

# Clyde Primary School

Akoranga mo ake ake: Learning for Life



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Term 2, Week 8

Tuesday, 17th June 2025

Mānawatia a Matariki — Happy Māori New Year!



Matariki hunga nui |  
Matariki brings us together



Final preparations for the Matariki Lantern Parade are underway; the children are excited to showcase the stories of Matariki and the beautiful lanterns that have been crafted to honour this time of year. These preparations and the upcoming celebration have brought us all together, and I am grateful to all who have contributed to this event. To the parents, grandparents, the school's PTA, The Tin Goose Cafe, Olivers, and my teaching colleagues - Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou katoa | Thank you to you all.

Yesterday 17 ākongā students represented the school at the Dunstan Zone Cross Country races at McArthur Ridge in Springvale in challenging wintery conditions. Alexandra Primary School organised this event, and our ākongā students were supported by Kate Goodfellow, Amanda Campbell and Gretchen McNally. All the children did Clyde School proud; you were superstars. Well done to Skyla, Rylee, Vinnie, Quade and Holly who placed in the top 10. These children have the opportunity to take part in the Central Otago Cross Country next Thursday 26th June. Please email Sandy at [sandyr@clyde.school.nz](mailto:sandyr@clyde.school.nz) by 3pm this Thursday if you wish to have your child entered in this event.

**Whanau School Interviews** will be held during Week 9 of this term next Tuesday, 24th June, between **3:15 pm and 5:00 pm**, and on Wednesday, 25th June, between **1:00 pm and 7:00 pm**. The appointment booking site is live via Hero. Due to the large number of students in each classroom, it is necessary to hold interviews during the school day. If you can help us by picking up your children at 12.30 pm on Wednesday afternoon, please let your child's classroom teacher know. This would be coded as an explained absence within the school policy for the afternoon. School will be open on Wednesday afternoon, and there will be supervision for children who remain on site.

**The school will be closed for instruction on Monday, June 23rd, for a Teachers Only Day, which** will focus on further unpacking the new refreshed English and Maths curriculum.

I look forward to seeing you all at tomorrow's celebration.

Ngā mihi nui,  
Megan Ryder

**We are looking forward to celebrating Matariki with you all.**



All school children need to meet in their whānau group classroom at 5.30pm.



**Fraser/Green** in the Kiwi Classroom. **Sunderland/Yellow** in the Kea Classroom.  
**Hazlett/ Blue** in the Ruru Classroom. **Blyth/Red** in the Pūkeko Classroom.



The night will be cold and dark so please wrap up warm. A torch or head torch could be useful, though we ask that you do not use these during the parade or ceremony.



#### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

Wed 18 June	Year 8 Polar Plunge
Wed 18 June	Matariki evening celebrations at school
Fri 20 June	Matariki - public holiday
Mon 23 June	Teacher Only Day - school closed
Tues 24 June	Whanau Interviews 3.15pm - 5pm
Wed 25 June	Whanau Interviews 1pm - 7pm
Thurs 26 June	CO Cross Country
Fri 27 June	Y7/Y8 Curling Competition
Fri 27 June	Final assembly for term
Fri 27 June	Last day Term 2
Mon 14 July	First day Term 3

## **SCHOOL HAPPENINGS**

### **Kiwi Class Science**

Throughout 2025, the Air Quality Collective is partnering with the Otago Regional Council to investigate the contribution of open burning to smoke in the air in the Alexandra-Clyde Basin. What an opportunity we have been presented with to work alongside scientists guiding our study to investigate how we can manage the environment in the classroom to ensure we have good air quality.

What's the issue?

The issue with the air quality is that we are in a basin. Inversion layers can form above the towns of Clyde and Alexandra. An inversion layer is like a mini atmosphere that traps smoke from chimneys and farm burn-offs from exiting the Clyde/Alexandra basin. We can have really poor air quality in the winter because people burn wood for warmth, and that releases smoke that contaminates our air.

