



# WAIKAIA SCHOOL

**NURTURE, ENRICH, INSPIRE**

27 November 2025

This week, we had the pleasure of welcoming Central Southland College to Waikaia as part of their Social Studies "Local Stories" programme. Our senior students teamed up with their visitors for a fun and interactive scavenger hunt around town; an exciting way to explore our local heritage. Meanwhile, our junior students proudly shared their own family histories and knowledge at the museum, helping bring local stories to life. Both days were filled with laughter, learning, and connection, and it was fantastic to see our students engaging with such enthusiasm. A huge thank you to Central Southland College for partnering with us; we hope to do it again soon!

We had our final assembly for 2025 today. Congratulations to our last group of award winners. Enjoy the pizza Euan. Thank you Waikaia Hotel for sponsoring.

Winners:

Monthly values - Euan

Values - Aaron, Alfie, Euan, Aribella

Handwriting - Monty, Alfie, Archie, Aribella

Gold nuggets - Monty, Darcy, Axl, Toby, Albie, Ben, Evie, Aribella

Policy review: The scheduled review for term 3 is open. This term's review focuses on student wellbeing and safety policies within the Health, Safety, and Welfare Policy section.

Access this through School docs  
username: 4036, password: growth



Warmest regards,  
Waikaia School

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# MOST WANTED

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# PLAYGROUND

## @Waikaia School

Waikaia School is excited to be planning a brand-new playground for our tamariki and we'd love your support to help make it happen! We're currently seeking donations or sponsorships of any amount to help get this project underway. Every contribution, big or small, will make a real difference. If you'd like to make an even bigger impact, there will also be opportunities to sponsor individual playground items — a great way to leave a lasting mark and be part of something special for our children. The new playground will be a fantastic addition to our school and a wonderful space for children across the wider community to enjoy for years to come.

If you'd like to support our great wee school and be part of this exciting project, we'd love to hear from you.

Thank you so much for your generosity and community spirit.



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**RIVERSDALE**

**RIVERSDALE RUGBY CLUB**

**TRAIL RIDE**

**ARGYLE STATION**

**SATURDAY 29TH NOVEMBER 2025**

**REGISTRATIONS: 8AM – 10AM**

Suitable for off road motorcycles and ATV's  
No riders under 15 on ATV's  
No passengers on ATV's

**LUNCH PROVIDED**

**SENIORS – \$60**  
**JUNIORS – \$30**  
**CASH ONLY**

For more information contact:  
Jono 027 663 9244  
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**ACRYLIC PAINTING**

**WORKSHOP**

**FOR KIDS**

With  
*Reanda Gerber*

DEC, 6<sup>TH</sup> 2025  
1 PM - 4 PM  
\$60 P.P  
@ RIVERSDALE  
ARTS CENTER

Explore colour, texture, and technique as you paint your own cosmic universe – a fun and skill-building art journey for kids aged 5-12.

**LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE**  
**TO BOOK YOUR PLACE EMAIL**

**dabartdo@gmail.com**

**Riversdale Arts**



**GORE A&P SHOW**

**FEBRUARY 7<sup>TH</sup>, 2026**

**Kids can enter:**

- Baking - Crafts - Art work - Photography -
- Colouring Competition - Flowers - Fresh Produce -
- As well as your pets!

You might win a prize or certificate!!

The full schedule is available to download from  
- [www.goreapshowgrounds.co.nz](http://www.goreapshowgrounds.co.nz) -

The A&P show in Gore has been going for over 140 years, and incorporates livestock, show jumping, wood chopping, Highland Dancing, market tent as well as loads of free entertainment on the day!

Entry to the show is free to children (under 16) and only \$15 for the grown-ups!



School Website



School Facebook



## BUSHCRAFT & SURVIVAL SKILLS Holiday Experiences

### CHILD VS WILD [5 Days]

7 to 13 year olds  
Invercargill  
9am to 3pm

15th December to 19th December 2025  
19th January to 23rd January 2026

An Adventure quest in different locations. Children spend four days learning and acquiring bushcraft and survival skills ready to be tested on the final day in a teamwork survival challenge.

### NATURAL CREATORS [1 Day]

5 to 16 year olds  
Invercargill  
9am to 3pm

22<sup>nd</sup> December 2025  
27<sup>th</sup> January 2026

A one day **creative cooking** experience preparing nourishing meals in the kitchen from scratch. Children will come home enthused, feeling capable and independent after a day with Geraldine from the Ferment Kitchen.

### BUSH KIDS [1 Day]

7 to 16 year olds  
Invercargill & Gore  
9am to 3pm

Monday 26th January CORE  
Wednesday 28th January Invercargill  
Thursday 29th January Invercargill  
Friday 30th January Invercargill

A one day bushcraft and survival day experience\*:

Advanced fire starting skills  
Knife work, whittling, carving  
Bush exploration, navigating, orienteering  
Shelter building  
Cooking on gas stoves/ fires  
Survival first aid  
Plant medicine  
Foraging

\*Every day brings a different adventure. Activities are weather, location and seasonally dependent

[www.trueinnature.com](http://www.trueinnature.com)



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## Riversdale Arts

# Christmas Workshops

Book now at  
[www.riversdalearts.co.nz](http://www.riversdalearts.co.nz)

### DISCOVER THE ART OF DAIRY PANTRY BASICS

With Clare Ryan

**Saturday 22nd Nov. 10am-12pm**  
**\$75pp**



 [Book now at www.riversdalearts.co.nz/classes](http://www.riversdalearts.co.nz/classes)

### DISCOVER THE ART OF MAKING MOZZARELLA

With Clare Ryan

**Saturday 22nd Nov. 1pm-3pm**  
**\$75pp**



 [Book now at www.riversdalearts.co.nz/classes](http://www.riversdalearts.co.nz/classes)

### Wire Christmas Trees

with Queenstown artist, Lee van der Geest

**Sunday 30 Nov. 9am-12:30pm 1:30pm-5pm**  
**\$240pp**  
**Spaces limited!**



 [Book now www.riversdalearts.co.nz](http://www.riversdalearts.co.nz)

### DISCOVER THE ART OF MAKING BLUE CHEESE

With Clare Ryan

**Sunday 23rd Nov. 10am-3pm**  
**\$150pp**



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