

# Goldfields Newsletter

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## Principal's Message

Kia ora Parents, Caregivers, Whānau and friends of the school,

A huge thank you to the Friends of the School (FOTS) for hosting the community picnic on Friday evening. It was a lovely, relaxed opportunity to catch up with families. Mr Whippy was a big hit with the children. Thank you Callum for the use of such a magnificent BBQ.

It has been a busy week for our Goldies community with Year 4 and 5 camps and EOTC activities for our Year 1 to 3 students. Year 6 students have spent the week getting ready for their camp next week. Thank you to all the parents who have been able to give time to support these activities. We couldn't provide these opportunities without community support.

We have welcomed Mary-Anne Tamati back to Goldfields to support Te Reo Māori programmes for our teachers and students. Mary-Anne is working in our school for 2 ½ hours a fortnight. Last week she worked with our Kāhui Puāwai students and teachers. Mary-Anne works through REAP and supports programmes in schools across the district. Her energy and expertise are invaluable.

We have welcomed Jess Harvey as guitarist for Kapa Haka. We are thrilled to have Jess on board to support our children. It will take a few sessions to get us all in sync and we are all learning along the way. We currently have all children who are interested in Kapa Haka from Kāhui Pihinga and Kāhui Puāwai coming along to our Tuesday afternoon sessions - there have been about 200 children coming along. The children who were part of the performance group last year have been supporting our new students. We will be choosing a performance group over this term who will work toward Polyfest in terms 3 and 4. We will still hold sessions for all children who want to come and participate, learn and enjoy Kapa Haka.

Kia Pai to wiki  
Nāku Noa  
Anna Harrison

## What's on Term 1

**Wed 26 - Fri 28 February**  
Year 5 Camp - Pounaweia

**Mon 2 - Fri 6 March**  
Year 6 Camp - Camp Columba

**Fri 6 - Fri 13 March**  
Life Education bus onsite

**Tuesday 10 March**  
FOTS meeting  
7.30pm Staffroom

**Thursday 19 March**  
Athletics Day

**Sat 21 - Sun 22 March**  
Relay for Life

**Monday 23 March**  
Otago Anniversary Holiday  
School Closed

**Wednesday 25 March**  
ZONE athletics  
Year 4-6 qualifiers

**Wednesday 1 April**  
Central Otago athletics  
Year 5&6 qualifiers  
Please note Y4 students do not progress to this event.

**Thursday 9 April**  
Last Day of school for Term 1

**Tuesday 28 April**  
Term 2 begins



## School Happenings

### After School Club

All bookings for before or after school care mail to [asc@goldfields.school.nz](mailto:asc@goldfields.school.nz) please make sure bookings are completed by Monday each week. Late cancellations and no-shows will be charged. Please note this service is now full most days and there is a waiting list. If you need to contact ASC staff please use this number: 027 2123161

### Thursday Sausage Sizzles

# No Sausages this week

## Reminders

### Hats for Term 1

We are a sunsmart accredited school. Children need to wear school hats while outside in Term 1. School hats are available for purchase through the school office \$15 each - these can be put on your school account.

### Wrapper Free Lunches

We are an enviro school and we encourage children to have wrapper free lunches to help us minimise waste and reduce rubbish around our school.

Please consider re-usable containers or bento-style boxes for your child's lunches.



Poipoia te kākano kia Puāwai  
Nurture the seed and it will  
blossom

### Bike Helmet Reminder

We have noticed a few of our senior students arriving at school on bikes without helmets. Please make sure that your child leaves home with a helmet on their head - NZ law requires helmets to be worn by anyone riding a bike. If your child arrives at school without a helmet we will contact you to bring their helmet to school before we will allow them to ride their bike home.

### Supervision for children playing at school after 3pm and in the weekend

Our school grounds are very open and we know that the playground is well used after 3pm and in the weekends by families, current and former students. We have had some reports of unsafe behaviour of children in the weekends with children on the roof and on the shade sails. Thank you to the community members who have let us know when these incidents occur. Primary aged children should be supervised by parents when playing in the grounds outside of school hours.

## Thank You

**A huge thank you to Hire Pool for donating the use of a trailer for transporting bikes to the bike park for our Kāhui Kākano EOTC bike day!**



# FOTS Picnic Fun



## Reminders

### Bikes and Scooters

Bike and scooter stands are located on the grass next to the hall on Gilling place. All bikes and scooters should be placed in the stands for the school day.

Please remind your child that they need to push their bike or scooter around the school grounds to avoid accidents and collisions on the courts, through the tunnels and around the pathways.

### Updating media permissions

A form has been sent out via the Skool Loop app to update permissions for use of photos of your child.

It is important that we update this information annually so that parents are able to express their preferences for use of photos from school activities and events in our newsletter, on the website or through social media platforms.

## School Happenings

### Marlow Pie fundraiser

We will be selling Marlow pies as a camp and EOTC fundraiser again this year. Fundraising helps us keep costs for these activities as low as possible.

Monday 9 March - order forms home to all families

Tuesday 17 March - final day for orders into school

Thursday 2 April - Pie delivery

Great for Term 2 Heat ups

## Camp and EOTC photos

Teachers have taken heaps of photos of children having a great time on camps and EOTC activities. We are keen to share these through our newsletter and on our school website in the galleries.

### **BUT**

We can't do this until we have media permissions updated so that we know whether or not you are happy for us to share photos of your child participating in school activities and on what platforms.

**Please complete the permission on Skool Loop. Check with your child's teacher if you can't remember if you have completed it. Contact the office if you need help.**

**KELLY SPORTS** **HOLIDAY PROGRAMME**

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# Community Notices

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**FUNDRAISING FOR  
CLYDE SCHOOL PTA**

**COOKING DEMO**  
WITH  
riverstone kitchen's  
**Bevan Smith**

CLYDE SCHOOL HALL  
BLYTH STREET, CLYDE  
Wednesday 11th March  
\$25 per person

DOORS OPEN 7PM  
COOKING DEMO STARTS AT 7.30PM

ONE FREE DRINK INCLUDED IN  
YOUR TICKET PRICE  
CASH BAR THROUGHOUT THE NIGHT

Riverstone Kitchen Cookbooks and other  
Riverstone Produce to purchase

TICKETS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE  
ONLINE AT EVENTBRITE  
<https://bevanasmithatclydeschool.eventbrite.co.nz>  
(\$27 INCLUDING BOOKING FEE)  
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