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## **SCHOOL NEWSLETTER**

Friday 12th April 2024

Dear Parents and Caregivers

### **CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS**

Friday 12th April	- Last day of Term 1
Monday 29th April	- First day term 2
Tuesday 30th April	- John Parsons visit
Friday May 3rd	- Teacher only Day (No school for students)
Tuesday 7th May	- Home and School Meeting - AGM
Wednesday 15th May	- Board Meeting
Friday 17th May	- School and Family photos
Wednesday 22nd May	- Waimea Cross Country
Wednesday 29th May	- Northern Country
Wednesday 12th June	- National Philippines Day
Mon 12th - Fri 16th August	- Senior Room Camp
Monday 26th August	- Polyfest

### **TERM DATES**

Monday 29th April	- First day Term 2
Friday 5th July	- Last day Term 2
Monday 22nd July	- first day Term 3
Friday 27th September	- Last day Term 3
Monday 14th October	- First day Term 4
To be confirmed	- Last day Term 4

### **BALFOUR HOME AND SCHOOL UPDATE**

Thank-you all to all those who gave feedback and offered help for the Yum Café. The hard decision was made that the Balfour Home and School are unable to take on the commitment of the Café this year.

#### **Other Fundraising Opportunities:**

There has been a great response to the **Southern Dirt Bike rider's fundraiser**. Thank-you to Jason Duff for heading this up.

**Lions Catering** – The date for Lions catering is Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May. If anyone would like to co-ordinate the Menu for this, please let me know. Catering for approximately 25 people. Keep an eye out for an email around donating food or helping on the night.

**Castlerock Saleyards** – we have been approached to see if the Balfour School would like to do the droving of the Cattle at the Castlerock Saleyards. The School has done this in the past before. The droving is fast paced, thinking on your feet and lots of fun.

There are 5 sales for the season – One in August and November and three in April. Ten helpers would be needed with around three main people who know what is happening and can help direct people to where

they need to go. The help would be needed from 9.45am until 12.30pm. The Home and School would generate around \$5000-\$6000 from this fundraiser. If you would like to be one of the main helpers and see how the sale runs, please get in touch with me, as there are currently sales on, that we can learn from. We need two more main helpers.

What a great first term our children have had and thank-you to Julia Duff for organising the raffles. This money was used for the buses to take our children to the Farm Safety Day. A special thanks to the families that donated money and S Black contracting as well.

Our next meeting which is also our AGM is scheduled for Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2024 – 7.30pm

Many Thanks,  
Katherine McCallum  
Balfour Home and School President

## **BOARD MEETING DATES**

Please find below the meeting dates for the rest of 2024.

### ***Meeting time 7pm***

<b><i>Term 2</i></b>	<b><i>Term 3</i></b>	<b><i>Term 4</i></b>
<i>15<sup>th</sup> May</i>	<i>14<sup>th</sup> August</i>	<i>30<sup>th</sup> October</i>
<i>19<sup>th</sup> June</i>	<i>18<sup>th</sup> September</i>	<i>4<sup>th</sup> December</i>

***You are welcome to attend any of these meetings.***

## ***PRINCIPALS REPORT***

Kia ora Parents, Caregivers, Whānau,

This week classes have been learning about Anzac Day. From our youngest New Entrant students to those older, learning about the sacrifice and losses is important to understanding where we are now. Students worked in Whānau Groups to make wreaths. Classes prepared poems, writing and Visual Art. And our senior leaders prepared for our Anzac ceremony, held this afternoon. The white crosses at the school gates, and Anzac flag are poignant symbols. And hearing 'Amazing Grace' played on the bagpipes by Sam, Fletcher and Robbie was very special. Thank you to John Dale, who came and spoke at our Service. The information shared was sobering and seeing the medals was very special. Thank you to everyone who was able to join us. The wreaths and artwork will be used in the Balfour Anzac Day ceremonies.

It has been a very busy term with many learning opportunities. But time now for everyone to have a break, ready for many events planned for Term 2. Classes have already started training for Cross Country in Term 2. The holidays are the perfect time to check out training footwear. Running shoes for training are ideal, and students may like to bring a spare pair of footwear to change into, especially as the grass is often wet.

