



2 April 2026

Term 1 Week 8

**Kia Ora, Kamusta, Āyubōvan, Sata srī akāla, Namaskāra,
Hallā, Dia dhuit, Kam na mauri, Mālō e Lelei, Hello**

Kia Ora Parents and Whanau

Term 1 finishes today. What a busy, short term we have had. A big thank you to all the parents that were able to help out in numerous ways over the term. We couldn't do this without you!

Congratulations to Lexi McNamee who has been selected in the Southern (Otago, Southland and Queenstown area) U12 Tennis team to compete at Nationals in Christchurch over the holiday break. **Good Luck Lexi!**

Today we are having fun in our house groups learning to co-operate together and showing tuakana/teina (positive older and younger sibling relationships) as they go through the Maize Maze and then create artwork to represent their house/whanau groups.

The Swimming Pool will close for the season on Sunday 19th of April. A **HUGE THANK YOU** to our amazing pool committee who have put so much effort into keeping this amazing resource at such a high standard all season. And also **BIG THANKS** to the team of community volunteers who test, cover and clean in and around the pool every day during the pool season.

We are aware there are some cases of Hand Foot and Mouth in the community, keep an eye out for any symptoms. Link to watch out for and treatment
<https://www.healthnz.govt.nz/health-topics/conditions-treatments/infectious-diseases/hand-foot-and-mouth-disease>

School finishes for the term today and Term 2 will start again on Monday 20th April.

Coming up in Term 2 our Year 7&8 students are off to Deep Cove from the 20th -23rd April with Mrs Morton and Miss Frei. The programme looks like they will have an awesome time, we are looking forward to hearing the students' reports when they get back to school.

This year ANZAC Day occurs on Saturday 25th of April. As public holidays that fall during the weekend have been "Monday-ised" school will be closed on Monday 27th April to acknowledge the statutory holiday.

Have a great holiday break and see you on the 20th of April

Nga mihi,

Bronwyn and the Riversdale Staff

Ki te kotahi te kākaho, ka whati; ki te kāpuia, e kore e whati
If a reed stands alone, it can be broken; if it is in a group, it cannot.

Coming Up....

Term 1

2 April Visit to the Maize Maze
2 April 2026 Final day of Term 1

Term 2

20 April Term 2 begins
20-23 April Deep Cove Camp - Year 7 & 8's
27 April Anzac Day Observed - School Closed
4 May Board Meeting, 7pm - Agenda closes 12 noon Thursday 30 April
12 May Home and School Meeting - School Staffroom
21 May John Parsons visit (cyber safety)
22 May Waimea Cross Country at Waikaia
2 June Teachers Only Day
3 June Northern Cross Country at Waikaia
12 June Southland Cross Country
3 July Term 2 Ends

Kei te pai - Well done to our STARS OF THE WEEK!

You all displayed the school values so well.

Certificates from Term 1, Week 7



	STAR OF THE WEEK	Te Reo Māori Learner of the Week
Room 7	Georgia	Emma H
Room 6	Harry S	Neva
Room 5	Cooper	Ollie
Room 4	Austin	Jack
Room 3	Henry	Blaire
Room 2	Kovin	Hudson
Room 1	Maylee	Willa

Pinecones For Sale

We still have heaps of bags of pinecones for sale. Winter is coming! If you would like to purchase pinecones, come on down and grab them from school. They are 1x bag for \$10 and 4x bags for \$35.



Parents, Caregivers and Whanau are invited to visit the SchoolDocs site to read our school policies. Each term the Board reviews a number of policies and procedures. Parents, Whanau and Families are invited to read and make comment when these come up for review. To read any of our policies follow the steps below

To review policy documents:

1. Visit the website link:
<https://riversdale.schooldocs.co.nz>
2. Enter the Username: *riversdale*
3. Enter the Password: *excellence*
4. Click into the *Parents Quick Links* tab to easily find the policy you require.

School Buses

Our four bus drivers are Jan Robertson, Michael Lobb, Rhonda Wilson and Paul Eason

Please inform the driver if your child is off the bus in the morning.

