



WAIKAIA SCHOOL

NURTURE, ENRICH, INSPIRE

2 April 2026

Term One has absolutely flown by. It has been a busy and rewarding term, with plenty of opportunities for our students to learn, grow, and get involved in a wide range of activities.

We truly appreciate the time, effort, and support that our families and wider community pour into our tamariki. Your ongoing involvement plays a vital role in making these opportunities possible, and we are grateful for the strong partnerships that support our school.

A few of our students represented our school at the Northern Swimming Champs on the 25th of March. The competition was strong, but our tamariki gave it their all in every event. We are incredibly proud of their effort, determination, and the way they represented our school throughout the day.

A big thank you to Sally for providing transport and taking on the role of team manager. We appreciate your support in making this opportunity possible for our students.

On Thursday the 26th of March, a few of our girls travelled to Invercargill to take part in the Fern Fever Girls Sports Day. It looked like a fantastic day filled with fun, energy, and plenty of smiles. Throughout the day, the girls demonstrated our school values and represented us with pride.

Thank you to Georgie for transporting and supervising the girls. We are grateful for your time and support.

A big thank you to our amazing staff Jacqui, Kyle, Lisa, Catherine, Jenny, Jane, and Toni. Your dedication, care, and hard work does not go unnoticed. Our students are incredibly fortunate to have such a committed team supporting them each and every day.

A few special thank yous:

Helen Marble - supplied bags of apples

Coromandel - supplied a big bag of pears

Simon (Glenaray) - a donation made to school

Waikaia Hotel - a donation made to school

Jacqui, Kev, Charlie, Aaron, and Howie Dunn who planted more than 300 native seedlings

Catherine, Terri, Jess, Mike and Linda Waples who helped out during our swimming sessions

This term, we have placed a strong focus on healthy eating. With the support of our community, our students have been making positive and healthier food choices each day.

It has been fantastic to see this shift, and we appreciate the encouragement from whānau in reinforcing these habits.

Sadly, we are saying goodbye to Lisa Jefferis at the end of this term. She will leave a big gap in our school and in our hearts. Over the past year, Lisa has supported and enriched the lives of our children in so many ways. Her care, dedication, and contribution to our school community have been truly valued. We wish her all the very best for the next chapter in her journey.

Personally, I would like to thank each and every one of you who contributes to our children's success and wellbeing. Your support, care, and commitment make a real difference.

I am truly grateful to call this community home. Wishing everyone a safe and blessed holiday period.

Warmest regards,
Phillipus Gerber

“80% of success is showing up & never giving up”

Attendance everyday matters

SOUTHERN REAP ATTENDANCE SERVICE

School Website



School Facebook



Upcoming events

- 20 April - First day of school (Teacher only day)
- not open for instruction
- 28 April - Epro8 Inter School finals @ James Hargest



Emelia and Evie at Fern
Fever sports day for
girls

Join us for loads of Easter Fun!

Bible Stories Games Snacks

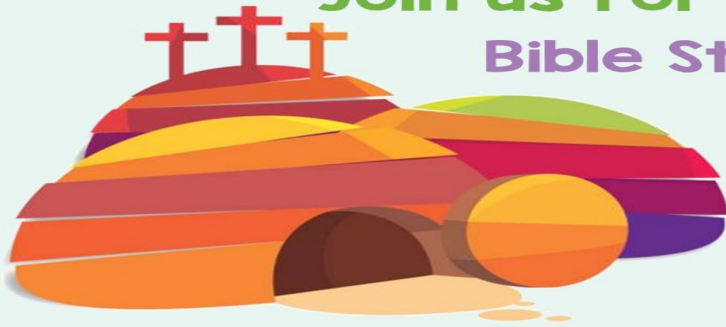
Crafts Magic Tricks

And More!

Contact Sarah to Register

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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!



BACK TO BASICS IN

TĀNIKO WEAVING

6 Week Course

SOUTHERN REAP GORE
6 FAIRFIELD STREET,
GORE

21, 28, APRIL,
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



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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



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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

 From Saturday 4th April to Sunday 19th April

 Bring the kids, bring the grandparents, and enjoy a movie day together!

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

Easter Tournament



Waikaia Golf Club

Saturday 4th April 2026

12:30 pm

Stableford

\$10

Two's & Net Eagles included