



# Aparima College Newsletter

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# Matariki



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# Reading and Thank You

As Term 2 comes to a close, I'd like to take a moment to thank our wonderful staff, amazing students, and their supportive whānau for all the encouragement during my time as Acting Principal.

It has certainly been an interesting experience working in the "big office" again, and I've had the opportunity to accomplish a few 'firsts'—some great, and a few that were more of a learning curve! It's been a privilege to serve in this role again, and I've enjoyed the experience.

Next term, I'll be returning to my usual position as Deputy Principal, and I'm looking forward to continuing to support our students and staff in that space.

The results for our students who sat the Reading Co-Requisite assessments have been released this week. Preparing our students for these exams has really highlighted just how many of them are not reading on a regular basis.

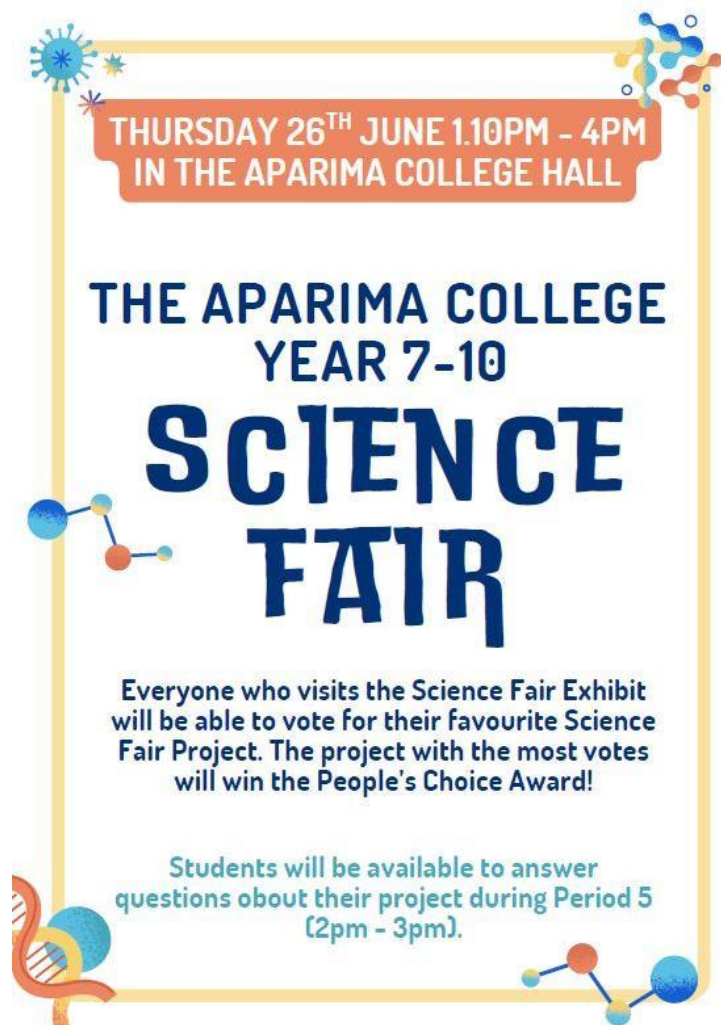
Reading is so much more than just a school task—it's foundational to success across all areas of learning. When we read, we learn how words are spelled, how punctuation works, and we absorb new vocabulary, sentence structures, and writing styles. All of this has a direct impact on writing ability, comprehension, and communication.

It's incredibly important that our students are reading—and it doesn't have to be novels (although that certainly helps). They can read instructions, articles, recipes, graphic novels, travel brochures, sports programmes—anything that gets them engaging with text.

So please, please, please, encourage your children to read over the holidays—whatever form that may take. The benefits go far beyond the classroom.