Thank you to everyone who has helped out in any way during the term. It is very much appreciated and most importantly supports the learning journey of our amazing tamariki. We hope that everyone has a fantastic, relaxing break, and look forward to seeing students back refreshed and ready for a great term of learning.

Noho ora mai.  
Heather Boniface

# PHOTOS FROM OUR ANZAC SERVICE TODAY





**PLEASE NOTE THAT ON OUR FIRST WEEK BACK WE HAVE  
A TEACHER ONLY DAY ON FRIDAY 3RD MAY**

## **Northern Southland Food Bank**

Northern Southland Food Bank is looking for donations. Anything you can donate makes a big difference.

### **How can you help?**

Donate online to Northern Southland Food Bank:  
03-0960-0112405-00

Drop off can or packaged food to Balfour School (box in the office) or to St John's op shop in Lumsden.

Donate some meat - please contact Cara Colquhoun 0278108880 to arrange the details about delivery of the meat to the food bank.



# ICE SKATING

## SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

**OPEN 2-4pm everyday** during the school holidays and weekends

**PRICE**  
 Adult (18 or over) - \$18  
 Student (under 18) - \$15  
 Preschool (under 5) - \$7.50  
 Family 4 Pass - \$59  
 (2 adults and 2 children OR 1 adult 3 children)

## KIWISKATE TERM 2

Monday Afternoons  
(During school terms. No Kiwis skate on Public Holidays)

4pm - 5pm  
Lessons begin at 4:15pm to give you time to get skates on & get warmed up.

Kiwiskate starts 29th April. (10 sessions)

**\$110 TERM**

REGISTER

Please pay at the Multipsports Complex reception on arrival.

## ADULT LEARN TO SKATE

Age 16+

Monday Evenings  
(during school terms)

7.30pm - 9.00pm

**\$110 TERM**

Adult Beginners  
 7.30pm 1/2 hr Group Lesson

Adult Experienced  
 8pm 1/2 hr Group Session

REGISTER ONLINE:

## LEARN TO PLAY ICE HOCKEY

Would your little person love to learn how to play Ice Hockey?

6 - 12 year olds

**Tuesdays: 4:30pm - 5:30pm**  
(During school terms)

**\$110 TERM**

\*All gear and coaching included.\*  
 Limited spaces, REGISTER now by emailing: [issicehockey@gmail.com](mailto:issicehockey@gmail.com) or for more info.

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# 45° Fibre

- DEEP SOUTH FIBRE FESTIVAL

**Come along to the  
 Gore Town & Country Club  
 2 Bury Street, Gore  
 on Saturday, 4th of May  
 10 am - 3 pm  
 Free entry**

**We'll have a kids corner,  
 where all the cool crafts will be.**

(No cost to your parents.)

**Food & Drink Trucks**  
 including candy floss, ice cream  
 (and healthy stuff too)

**Have a go at:**  
 weaving, knitting, cross stitch  
 pompom animals,  
 plaiting rats tails,  
 daisy-making

**Fibre Animals  
 to meet and pet**

(There will be stuff to keep the adults busy, too.)

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 Phone: 021 522 502

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# HOLIDAY TIME

## Gore Library

Week 1	Week 2
<p><b>Tuesday 16 April</b></p> <p>10:30am - StoryTime            3:30pm - StoryTime</p> <p><b>Wednesday 17 April</b></p> <p>10:30am - CraftTime            3:30pm - BrickTime</p> <p><b>Friday 19 April</b></p> <p>10:30am - GameTime</p>	<p><b>Tuesday 23 April</b></p> <p>10:30am - StoryTime            3:30pm - StoryTime</p> <p><b>Wednesday 24 April</b></p> <p>10:30am - BrickTime            3:30pm - CraftTime</p>

**GORE DISTRICT LIBRARIES**

## Parenting Programme

For parents of children aged 0 - 18 years

Wednesdays from May 8  
 (8 sessions)  
 9.30am - 11.30am

Family Works,  
 183 Spey St, Invercargill

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 phone Nicole on  
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