

05 November 2025

Tēnā koutou katoa,

A number of things happening at school in the next few weeks, as we fly towards the end of the year. Please keep an eye out on HERO for any notices home, and contact the class teacher or the office if you have any questions about activities or events coming up.

TOP TEAMS

In the end the weather was great for our Top Teams activities last week, the children enjoyed a fun morning of problem solving and team building activities. It was really heartening to see our older students supporting and guiding younger students through the tasks.



GUMBOOT FRIDAY

Tomorrow (Thursday 6th November) we welcome children to wear their gumboots to school, in support of "Gumboot Friday". Note we are holding this on Thursday, as our athletic sports are on Friday.

This is recognising support for the mental health and wellbeing charity "I am hope", which is focused on "normalizing conversations around mental health and providing free, timely counseling for young people aged 25 and under through the Gumboot Friday initiative". Those wishing to donate are able to contribute through this [Gumboot Friday Website](#), or bring a donation to the school office in the morning which we can pass on.

SCHOOL POOL KEYS

School pool keys are available to purchase from the office for the 2025/26 season. Cost is \$60. Please make contact with the office to arrange collection of keys. Keys are to be returned after 2026 end of season.

ATHLETICS DAY

This Friday we have our annual Athletics event, at the Geraldine Domain with Carew Peel Forest School. If you haven't already, please have a good read through of the information about the day ([attached here](#)).

PARENT TEACHER COMMUNICATION VIA HERO

For those of you who may not be that familiar with HERO yet, we thought it would be useful to attach the below a link which is a video showing how to send a message to your child's teacher via HERO.

[Click here to go to HERO Video](#)

TERM 4 DATES

[Attached here is a link to the Term 4 calendar](#)

Week 5 (3 - 7 November)

- On Thursday 6th we have "Gumboot Friday", as a fundraiser for this mental health initiative (on Thursday as the Friday is athletics)
- Friday 7th November is our athletics event, at the Geraldine Domain, combined with Carew Peel Forest.

Week 7 (17 - 21 November)

- The Timaru Relay races are on at Caroline Bay, for Year 5/6 students, on Tuesday 18th.
- Wednesday 19th November at 6.30pm our Board of Trustees have a training evening with other BOT's in the area

Week 8 (24 - 28 November)

- Monday at 7.00pm is a BOT mtg
- Tuesday 25th November is South Canterbury Athletics, for selected students
- Friday 28th November is a transition visit for those Year 6's heading to Geraldine High School in 2026.

Week 9 (1 - 5 December)

- Year 4-6 swimming starts. This is during class time, every day for 2 weeks at the Geraldine Pool, with trained CBAY instructors.

Week 11 (15 - 17 December)

- Tuesday at 1.00pm is our end of year prizegiving at the Woodbury Hall. End year reports are also out on this day.
- Wednesday 17th December is our last day, with students finishing at 12.00pm. Note: we actually complete our required number of school days on the Tuesday. Wednesday morning is a "clean-up" day for putting away resources, equipment, etc... Children who do attend on this day can help out, or have a last day of the year to play with friends!