Ngā mihi nui

*Leah Fraser*  
*Acting Principal*

A colorful poster for The Aparima College Year 7-10 Science Fair. The poster is framed by a yellow border with decorative molecular and DNA-like structures in blue, red, and orange at the corners. At the top, an orange banner reads "THURSDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 1.10PM - 4PM IN THE APARIMA COLLEGE HALL". Below this, the text "THE APARIMA COLLEGE YEAR 7-10" is in blue, followed by "SCIENCE FAIR" in large, bold, blue letters. A black box contains the text: "Everyone who visits the Science Fair Exhibit will be able to vote for their favourite Science Fair Project. The project with the most votes will win the People's Choice Award!". At the bottom, a blue box reads: "Students will be available to answer questions about their project during Period 5 (2pm - 3pm).".

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IN THE APARIMA COLLEGE HALL**

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# Matariki

Last Thursday we celebrated Matariki with a Hautapu Ceremony. This involved kai that represented some of the stars such as creamed paua and watercress for Waitī and Waitā, and a kumara apple pudding for Tupu-ā-nuku and Tupu-ā-rangi.

Students and whānau enjoyed some bacon butties cooked by our amazing PTA, as well as muffins from our Food Technology classes. Ngā mihi nui to our talented Aparima College kapa haka rōpu, as well as the Yr 6's from Riverton Primary School for finishing off in style with some great performances.

Mānawatia a Matariki!





The poster features a dark blue background with a stylized illustration of a person's head and shoulders in a light yellow color. The person is wearing a dark blue shirt with the text 'QUIZ NIGHT' in large, glowing yellow letters. Above the text, there are several small white dots connected by thin lines, resembling string lights. The overall design is simple and festive.

# QUIZ NIGHT

FUNDRAISER  
APARIMA  
COLLEGE YEAR 9  
NETBALL TEAM

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> of June

Venue: RSA

Registrations from 6.30 Quiz starts at 7pm .

\$10pp plus a small prize for the raffle table

Teams 4 - 6 ,

10 Rounds 8 questions in each

MC the Netball Girls

# Fuel for Schools - Support Aparima College

Money donated can help Aparima College gain rewards such as Music, Vegepod, Sports, Book or Technology packages.

Your support is much appreciated

Go into the below link for more information

<https://fernenergy.co.nz/community/fuel-for-schools/>



**Over \$2 million Donated**

For every 100L of bulk fuel you have delivered  
our school receives 50 cents!



**Call 0800 99 99 89 to start supporting us  
today!**



Please LIKE and follow our Aparima College Facebook page, this is where you will know what is happening here at the College!



# Physics Outreach by Tuhura Otago Museum and Te Whai Ao – Dodd-Walls Centre

The year 9 and 10 students were lucky to be involved in a hands-on science programme based on the science of light and light-based technologies. The programme was run by Jessa Barder and Professor Niels Kjaergaard.

The students watched several demonstrations and were able to use specialised equipment throughout the period, which was highly educational and engaging. Both Jessa and Professor Niels were impressed by the enthusiasm of the students. They were also impressed by the quality of the students answers and understanding of what was being covered.



# Congratulations

To Krishi Narayan took out second place in the hard-fought regional Young Enterprise Business Pitch competition hosted by Southland's Chamber of Commerce. Krishi's company, Tiki Ni Moana, creates beautiful hand-made jewellery inspired by Pacific symbols 'to brighten up your world'.

Tiki Ni Moana can be found on Instagram @tiki\_ni\_moana and at the local markets

Another Aparima College company that was judged as 'One to Watch' was Stitched by Stella. Stella offers affordable high-quality clothing alterations for the Riverton community @stitched\_by\_stella

