



REMINDERS AND UPDATES

Cellphone Changes

We would like to congratulate our students for the way in which they have responded to the government's guidelines "phones away for the day". We are seeing more students involved in physical activity at break times and teachers are reporting an improvement in the classroom.

Homestay Families Needed



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We are currently in the search for 4 more homes with warm and caring families to host our International students arriving on Friday 15th March - Sunday 7 April 2024. Families are able to host up to two students & earn \$290 per student. Scan the QR code for an enquiry form!



Personal Learning Conferences (PLC's) Y7-13

On Monday 11th March we will be holding our PLC's. The school is closed on this day for classroom teaching, you will need to make alternative arrangements for your child. Click [HERE](#) for booking information.

Planned Absences

Family holidays during term time according to the MOE are classified as unjustified absence and do result in a loss of learning time which in turn may affect students achievement. If a student is sitting NCEA and an internal assessment occurs during their absence, this may mean students are unable to sit this internal. We feel it is important to be clear as to the risks with being out of school during term time.

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KEY DATES

March

18th Y7-13 Southland Golf Champs

18th-23rd Maddi Cup Rowing Regatta

18th-23rd Summer Tournament Week

18th Mar-5th Apr WWA International Students from Thailand in the school

21st Y9-13 Southland Lawn Bowls Champs

21st Y11-13 Senior Adventure Race

22nd Poutama Mātauranga – Academic Celebration. Whānau are warmly invited 1.30pm-2.30pm

23rd Y7-13 Southland Surfing Champs

25-27th L2 PE Great Trails Cycle Trip Alexandra

28-30th Silver Duke Edinburgh Trip Mt Aspiring

29th Good Friday – Easter School Closed

1st Easter Monday – School Closed

School Sports/Activity Day

Our school wide Sports/Activity Day will be held next Wednesday 6 March. This is always a fun and enjoyable day for all our students as they compete in year levels for house points. The day will consist of traditional athletics run, jump, throw and House challenges, chants, and relays. Students are encouraged to come to school dressed up in their respective House colours. The sports day is a compulsory school day, starting at 8:45am and finishing by 3:10pm.

House colours:

- Batten: **Red**
- Gordon: **Navy Blue**
- Mansfield: **Green**
- McStay: **Light blue**
- Traill: **Yellow**
- Williams: **Black and White**

Whānau Hononga Book 2024

The Whanau Hononga book is a great reference if you are looking for information on:

▪ Absences and Appointments	▪ Fees and Payments
▪ Uniform	▪ Education Outside the Classroom
▪ Communication	▪ Frequently Asked Questions

Click [HERE](#) to read the book.

WEEK 5: 4th March – 8th March 2024

Mon 4 March	
Tues 5 March	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ ARA Liaison Visit, 12.00pm -1.00pm in Connexions (for interested Year 13 students)▪ Year 12 English, Writing Trip to Town, all day
Wed 6 March	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Y7-13 House Activities Sport Day, all day at SGHS (all students)▪ School Board Meeting 2.00pm-5.30pm - SGHS
Thurs 7 March	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Y7-10 Outreach Singing, Peacehaven Village, 12.15pm-1.00pm▪ Otago University Visit, 12.50pm-1.30pm in West Hall (for interested Year 13 students)
Fri 8 March	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ House Sport/Activity Day postponement date

WEEK 6: 11th March – 15th March 2024

Mon 11 March	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Personal Learning Conferences (PLCs) – no classroom teaching
Tues 12 March	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Y12 Science to Waihopai River, 10.25am -12.15pm▪ Y8 HPV Vaccinations, West Hall from 9.00am-12 noon▪ University of Canterbury Visit, 12.00pm-1.00pm in West Hall (for interested Year 13 students)
Wed 13 March	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Te Manawa Kaharoa – Noho Marae Trip
Thurs 14 March	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Otago Polytechnic Visit, 12.50pm-1.30pm in Staffroom (for interested Year 13 students)
Fri 15 March	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Non uniform day. Raising funds for our World Vision sponsored child. Students to bring a gold coin donation if choosing not to wear uniform.

April

2nd Easter Tuesday –
School Closed

3rd School Board meeting

9th Year 13 Students Liaison
Lincoln University

11th Y7-10 Outreach Singing,
Peacehaven

12th Term 1 ends

29th Terms 2 starts

May

16th School Ball Yr 13

21st-23th May Senior
Production – We Will Rock
You

22nd School Board meeting

27th Y13 Otago Tertiary Day
to Dunedin

June

3rd Kings Birthday

For more dates please visit
our website:

www.southlandgirls.school.nz