**Stanley**

In Clyde, we don't have much wind. The particulate matter gets trapped. **Jack**

Questions

Why is it so important to measure the air quality in our classroom? **Martha**

Does the air quality in our classroom affect our health and learning? **Matty**

How can we manage to have the best air quality in our classroom? **Matty**

How much smoke is in Clyde, and how much are we breathing in? **Martha**

We are learning to use equipment to measure the air quality in Kiwi Class. **Georgia**



Our weekly Zoom meeting with Dr Ian Longley  
(The Air Quality Collective )



## Jumping June



Clyde School has been involved with a Heart Foundation initiative called Jumping June. Students have been able to fundraise for the Heart Foundation. By doing the fundraising, we were sent some skipping ropes. Last week, we organised a Jumping June challenge for the whole school. We had different stations around the school and music playing. Each station had a circuit of different skipping techniques that we could practice and learn. Then we had a skip-off at the end where we could share our tricks or skipping skills we had mastered. It was a lot of fun. The fundraising is still going, but we will let you know how much Clyde School raises for the Heart Foundation.

By Vinny Kitto and Theo Eley

## A successful application from The Otago Community Trust was applied for by Oiva Kiuru.

My name is Oiva Kiuru and I am part of a group called the Bike Ambassadors, who are a group of year 8 students from the Central Otago area. After our courses the Clyde School group organised a junior bike day for the junior school which was a great success. Then Sandy told me about a Rangitahi lead fund from The Otago Community Trust where we could apply to get some money for a project that we thought was important. We talked about a bike repair stand for school. So I looked for a place in NZ that sold these repair stations. I found a place in Christchurch that sold them for a reasonable price and called them and got a quote. Then we applied for the fund. In the application, I had to supply a budget for the cost and write about why it would be good for us to have the bike repair station at school. Earlier this week, I got an email saying that my application had been accepted. The grant was for \$4600 which is enough to buy one and install it here at Clyde School.

Nga Mihi  
Oiva Kiuru





In New Zealand schools, attendance is tracked using specific codes to indicate different types of absences.. These codes help schools monitor attendance patterns and identify potential issues.

# Attendance Code Descriptions

Updated 1 April 2025



## Present for ½ day calculations

### **P** Present

Student is present in class. This includes supervised dual tuition with Te Kura.

### **L** Late to class

Student is late to class. Schools set the threshold for lateness (e.g. 10 minutes) in their school policy.

### **A** Alternative provision

Student is present in a Ministry-approved alternative provision, such as a teen parent unit, alternative education, secondary-tertiary program, health school or activity centre.

### **V** Unsupervised exam study **(S)**

Student is present in an examination or unsupervised study where the student is on-site.

### **N** Present but out of class

Student is present but out of class due to an on-site school activity (cultural or sporting event), internal appointment, temporary removal from class, or time in the sickbay.

### **Q** Board approved offsite learning

Student is present in Board-approved off-site learning, including courses, school-organised activities, and work experience.

### **D** Approved external appointment

Student is present but has a medical appointment which is unable to be scheduled outside of school hours (e.g. doctor or dentist and includes travel time) or is participating in court proceedings.

## Justified absence

### **J** Explained and approved

Student is absent due to explained and approved reasons (e.g. family emergencies, bereavement, representing in national / cultural events, approved exemptions, or accompanying parents on overseas diplomatic / military postings).

### **M** Illness / Medical absence

Student is absent due to illness or medical reasons, including mental health-related absences (e.g. anxiety).

### **X** Exam leave **(S)**

Student is absent studying offsite preparing for exams. NOTE: Time allocated to this code is not included in Ministry attendance calculations.

### **U** Stood down or suspended

Student is absent due to formal stand down or suspension. This code applies to the period of the stand-down or suspension, excluding the day it was imposed.