Jan Robertson – 027 6088203

Michael Lobb – 027 3725785

Rhonda Wilson - 027 2578895

Paul Eason - 021474580

Please do not make any alternative arrangements with your child's bus driver without first checking with the school as our bus routes are set by the Ministry of Education and we are unable to go outside of our transport zone to drop students in different places. We are aware that some of our buses do travel past houses on the driver's way home, unfortunately this does not mean they are able to drop off students. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to be in touch with the school.



HOME & SCHOOL

Maize Maze - Saturday 18th April – RIVERSDALE FIELD OF FEAR

Helpers Needed!

- Volunteers to help run (approx. 4pm – 9pm) – scan tickets etc
- Scarers
 - o **WE NEED 10 PEOPLE** - We're looking for brave (and slightly dramatic!) members of our community to help bring Riversdale Fields of Fear to life!
 - o Volunteers to be scare actors inside the maze – hiding in the corn, jumping out, creating spooky scenes, and giving our visitors a night they won't forget!
 - o You'll be stationed in one spot within the maze & children will be paired with an adult supervisor.
 - o Friends can sign up together and plan costumes. Full horror vibes – the scarier the better!
 - o If you (or your child) are keen to be involved, please get in touch.
- Costumes/Props
 - o We also need some scary props/costumes – think ghosts/ghouls/chainsaw massacre/bride of chuckie...all ideas welcome – please get in touch if you can help with this.

Sponsors – These events would not be possible without McClintock Contracting. A big thankyou to Matt & Sarah McClintock who have donated their time, let us spray out some of the Maize paddock and provided machinery & staff for tractor rides on the day. We would also like to acknowledge the following businesses and families who contributed towards the events – Leigh Jackson Arizto Real Estate, The Warehouse Gore, Carrfields, Millenium Motors Gore, Jolly Elephant Design, Canvart, Naylor Love, Riversdale Lions, Hansen Family, Wilson Baird Building.

Home & School Meeting

Tuesday 12th May 2026 in the staffroom – it would be good to see as many faces as we can.

We're on the lookout for a few more people who can help the committee behind the scenes with planning and organising the things we do. At the moment we have just three people representing over 80 families and are stretched too thin. The funds we raise go directly back into the school and support our kids with resources and opportunities that aren't ministry funded. This includes the playground – it's a big fundraising target, and we'd love a bit more support behind the scenes with our fundraisers for that, and the regular things we do also.

If you would be happy to be added to a helpers list or want to know a bit more, please get in touch with Kelly-Anne 0274 857 877.



MAIZE MAZE

A fundraiser for Waikaia Forest Trails Grade 3 Blue Trail and Riversdale Home and School new School Playground



FINAL DAYTIME MAZE

14 MARCH | OPENS 10AM
DIGGER TREASURE HUNT
BBQ - TRACTOR RIDES

MAZE ENTRY

ADULTS (13+) - \$10
KIDS - \$5, UNDER 5 FREE
\$30 FAMILY
(2 ADULTS, 3 KIDS)



RIVERSDALE FIELD OF FEAR

RESTRICTED

13

18TH APRIL | \$20PP


IT'S NOT JUST A MAZE ANYMORE...
THE FIELDS COME
ALIVE AFTER DARK

CASH PREFERRED - EFTPOS AVAILABLE | 741 MANDEVILLE-KINGSTON CROSSING ROAD



RIVERSDALE MAIZE MAZE - FOR MORE INFO

RIVERSDALE SCHOOL & COMMUNITY POOL




POOL FUNDRAISER

Food wrap	300m x 33cm = \$26
	600m X 33cm = \$36
Roll foil	90m x 44cm = \$23
	150m x 30cm = \$23
Baking Paper	100m X 30cm = \$32

Bank Account: 03-0915-0285905-00

Available from the school office. (new stock just arrived)



Pool Annual Food Fundraiser

The Riversdale School and Community Pool is running their annual food fundraiser. This year they are selling frozen asian dumplings & steamed buns. These are a very easy and yummy food to have in the freezer. Some children bring them to school for their lunch in a wee thermos and are still warm at lunch time. Please follow the link below to order or create page and give your friends and family a chance to order. All the information is on the link.

The Pool appreciates all the support it receives. Contact Jo on 0273635768 with any questions.

