

2 MARCH 2025

WEEK 5 TERM 1

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Strath Taieri School

## Principal Tumuaki comment

Kia ora parents and whānau,

Summer is technically over and that means the conclusion of our Term One swimming programme is tomorrow with our annual Swimming Sports. We'd love to see you all there so pop on down if you can! The kids have worked so hard on improving their technique and refining their strokes. Teachers will let you know if they plan on going for an afternoon swim this week, but there will be no regular lessons or sessions.

On Thursday the teachers will be at a course learning about the new Oxford Maths programme we are using in our classrooms so Mrs Laura Russell will be in Room 3 taking the Year 0-4s and I will be in Room 5 with the Year 5-8s.

We have Assembly this Friday in Room 5 Team Kārearea at 2.15pm.

Ngā mihi nui,  
Lisa Bankshaw 😊

## 2025 SWIMMING SPORTS

Monday 3 March 2025

Your child should bring:

- Swimming togs
- 2x towels
- Something warm to wear (Jersey, Oodie or dressing gown) as there may be down time between races.
- Lunch, drink bottle - there is to be no eating inside the pool but children can eat on the grass area out to the side.

## Timetable

(these are all approximate times)

11.20pm	<b>Snack</b> Strath Taieri students take school bags down to the pool and leave out the front of the building. <u>School will be locked.</u> Get changed into togs.
11.30pm	Macraes Moonlight arrive at the pool and get changed.
11.45pm	<b>SWIMMING SPORTS START!</b> Width races then Bomb competition for width race swimmers. When finished these children can get changed.
12.30pm	<b>Length races</b> then Bomb competition for length race swimmers. When finished any non-relay children can get changed.
1.20pm	<b>Relays</b>
1.30pm	<b>Medley</b> (if time allows)
1.45pm	<b>Finish</b> MMS head home Strath kids home with parents or stay at school to help pack up swimming pool etc.

If you have questions about this event or are able to help time or marshall on the day please let me know.

# SUPER! STRATH STARS

With an unexpected trip down the hill on Friday morning to drop the Year 7/8s to Technology, it meant I was able to see some of what they got up to each Friday. The Year 7s were busy doing their reflection and planning before starting sewing, and the Year 8 girls were busy making Naan bread to go with the Butter Chicken they were going to cook.



**Lunchtime Dodgeball action.**  
It's great to see children from all three classrooms getting amongst it and enjoying the sunshine. There's definitely some sibling rivalry playing this!



# Room 5 News

School has been busy this week! We have been working on our spelling – learning spelling patterns for different sounds (there are lots!) For writing this week we wrote a 'vibrant memoir' not a boring 'recount'. It is our last week of swimming so the children have been working hard on fitness and speed in preparation for swimming sports on Monday! Current Events – every Friday we have a quiz on current events using the Kiwi Kids News website. The children have really enjoyed learning about what is happening in our country and the world.



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**/o/** Find the words that contain the /o/ sound, as in oo. Highlight the spelling patterns for the sound and list the spelling patterns you have found.

opposite	often	object	open
focus	topic	forget	
sausage	wander	month	swallow

Spelling patterns identified:

How many syllables are in these words?

properly  olives  popcorn  swallow

Each syllable contains a vowel sound. Highlight the vowel spelling patterns in each syllable.



And Zona came to say hi!



# Term 1 Calendar

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Term 1 Week 5	<b>3 MARCH</b> <b>SWIMMING</b> <b>SPORTS</b> 	4	5	<b>6</b> <b>Teachers at a</b> <b>Maths course</b> Y0-4= Mrs Russell Y5-8= Mrs Bankshaw 	 <b>7</b> <b>Assembly:</b> <b>Room 5 2pm</b>
Term 1 Week 6	10	11	12	13	 <b>4</b> <b>Year 5-8 Boys</b> <b>Multi Sport day</b> 
Term 1 Week 7	 <b>17</b> <b>Year 5-8 Girls</b> <b>Multi Sport day</b>	18	19	20	 <b>21</b>
Term 1 Week 8	<b>24</b> <b>OTAGO</b> <b>ANNIVERSARY</b> <b>DAY</b> 	25	26	<b>27</b> <b>TEACHER ONLY</b> <b>DAY</b> <b>MOE Maths</b> <b>course</b> 	 <b>28</b>
Term 1 Week 9	31	1 APRIL	2	3	 <b>4</b>
Term 1 Week 10	<b>7</b> <b>Mrs Becker away.</b> <b>Mrs Glass R3</b> <b>Year 8 GRIP</b> <b>Leadership in</b> <b>Queensdown</b> 	<b>8</b> <b>Mrs Becker</b> <b>away. Mrs Glass</b> <b>R3.</b>	<b>9</b> <b>Mrs Becker</b> <b>away. Mrs Glass</b> <b>R3.</b> <b>Mrs Bankshaw</b> <b>away</b>	<b>10</b> <b>Mrs Bankshaw</b> <b>away</b>	 <b>11</b> <b>Mrs Bankshaw</b> <b>away</b>