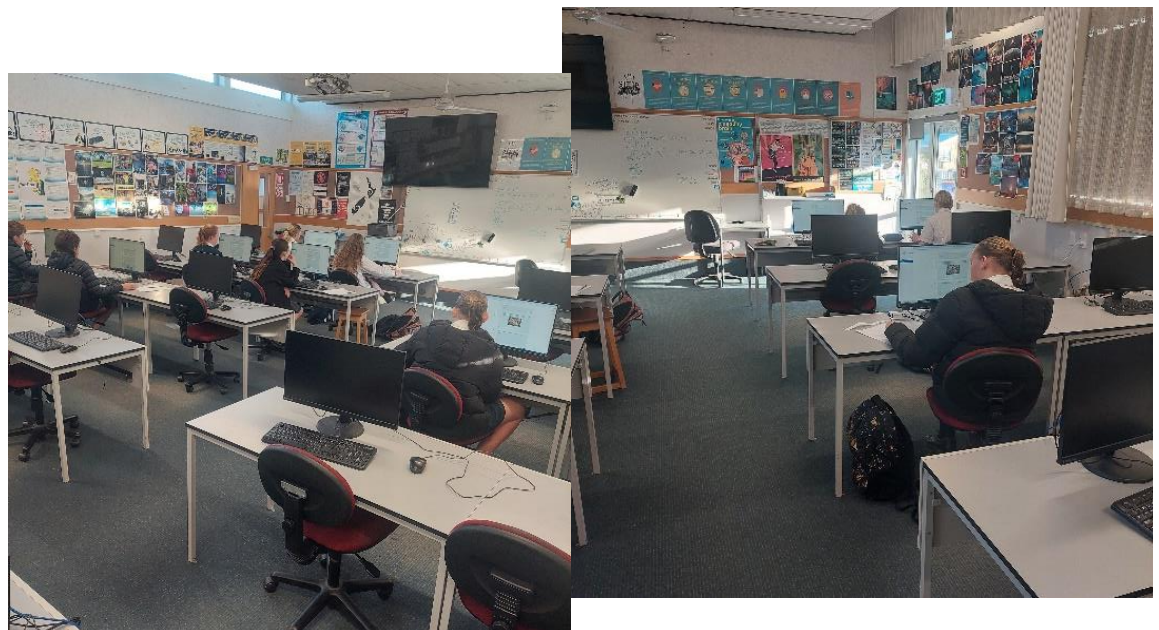


## Kiwi Competitions – Years 7–10

Several of our students from Years 7 to 10 recently took part in the University of Canterbury's Kiwi Competitions. These national competitions involve academic challenges in Mathematics, English, and Science, giving students the chance to test their knowledge alongside peers from across New Zealand.

We're especially proud of those students who showed great courage and ambition by entering all three subjects! We look forward to receiving their results and feedback. Opportunities like these are a wonderful way for our learners to strive for excellence (Taumata), and we're proud to support them on that journey.

Mrs Bond





# Cross Country

Congratulations to all our representatives who competed at the Southland Primary Schools Cross Country Championships, putting in a huge effort running on what is known to be a challenging course at Waimumu last Friday. A special mention to Louis Eadie, Olivia Horrell and Maddi Halder who finished in the top 10 in their age groups - well done!



**Southland Primary Schools Cross Country**

3d · 🌐

11-Year-Old Boys 2025

1st Baxter Tamariki (Avenal)  
2nd Marco Savory (Kiwi)  
3rd Cade Maxwell (All Saints)  
4th Matthew Truman (Avenal)  
5th Charlie Braaksma (Northern)  
6th Louis Eade (Western)  
7th George Rabbitte (All Saints)  
8th Miller Rutledge (Southern)  
9th Cooper Dobbie (LMV)  
10th Thomas O' neil (Eastern)

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**Southland Primary Schools Cross Country**

3d · 🌐

12-Year-Old Girls 2025

1st Freya Gilmour (JHC)  
2nd Elsie Selbie (Northern)  
3rd Elise Simeon (Southern)  
4th Libby Richardson (Eastern)  
5th Charlotte Glover (Central)  
6th Laykn Ah Kuoi (SGHS)  
7th Zoe Heaps (Eastern)  
8th Olivia Horrell (Western)  
9th Harper Fox (Northern)  
10th Maddi Halder (Western)