Last day of order 5th April
Order pick up day is 30th April

<https://riversdaledumplingsbuns.raiseit.co.nz/tgjtvr3s3q>

Community Notices



BACK TO BASICS IN

TĀNIKO WEAVING

6 Week Course

SOUTHERN REAP GORE | 21, 28, APRIL,
8 FAIRFIELD STREET, GORE | 5, 12, 19, 26 MAY
6pm - 8.30pm. \$80 pp

Discover the art of traditional Māori tāniko weaving in this 6-week beginner course. Learn to create beautiful geometric patterns while exploring the rich cultural history behind this meaningful craft.

Guided step-by-step, you'll develop practical weaving skills and complete your own unique woven piece. No experience needed, just bring your creativity and enjoy a relaxed, hands-on learning journey.

Enrol Online



To enrol online head to:
www.reap.co.nz/easternsouthland
or contact Southern REAP on
0800 111 117 or info@reap.co.nz



APRIL HOLIDAY

Art classes with **DAB ART DO**
at **Waikaia School**



MONDAY 6 APRIL 2026 AT 14:00 - 16:30 AGES 5 - 12

Create a bold and colourful moth artwork using acrylic paint and oil pastels. You'll learn how to sketch your design, layer rich colours, and add striking patterns and details to the wings, bringing your moth to life using textures and colours. **\$50 per student - all materials included.**



WEDNESDAY 8 APRIL 2026 AT 14:00 - 16:30 AGES 5 - 12

Stack up the fun in this playful art session where you will create your own layered burger artwork using collage techniques. Using cut paper and textures, they'll build their burger piece by piece while exploring colour, shape, and creativity—finishing with a bold, quirky artwork that's almost good enough to eat! **\$50 per student - all materials included.**

THURSDAY 9 APRIL 2026 AT 10:00 - 12:00 AGES 4 - 9

Dig into creativity in this fun art session where you can create your own construction vehicle artwork using oil pastels and paint splatter. Inspired by diggers and bulldozers, they'll explore bold mark-making and messy textures to create a dynamic, "muddy" construction scene. **\$40 per student - all materials included. Under 5s need to be accompanied by an adult.**

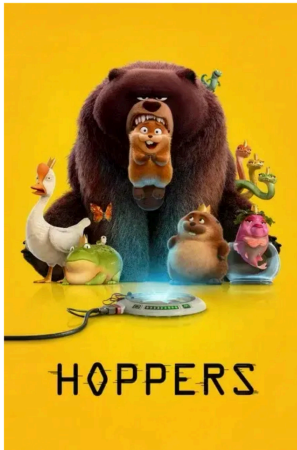


**To book your place: Message Reanda Gerber
0210 655 067 or email dabartdo@gmail.com**

St James Theatre

Home of Gore Musical Theatre

APRIL SCHOOL HOLIDAYS



HOPPERS



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APRIL SCHOOL HOLIDAYS SPECIAL

Looking for something fun to do with the kids (or grandkids) these holidays? We've got you covered!

🍿 Adults at Kids Prices for ALL Kids Movies! 🍿

That's right — bring the whole family along and enjoy the magic of the big screen without breaking the bank.

🎬 Now showing:

- Hopper (from Pixar)
- Super Mario Galaxy Movie
- The Magic Faraway Tree
- GOAT

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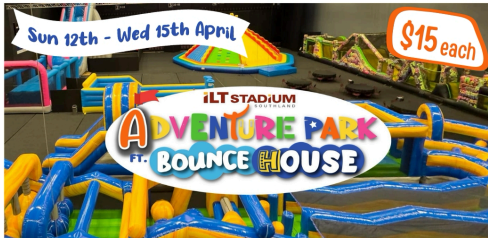
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Don't miss out — we'll see you at the movies!



APRIL SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

@ iLT STADIUM SOUTHLAND



School holiday fun sorted!



Tickets available at www.stadiumsouthficket.co.nz

Join us for loads of Easter Fun!

Bible Stories Games Snacks
Crafts Magic Tricks
And More!

Contact Sarah to Register
02102588731
sarahcowan3@gmail.com

Eggs-travaganza Holiday Program

Tuesday April 14th -
Thursday April 16th
From 1pm - 3.30pm

At the Riversdale
Presbyterian Church

Ages 4-13

\$5 per Day or \$10 for 3 days
Family Discounts Apply



Easter-It's no trick!

