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WAIWERA SOUTH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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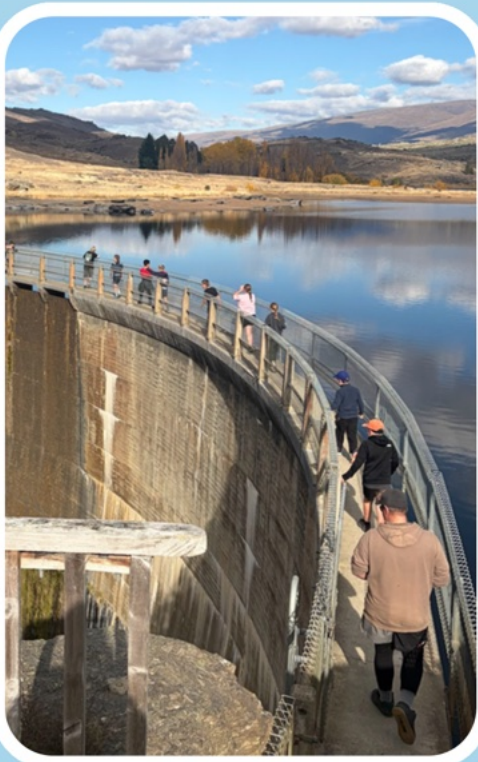
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CAMP 2026



The Smiddles class had an unforgettable week at camp in Bannockburn. The fantastic group of students embraced every opportunity with enthusiasm and positive attitudes. With beautiful weather on their side, the class enjoyed a wide range of activities including biking, gold panning, exploring historic Arrowtown, go-karting, mini golf, ice skating, and even curling.



Kia ora e te whānau,

Welcome to week 3 and the first newsletter of the term. The days are certainly flying by and there has been plenty happening this term already!

Lauren and I have been enjoying stepping into the principal role while Kaz is away on her sabbatical. It has given us a real appreciation for the wide range of work that goes into being a principal, and we are pleased to be able to support both Kaz and the school in this way.

Our Smiddles had a fantastic week away at their school camp in Bannockburn. It was wonderful to see them challenging themselves and making the most of the experiences, from go-karting at Highland Park, to gold panning, and biking all the way to Lauder. The Year 4s also got a taste of camp life, staying for a night and joining in on the fun with activities like ice-skating and gold panning at Kawerau Gorge. A huge thank you to the parents who supported the camp – these opportunities simply wouldn't be possible without your help.

We would also like to warmly welcome Mrs Stephanie Sinclair, who has joined us teaching in the senior room and supporting our classroom release programme. She has been amazing and already feels like a long-standing member of the team.

Looking ahead, we have the highly anticipated Rippa Tournament just around the corner. It's a fantastic opportunity for our students to get out, showcase their talents, and represent our school with pride. A note has been sent home, if you are able to help on the day, we would love to hear from you!

Across the school, it has been a great start to the term. With the focus on 'Art', we are looking forward to some creative masterpieces. Watch this space!

As we begin to notice the chillier mornings, please ensure your children are coming to school dressed warmly and appropriately for the weather. We want to keep those ghastly winter bugs away for as long as we can!

Have a super few weeks, enjoy the crisp mornings and sunny afternoons!

Mā te wā
Leanne Cleghorn & Lauren Chapman





ANZAC DAY

For the first two weeks of term, the junior room were learning about ANZAC Day. As part of their inquiry 'Beyond the Brushstrokes', they are also learning about various artists. Using their knowledge of how Vincent Van Gogh painted, (with thick paint and strong brushstrokes) they produced these wonderful poppy paintings!



Camp Bannockburn was a week filled with fun, adventure, and plenty of laughter, creating lasting memories for everyone involved. A huge thank you to the parent volunteers who made this week possible.





WAIWERIANS OUT & ABOUT

We are very proud of Clytie Geddes who has recently competed in her first ever gymnastics competition, and she has won first on beam, bar, vault and floor, for Step 1 unders (aged 8 & under). She also won first overall and her team was placed first as well. Well done Clytie !!!!!