## Unjustified absence

### **T** Truant

Student is absent without explanation or permission from a parent / caregiver (e.g. skipping class)

### **E** Explained but not approved

Student is absent and the reason provided does not meet the school's policy for a justifiable absence (e.g. a parent states their child didn't want to attend sports day).

### **G** Holiday during term time

Student is absent due to a holiday taken.

### **?** Unknown (temporary)

Temporary code used when the reason for a student's absence is initially unknown. This will be updated once the reason is confirmed.

**(S)** Secondary schools only

PTA:

**CLYDE SCHOOL**

**IS ON THE LOOK OUR FOR...**

items and equipment for the new breakout room

maybe you have some old toys in good condition that your kids no longer play with?

some ideas of what we are looking for are in the next picture!!

**EQUIPMENT AND TOY IDEAS**

pilates rollers

Self standing egg chair

foam mat / soft touch mat

train set

hotwheels cars (or similar small cars)

complete puzzles for all ages

swissballs



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NEW ZEALAND MAJOR EVENTS | DUNEDIN CITY COUNCIL | UNIVERSITY OF OTAGO | OTAGO COMMUNITY TRUST

The poster features a dark green background with a vibrant aurora borealis in shades of green and purple. Scattered throughout are various space-themed illustrations: a blue satellite with solar panels, a red planet with a yellow ring, a yellow star with a pink comet tail, and several white stars. The text is in white and orange, providing clear information about the festival's dates, location, and the variety of events available.



**What you do EVERY DAY matters!**

Caring for your teeth every day makes the biggest difference – **your daily 1, 2, 3** will keep them happy and healthy

- 1** Brush twice every day with fluoride toothpaste
- 2** Give your teeth a rest by eating main meals and snacking less
- 3** Make unsweetened food and drinks your everyday choice

The infographic has a teal background. On the left, a cartoon tooth character with a smiling face holds an orange toothbrush and a tube of fluoride toothpaste. Above the tooth is a thought bubble containing text about daily dental care. On the right, three dark blue rounded rectangles contain numbered tips for maintaining oral health. The overall design is clean and informative, using bright colors and simple illustrations to convey its message.



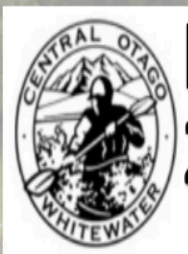


# HOLIDAY PROGRAMME



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# KAYAKING 2025

**Who?** Year 7 upwards

**When?** Tuesday Night 6-7pm

**Where?** Molyneux Aquatic Centre

**Cost?** \$35 Club fee + weekly pool entry

**Register?** Complete the [Google Form](#)

Central Otago Whitewater Inc. run a Learn to Kayak Basics course for 6-8 weeks in Term 3, starting Tuesday 22 July 2025.

If you have some experience already why not give Kayak Polo a go, you can either skip the Basics or sign up for both.

If you're keen for even more paddling in Term 4 you can join the Central Otago Whitewater Junior Programme starting with flat water paddling and moving to the Clutha River slalom course.

## CONTACTS:

Basics: Kirsten Knights

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kknightsnz@gmail.com

Polo: Ian Knights

021 204 5885

iknightsnz@gmail.com



## KAYAK POLO 2025

**When:** 15 July—18 September 2025

**Where:** Molyneux Aquatic Centre

**Cost:** Pool entry + Club fee (\$50/adult, \$35/student)

**A Grade:** Thursday 7-9pm

**B Grade:** Tuesday 7-9pm

**Contact:** [iknightsnz@gmail.com](mailto:iknightsnz@gmail.com) or

021 204 5885

**Register:** Complete the [Google Form](#) by **6 July 2025** (No team required).



## Alexandra

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Please note, bricks will not be made and installed until the project  
is nearing completion, which we are aiming for within 2026!!



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1<sup>st</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> July 2025 7.30pm

5<sup>th</sup> July 2025 2pm

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