SCHOOL HOLIDAY'S

CHECKOUT FACEBOOK & INSTAGRAM: @icesportssouthland

RINK REOPENING
6TH APRIL
2-4PM
DAILY UNTIL 19TH APRIL
PLUS 10AM-12PM
8TH, 9TH, 10TH APRIL

LEARN TO SKATE HOLIDAY PROGRAM
Mon 13th, Tues 14th, Weds 15th April.
SKATERS ARE WELCOME TO STAY ON FOR PUBLIC SESSION AFTER THE LESSON AT NO EXTRA COST.

1PM - 2PM

1 DAY \$18
2 DAY \$30
3 DAY \$40

"REGISTRATIONS ESSENTIAL AS PLACES ARE LIMITED"

REGISTER: WWW.TINYURL.COM/LEARN-ISS

4-16 YEARS
NO SKATING EXPERIENCE REQUIRED
HELMETS COMPULSORY

Gore Multisports Complex off Robertson Street, Gore
www.icesportssouthland.com

TERM 2 ICE SKATING

CHECKOUT FACEBOOK & INSTAGRAM: @icesportssouthland

KIWISKATE TERM 2

Monday & Saturday
(During school terms. No Kiwiskate on Public Holidays)

Monday: 4pm - 5pm
Saturday: 10am - 11am

Please make sure your Kiwiskater has warm clothes, thick socks, skates tied up tight and we encourage gloves.

DAY/TERM \$130

DAY/TERM \$200

REGISTER: WWW.TINYURL.COM/KIWISKATE

TEEN KIWISKATE

Saturday Morning
(During school terms. No Kiwiskate on Public Holidays)

Saturday: 11am - 12pm

Teenager specific timetable to learn to skate. Teens - 12yo and over. They can also join Monday Kiwiskate if wanting to skate twice/week.

DAY/TERM \$130

DAY/TERM \$200

REGISTER: WWW.TINYURL.COM/KIWISKATE

PLEASE PAY AT THE MULTISPORTS COMPLEX RECEPTION ON WEEK 1!

CUBS LEARN TO PLAY ICE HOCKEY

TUESDAY 4.30PM - 5.30PM
4 - 16 YEAR OLDS
STARTS: 21ST APRIL

\$130 11 WEEKS

PLAYERS WILL LEARN THE BASICS OF SKATING AND STICK HANDLING AND BUILD CONFIDENCE ON THE ICE ALL THE WHILE FEELING SAFE WRAPPED UP IN A FULL SET OF HOCKEY PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT.

ALL SKATES, STICKS, HELMETS AND COACHING INCLUDED.

REGISTER: WWW.TINYURL.COM/JUNIOR-LTP

Gore Multisports Complex off Robertson Street, Gore
www.icesportssouthland.com

ADULT LEARN TO SKATE

Monday: 7pm - 8.30pm
Wednesday: 7pm - 8.30pm
(During school terms. Not on Public Holidays)

All abilities welcome. Cost includes skates & helmet if required.

Age 16+

\$15 ISS MEMBER

Adult Beginners Lesson First 1/2 hr - Group Lesson Next 1 hr - Time to skate and connect with others. Space for some people to have on 1 Private Lessons.

\$25 NON MEMBER

THESE SESSIONS ARE CASUAL JUST SHOW UP AND PAY AT RECEPTION

More info email: issfigure@gmail.com

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PRESCHOOLER & PARENT

Thursday: 1.00pm - 1.30pm
RUNS FOR THE FIRST 6 WEEKS OF TERM.

INCLUDES PENGUIN/SEAL SKATE HIRE FOR PARENT/ PRESCHOOLER AND COACHING.

\$48 4 WEEKS

REGISTER: WWW.TINYURL.COM/ISSPRESCHOOL

HOME ED. LEARN TO SKATE

Tuesday: 1pm - 2pm
RUNS FOR 10 WEEKS (BEGINNING 21ST APRIL)

INCLUDES ICE ENTRY, PENGUIN/SEAL SKATE HIRE AND COACHING.

\$130 10 WEEKS

REGISTER: WWW.TINYURL.COM/HOME.ED

PUBLIC ICE SKATING

EVERY SATURDAY & SUNDAY
2-4PM

PRICE: Adult (18+ or over) \$18
Student (Under 18) \$15
Preschool (Under 5) \$7.50
Family 4 Pass \$59

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