29 May - SCHOOL CLOSED
30 May - SCHOOL CLOSED
2 June - King's Birthday SCHOOL CLOSED
10 June - BOT Meeting 7pm
13 June - Southland Cross Country
20 June - Matariki SCHOOL CLOSED
26 June - School Production (evening)
27 June - end of Term 2
14 July - start of Term 3
25 July - Moffett Cup
21 Aug - Ski Trip

Y1-6 School

It's official! Hon Erica Stanford, Minister of Education has confirmed that our school shall be a year 1-6 school, effective from T1, 2026.

Dairy Changeover

It is getting closer to June 1st. If you know of any new families moving to the area please encourage them to get in touch either by phone, email or popping in. We'd be happy to answer their questions & show them around. Also if your family will unfortunately be leaving Woodlands School at this time, please tell us as soon as possible, if you haven't already done so.

Pool Closing

Our pool closes on April 27th - the last day of the school holidays. A HUGE thank you to the amazing team on the pool trust. We really do appreciate all of your hard work keeping our community pool awesome!



A friendly reminder that parents are not to bring cars into our driveway at 3.00pm.

Parents should park on the road and collect children from the duty teacher at the school gate. Thank you for supporting this system which helps us to manage congestion and keep all our children safe.

 **SCHOOL TRUSTEE ELECTIONS**

10 September 2025

FRIENDS OF WOODLANDS PRIMARY

DUCK SHOOTING

DISCO

SIBLINGS WELCOME

\$2 RAFFLES

And AGM in staff room
29TH APRIL, SCHOOL HALL
5.30PM SAUSAGE SIZZLE,
6-7PM DISCO

COME DRESSED IN CAMO

SAUSAGES,
DRINKS, CHIPS &
GLOWSTICKS
AVAILABLE TO
PURCHASE

Kaitiaki Leaders

On 28th March, Woodlands Kaitiaki leaders were invited to attend an Environmental Hui at Hedgehope School. The children learnt about some environmental projects that the students at Hedgehope had created and then visited Sherwood Forest.



Learning about raising chickens



Visiting Hedgehope School workshop where projects are designed & built



Planting native trees at Sherwood Forest

ANZAC Day
25 April

Woodlands Memorial
Meet at Woodlands Garage at 7:45am
for 8am start

Service will be followed by a morning tea at the Woodlands Presbyterian Church Hall
Please bring a plate

Friday 11 April
MUFTI DAY
for Blake

Gold coin donation



School is closed for instruction on May 29th and 30th for teacher only days.

Back to School **2025 School Update Invercargill 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.

Local Community Clinics:

- Waihopal - Alice Street; Ph: 218 7744
- Fernworth - 288 Pomona Street; Ph: 216 9706

Mobile Dental Units:

- Newfield - 82 Wilfrid Street; Ph: 027 555 7062
*From 23 April - 29 May
- Bluff - Bradshaw Street; Ph: 027 555 7062
*From 16 June - 7 August
- Ascot - 580 Tay Street; Ph: 027 555 7063
*From 23 June - 11 September
- Donovan - 200 Drury Lane; Ph: 027 284 9937
*From 23 June - 18 December
- Te Wharekura - 734 Tweed Street; Ph: 027 294 7545
*From 11 August - 18 September
- Kew (Southland Hospital) - Kew Road; Ph: 027 294 7545
*From 22 September - 18 December

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 570 300**

Health New Zealand Te Whatu Ora Community Oral Health Service

Scan this code for more great tooth tips

14th - 16th APRIL 9AM - 3PM

ILT STADIUM SOUTHLAND

SPORTS-TASTIC HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

\$49 PER DAY \$135 ALL THREE DAYS

WWW.STADIUMSOUTH.CO.NZ | 03 219 9310

TAMARIKI 5-11 YEARS

Events for These April Holidays

MON 14TH - THUR 17TH WEEK 1

MON 14	BOOGIE BEAT 9:30am - 10:30am BAND IN A WEEK 5pm - 6pm
TUES 15	KEYED IN 9am - 4pm (HALF DAY OPTION AVAILABLE)
WED 16	CURTAINS UP 9am - 4pm (HALF DAY OPTION AVAILABLE)
THUR 17	BORN TO ROCK 9am - 4pm (HALF DAY OPTION AVAILABLE) MUSIC MAKERS 1pm - 3pm

