



# Strath Taieri

## School

# Newsletter

24 APRIL 2023

WEEK 1 TERM 2

## Principal Comment

Kia ora whānau and community,

I hope you've all had a safe and fun holiday break and been out enjoying this fabulous Autumnal weather. It's certainly been warmer than normal.

Term 2 sees the Winter Sport season kick off with hockey, rugby and netball practices and games beginning over the next few weeks.

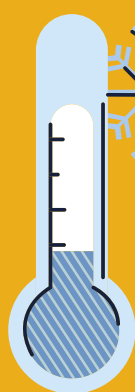
Please make sure to communicate with Teachers if your child is going to be leaving earlier than 2.45pm. Hopefully there won't be too many disruptions as the earlier closing time should help alleviate this.

The Teachers had a great day today finalising all their fun activities to do around our Inquiry unit of 'Space and Beyond!' and can't wait to crack into it!

Over the last year or so we have been working through our new Education Review Office (ERO) cycle and our School Profile Report has now been finalised and is on the website. This report details goals we are working towards as a school for the year and beyond, and will be formally evaluated upon at the end of the year. Check it out at: <https://ero.govt.nz/institution/3837/strath-taieri-school>

Have a fabulous week ahead!  
Ngā mihi,  
Lisa Bankshaw

## WINTER HOURS



**FOR TERMS 2 & 3 SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSING AT 2.45PM EACH DAY**

## Otago Museum Trip



On Wednesday 3 May we are visiting the Otago Museums Planetaryarium as an introduction to our Term 2 Science unit of Space.

**If you haven't returned your permission slip or let me know if you can come then please let me know ASAP.**

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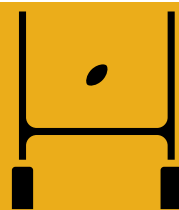
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# Notices



## Sport Four All



Over the first half of the term we are going to be participating in a sports programme called 'Sport Four All' run through Sport Otago via various sports organisations.

We will have representatives from Dunedin Netball, Otago Rugby League and Otago Cricket **coming up to us every Friday afternoon** and doing a fun session with each class.

This Friday 28 April and next Friday 5 May sees Dunedin Netball visiting. **Please make sure your child has suitable footwear each Friday.**



On Thursday 11 May we are lucky enough to have a player or two from the Steel netball team come up and run a fun skills session with each classroom. Exciting!



## MID TAIERI WAI FRESHWATER FIELD DAY

Date: Wednesday 3rd May, 2023  
Time: 1pm to 5pm  
Venue: Matarae Station Woolshed  
Location: 4650 Sutton-Clarks Junction Road, Sutton.

► Learn about the freshwater ecology monitoring project that has been conducted within your catchment.

► Freshwater ecologist Matt Dale from Waterscape connections will share our findings with you, what it means and why it matters.

Learn about some of the latest technology available such as eDNA kits.

► Hear tips and techniques for restoring the health of our waterways and offer our support to get it done.

We will demonstrate how to do your own water monitoring on farm using simple and cost effective techniques that anyone can do.

We will provide an overview of the water monitoring field equipment which will be available to the community to conduct your own projects.

We will also have on display some of the interesting and unique species found within the mid Taieri catchment so bring the kids along.

Refreshments and nibbles will be available.

Please bring along appropriate clothing for all conditions and suitable footwear that may get wet.

Four wheel drives only please for the field trip.

For any questions or more information please contact: Steve Nichol - 027 489 1464

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# Term Calendar

	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT/SUN
Term 2 Week 1	APRIL 24 <b>TEACHER ONLY DAY</b> No School	25 No School 	26 Term Two starts 	27	 28 <b>SPORT FOUR ALL</b>	29/30
Term 2 Week 2	MAY 1 Board Meeting 6pm	2	3 	4	 5 <b>SPORT FOUR ALL</b> <b>NO Year 7/8</b> <b>TECH TODAY</b>	6/7
Term 2 Week 3	8	9	10	 11 Southern Steel visit!	12  <b>SPORT FOUR ALL</b> All Teachers at a Literacy course R1/3= Mrs Russell R5 = Mrs Glass	13/14 
Term 2 Week 4	15 PTA Meeting 3pm	16	17	18 Mrs Glass in R1	19 Life Ed visit  Mrs Bankshaw in R3	20/21
Term 2 Week 5	22	23	24 Assembly in Team Piwakawaka Room 1 at 2.20pm	25	 26 <b>SPORT FOUR ALL</b>	27/28
Term 2 Week 6	29	30 National Young Leaders Day = Year 8s Mrs Russell in R5	31	1 Mrs Glass in R1	2	3/4
Term 2 Week 7	5 <b>KINGS BIRTHDAY</b> 	6	7	8 Mrs Glass in R1	9	10/11



Maniototo Area School presents:

# A Cyber Safety Evening

With Rob Cope - Author, Parent & Filmmaker  
of  
the 2020 documentary: 'Our Kids Online'

- Understand the harms our kids are facing online in relation to predators, pornography, gaming, fake news, social media access, and the 24/7 switched on effect on the developing brain.
- Learn practical solutions to keep your children safer online.
- Get advice on healthy ways to approach these tricky topics.
- Learn what to do when your child has been exposed to something harmful.
- This talk also includes an online safety plan tailored to suit your family's needs.

MONDAY 22ND MAY 2023 | 7PM - 9PM  
15 CAULFEILD STREET, RANFURLY

To find out more about Rob's work  
visit [www.ourkidsonline.info](http://www.ourkidsonline.info)