WINNER
Clytie Geddes



POOL KEY RETURN REMINDER

There are still some pool keys yet to be returned to the school office.



Please return keys ASAP.



CLINTON
— SQUASH CLUB —

**FUN!
ACTIVE!
CHALLENGING!**

**JUNIOR
HAVE A GO
AT SQUASH!**



MONDAY
3.30 - 4.30

DATES:

- MONDAY 11TH MAY
- MONDAY 18TH MAY
- MONDAY 25TH MAY
- MONDAY 8TH JUNE



FUN FOR ALL ABILITIES
No experience needed!



LEARN NEW SKILLS
Improve, play and have fun!



MAKE NEW FRIENDS
Be part of a friendly club!

**ALL EQUIPMENT
PROVIDED!**

**IT'S
FREE!**

GET ACTIVE. HAVE FUN. PLAY SQUASH!

CONTACT CARLA | 0276303003

Clothing Repair Workshop

26th May | 6 - 7.30pm

Join us to learn practical skills like:

- Reattaching buttons
- Fixing rips and tears
- Basic clothing mending



All Welcome Come along, ask questions, and build your repair skills.

- When** 26th of May 6pm - 7.30pm
- Where** Balclutha Community Library
- Hosted by** Christie du Toit (Fashion Studio)
- RSVP** Meghan Grant | meghan.grant@cluthadc.govt.nz



Clutha District Council

Libraries



PARENTS PLUS
WAIWERA SOUTH SCHOOL



QUIZ



FRIDAY
12 JUNE 2026

Night

PRIZES
RAFFLES
AUCTION

\$40 per team of four

Waiwera South Community Hall

Book a table: wsparentsplus@gmail.com

DOORS OPEN 6PM, 7PM START CASH ONLY EVENT



Balclutha Community Library

Kids Programmes

April - June 2026

Chill out club | Tuesday's | 3.15pm - 4.15pm

Unwind and chill out at the library with some colouring in, games, and tech!

Storytime | Tuesday's | 10.30am - 11am

Come and explore different story adventures

Crafternoon | Wednesday's | 3.15pm - 4.15pm a new fun project every week, come and see and let your imagination lead the way.

All welcome, all sessions are at no cost

UPCOMING EVENTS

Please Note: All events, dates and times are subject to change

Friday 8 th May	Hot Lunches
Sunday 10 th May	Mothers Day
Monday 11 th May	Board of Trustees Meeting 7pm
Friday 15 th May	Assembly
Thursday 21 st May	Yr 7 & 8 Technology
Friday 22 nd May	Hot Lunches
Monday 25 th May	Sports Activator - pm
Tuesday 26 th May	Rippa Tournament (pp 28 th May)
Monday 1 st June	No School Today - Kings Birthday
Thursday 4 th June	Yr 7 & 8 Technology
Friday 5 th June	Hot Lunches, Assembly
Friday 12 th June	Quiz Night - Waiwera South Community Hall 7pm
Monday 15 th June	Board of Trustees Meeting 7pm
Thursday 18 th June	Yr 7 & 8 Technology
Friday 19 th June	Hot Lunches
Friday 26 th June	Assembly
Friday 3 rd July	Hot Lunches Last day of Term 2

HOT LUNCHES Term 2- 2026

ALL HOT LUNCH ORDERS ARE DONE VIA GOOGLE FORMS

By now you should have received an email with a link to the hot lunches order form, please contact the office if you have not received this email.

**All payments go directly to the PARENTS PLUS Account
the account details are in the email.**

DATE	LUNCH	ROSTERED PARENT
8th MAY	MAC N CHEESE	KATRINA MCKENZIE
22 ND MAY	AMERICAN HOT DOGS	ELSPETH GEDDES
5 TH JUNE	PUMPKIN SOUP + BUN	MADELINE ANDERSON
19 TH JUNE	HAMBURGER	MAARA WOODHOUSE
3 RD JULY	SAUSAGE & BREAD	DAVINIA FORRESTER