For more information: info@ksom.nz

FREE COUNSELLING HELPLINE AND WEB CHAT SERVICE FOR KIDS AND TEENS

IT HELPS TO TALK

CALL 0800 WHATSUP
0800 942 8787
MON-SUN 11AM-11PM

CHAT WITH US
WHATSUP.CO.NZ
MON-SUN 11AM-10:30PM

FOLLOW US ON INSTAGRAM
0800WHATSUP

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SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUTSAL CLINIC

UNDER 9 TO 14 GIRLS

ILT STADIUM:
SURREY PARK ROAD, GLENGARRY,
INVERCARGILL

12:30PM - 3PM
MONDAY 14TH APRIL

SCAN IN THE QR CODE
TO REGISTER - \$20pp



Please contact Leigh on 021 507 077 for further information



SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUTSAL CLINIC

MON 14TH APRIL

Contact info:
leigh@southlandfootball.org.nz



BOYS 13-17 - 9AM TO 10AM | GIRLS 13-17 - 10:30AM TO 11:30AM - \$25PP

YMCA INVERCARGILL - 77 TAY STREET, INVERCARGILL 9810

SCAN THE QR CODE TO REGISTER TODAY!



SCHOOL HOLIDAY CLINIC



Wednesday 16th April
9:00am - 12:00pm
Winton Football Club
Moors Reserve
Price Road, Winton

JUNIOR GIRLS WANTED!
LOOKING TO TRY A NEW SPORT?
COME OUT AND MAKE SOME NEW
FRIENDS AND LEARN SOME
AWESOME SKILLS!



Scan the QR code
to register today

Junior Girls and Boys

Under 7 to 12 - 9:00am - 10:30am
Under 13 to 17 - 10:30am - 12:00pm



SOUTHLAND FOOTBALL HOLIDAY CAMP

- ILT Football Turf, Invercargill
- Tuesday 15th of April
- \$25 per player
- Great way to start the season
- Work with academy coaches
- High performance environment



Scan QR code to register!



Juniors (8-12 year olds): 9am-12am | Youth (13-17 year olds): 1pm-4pm
Enquiries to Leigh | leigh@southlandfootball.org.nz | 021 507 077

JOIN THE FUN

Experience the joy of music while building skills and confidence



Private Subscription

\$39.00/week*

*billed monthly

- ✓ Personalized Instruction
- ✓ All Ages and Stages
- ✓ No Extra Cost for Holiday Programs
- ✓ Performance Opportunities
- ✓ Enriching and Hands-On

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\$20.00/week*

*billed monthly

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- ✓ All Ages and Stages
- ✓ No Extra Cost for Holiday Programs
- ✓ Performance Opportunities
- ✓ Enriching and Hands-On

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Travelling overseas soon?

You must do a **New Zealand Traveller Declaration** when you come back

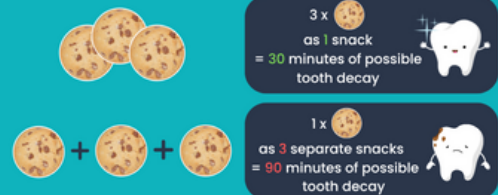
[TravellerDeclaration.govt.nz](https://www.travellerdeclaration.govt.nz)

Te Kāwanatanga o Aotearoa
New Zealand Government

New Zealand Traveller Declaration
Whakapuakanga Tangata Haere ki Aotearoa

Give Your Teeth A Rest

Snack All Day, Get 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