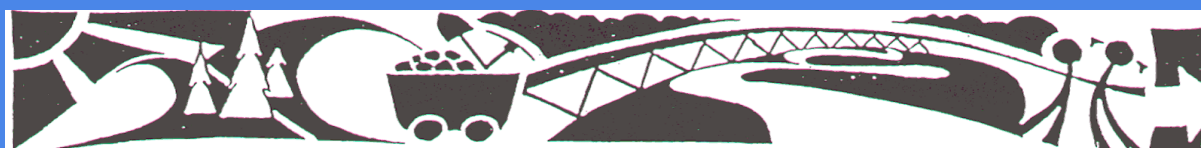


KAITANGATA PRIMARY SCHOOL
Established 1866



Building a Bridge to Success

Newsletter Friday 31st January

Kia ora

Welcome to the 2025 school year. It is great to see all of our staff and students back after their break. It is a bonus to have our teaching and support staff all returning so we can hit the ground running. We begin the year with a healthy roll of 97 which enables us to run 5 classes and retain small numbers.

Welcome

We welcome Chloe to our Kea class , Billie-Mae and Zac to the Kiwi class, Eli to the Ruru class and River to the Tui class. We hope they enjoy their experience at Kaitangata.
We also farewell Krome and Remy who leave us to go to Australia.



School Lunch Menu

We have begun our school lunches with the School Collective provider. Attached, you will find the menu. All lunches are delivered hot each day. If you do not wish your child to take part in the lunch programme, you must contact Mrs Payne or your child's teacher to let them know. It is an "all in" OR "all out" option.

Short week for Students Next Week

Please take note that we celebrate **Waitangi Day as a Public Holiday on Thursday** next week and we are taking a **Teacher Only Day on Friday 7th February** (along with most Primary Schools in South Otago) to allow our teaching and support staff to attend a workshop taken by Kathryn Berkett, who is leading expert on catering for neurodiverse children and catering for those affected by trauma.
This means that you can have an extra long weekend, including Thursday and Friday.

Athletics

Students aged 8 years and over on the 1st January 2025 take part in the senior athletics event on 25th February. Teachers are hoping to take these students out for practices from 1.30-2.30pm each day weather permitting. Can students bring suitable clothing and footwear to change into after lunch.

Board of Trustees Meeting : Monday 10th February at 7pm in the school staffroom

Notice from South Otago Hockey

Year 1 - 6 Hockey

The competition **STARTS on Monday 17 February** and **ENDS on Monday 31 March**. We DO NOT play on Otago Anniversary Day. This is a 6 week competition.

Cost: \$25 per player, which will be invoiced to schools upon confirmation of team numbers

Bring:

- Mouthguard and Shin pads (Year 1 - 8)
- Hockey Stick (Year 3 - 8)
- School/Team playing Shirt (Year 3 - 8)

Where: Cross Recreation Centre

Hockey is broken down into 4 competitions:

- **Year 1 & 2:** (Enter as individuals, this is mostly skills based and runs for 45 minutes with Simon Cullen and High School Helpers. Parent help is much appreciated! Depending on interest, numbers may be limited.)
- **Year 3 & 4**
- **Year 5 & 6**

These competitions are non-competitive.

The game is 5 a-side and is played on a netball sized court. We do ask each team to have a manager and someone available to help ref each game. **Having a coach/referee is very important and helps us with the smooth running of the competition.**

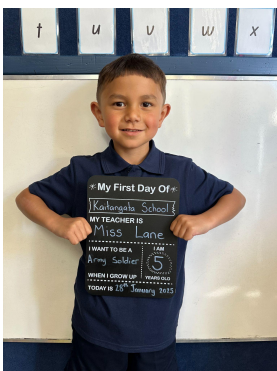
This year we hope to include skill development for Year 3 - 6, during their allocated time on court.

Year 7 - 8 Hockey

For the Year 7 & 8 Grade, we are running a summer league at South Otago High School. This will be umpired by the Clutha District Hockey Committee, and will be competitive with playoffs at the end of the round. This will start on Monday 17 February and will run for 7 weeks (excluding Otago Anniversary day). Cost will be \$10 per player. Each team will need a coach/manager. Players will need all equipment for turf based hockey, including appropriate footwear, mouthguard, hockey stick, skin pads that are the correct size and a school sports top.

Players do not necessarily need to play in their year group competition. Use your discretion as to whether you would like to put players up or down a grade. This can be helpful with schools with lower numbers. We can also combine schools together who are short on players.

If you are interested in your child taking part in any of these, please contact Mrs Payne by Monday 10th Feb.



All of our new arrivals

Skip, our Sports Activator began his visits to school on Thursday with activities based around athletics skills



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2	3	4	5	6 Waitangi Day	7 Kathryn Berkett Workshop
3	10	11	12	13 Top Team	14 Assembly
4	17	18	19	20	21 Technology
5	24	25 Kaitangata Athletics	26	27 Sports Activator	28 Assembly
6	3 SO Sports	4 TLF Workshop	5	6	7 Technology
7	10	11 SW Otago Triathlon	12 Duffy Theatre 1:30	13	14 Assembly
8	17	18	19	20 Sports Activator	21 Technology
9	24 Anniversary Day	25 Swimming	26 Swimming	27 Swimming	28 Swimming
10	31	1 Yr 5/ 6 Netball Tourn.	2 Yr 7/ 8 Netball Tourn	3	4 Technology
11	7	8	9	10	11 Assembly



School Lunch Collective

Term 1 Menu

January, February, and March 2025

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week One	Tex-Mex Beef & Beans with Rice & Cheese	Butter Chicken served with Rice & Vege	Mac & Cheese Pasta with Ham in Cheese Sauce	Beef Pasta Bolognese in Classic Tomato Sauce	Thai Jungle Curry Chicken & Veg with Rice
Week Two	Beef & Vege Risssoles with Potato & Gravy	Mac & Cheese Pasta with Ham in Cheese Sauce	Beef Cottage Pie & Veg with mashed potato	Chicken Pasta Bake with Creamy Veg Sauce	Beef Meatballs & Tomato Sauce on Golden Rice
Week Three	Butter Chicken served with Rice & Vege	Tex-Mex Beef & Beans with Rice & Cheese	Mac & Cheese Pasta with Ham in Cheese Sauce	Beef Meatballs & Tomato Sauce on Golden Rice	Chilled Chicken Teriyaki Rice Bowl with Veg



Beef Risssoles



Pasta Bolognese



Cottage Pie



Mac & Cheese



Beef Meatballs



Butter Chicken



Chicken Pasta



Mexican Mince



Teriyaki Chicken



Coconut Curry