



# WAIWERA SOUTH SCHOOL



*Tauti*  
*Nurture*

*Whakamanawa*  
*Inspire*

*Whanake*  
*Grow*

4/2/2026

Dear Parents and Guardians,

**RE: Touch 2026**

Touch season is upon us again! Please see below information from the South Otago Touch Committee.

A reminder that Term 1 touch is a non-competition module which encourages children to enjoy playing and developing their touch skills in a fun and non-competitive environment.

Information for Term 1 touch are:

- Touch commences in Week 4, Thursday 26th February
- There will be no grading, no points and no prizegiving in Term 1 as this is a participation and non-competition module.
- Teeny Touch will also begin in Week 4, Thursday 26th February.
- Touch and Teeny Touch will run every Thursday for 6 weeks, finishing in the last week of Term 1 on Thursday 2nd April.
- There will be NO Touch in Terms 2 or 3.

## **Teams**

Because this is a non-competition module there will only be four sections:

- Teeny Touch - Years 1&2
- Years 3&4
- Years 5&6
- Years 7&8

**PTO for more information**

### Playing Times

Teeny Touch teams will play at 4pm each week with the year 3&4 section beginning at 4pm. Sections for years 5-8 will start anywhere between 4.30 and 5.30pm. This is all number dependent and will be confirmed once we have entries.

### IMPORTANT: Each team is to supply one referee each week for their games including Teeny Touch Teams

Teams must wear their team uniform and appropriate footwear. **NO bare feet or metal studs.**

### Photos

South Otago Junior Touch loves to celebrate our wonderful module and to capture the fun that we have on a Thursday. This year we would love to be able to share some of the photos we take on our closed Facebook Page. We would also like to be able to share some of our images with Otago Touch who place these on their Website for promotional purposes. We would never share player names or personal information unless we sought permission first. We are asking on our entry forms this year for schools to seek consent from their players and team management that we have permission to take photos and place these on our South Otago Junior Touch Facebook Page primarily and Otago Touch Website for promotional purposes.

(If you are not ok with this, please let me know).

### Fees

Fees have been set at \$10 per player for Term 1. This is for all players including Teeny Touch.

Can you please fill in this form if you are interested in your child playing touch this term. Fees are to be paid once teams are confirmed (after the second touch letter is sent home).

All teams will need coaches and managers. Can you please also fill in the form below if you are able to coach or manage a team. If we are not able to secure an adult per team we will not be able to enter as it is a requirement of South Otago Touch. Could you please return this form to school by **Wednesday 11th February** so we can get teams, coaches and managers organised along with entering teams into the competition.

Any queries, please contact me here at school.

Kind regards

Lauren Chapman

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I give permission for \_\_\_\_\_ to play touch this term.  
(Term 1)

I \_\_\_\_\_ am available to coach/manage (circle which is appropriate) a touch team this season.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_