# GOOD LUCK

To our Year 9 Netball Team who are away to Christchurch next week to attend the South Island Secondary Schools JUNIOR Tournament





# COLLEGE ♣ BALL 2025









# Ngā Manu Kōrero

Ngā Manu Kōrero is regarded as one of the most esteemed events on the Te Ao Māori calendar. It is the largest speech competition of its kind whereby rangatahi speak on the successes of, and challenges facing Māori today. Our very own Latoya Columbus shares her story from this year's regional competition in Dunedin:

“Kia ora, my name is Toya Columbus, and I'm a student at Aparima College. Ngā Manu Kōrero is a national speech competition that celebrates Te Reo Māori, public speaking, and the voices of rangatahi across Aotearoa. Being one of the few chosen to stand and represent my school was an honour. It was a humbling but empowering experience to share my speech, express my whakaaro, and stand proud as a young Māori. I'm truly grateful for the opportunity to be part of such a meaningful kaupapa. One of the most amazing parts of the experience was listening to all the other speakers. Each one brought something unique to the stage, with powerful kōrero, passion, and confidence that was truly inspiring. I felt proud to be among such talented and courageous taurā.”



Latoya placed 2nd in the Korimako Senior English Prepared section, a significant achievement considering the fierce competition from every major school across Southland and Otago. Toya's speech topic was “the last beacon of light that will never fade” which made reference to our tūpuna and how we carry the light of Te Ao Māori within us. Her speech was very well received by the judges and audience at Dunedin Town Hall - me poho korerū Latoya, we couldn't be more proud!

## Bus Safety Reminders – Student Safety

*Reminders for parents and caregivers:*

Caregivers are responsible for safely transporting their children to and from their school bus stop and as such are best placed to decide the safest way to do this.

- Stick to the speed limit: it's 20kph when passing a stopped school bus (on either side of the road).
- Drop your tamariki off on the same side of the road as the bus stop.
- Teach your tamariki to always get out of the car on the side closest to the curb.
- Always take your tamariki to and from the bus-stop.
- Teach your tamariki not to run across the road.
- Remind your tamariki on how to keep safe boarding and disembarking the bus:
- While waiting at the bus stop, keep well back from the road.
- Wait until the bus has completely stopped and the door opens before getting on.
- After getting off the bus, stand well back from the road and wait until the bus has gone and you can see clearly before moving.

The New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA) has safety advice that on their website that you may find useful: Safety on buses | NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi.

# UP AND COMING EVENTS

26 June 2025	Science Fair
<b>27 June 2025</b>	<b>Last Day of Term Two</b>
29 – 4 July 2025	Year 9 SISS JUNIOR Netball Tournament
<b>14 July 2025</b>	<b>First Day of Term Three</b>
15 July 2025	John Parsons – Cyber Safety
15 July 2025	Southland Secondary Schools Netball Tournament
21 – 25 July 2025	Hauora Week
23 July 2025	BOT Meeting 5:00 pm All Welcome
24 July 2025	Careers Years 11-12
5 – 7 August 2025	Aussie Maths Competition
7 August 2025	ILT Southland Badminton
11 – 13 August 2025	Life Education Bus – Year 7
15 August 2025	Country Schools Tournament at Northern Southland College
20 August 2025	BOT Meeting 5:00 pm All Welcome
20 August 2025	Polyfest
25 – 28 August 2025	SISS Netball Tournament

## COMMUNITY EVENTS



Ngā ratonga ki te manawa o te whenua  
**Heartland Services**

### Orepuki Monthly Outreach

Heartland Services provides information about, and access to, government and community services.  
The Heartland Services centres are in rural isolated communities and exist to reduce access barriers that living rurally creates.  
We are here to help you find the solutions you need.

- We can advise you on what services are available and talk to you about them
- How to access services you need and support you to do so, helping you make and attend appointments
- Assist with sourcing and completing Applications, Forms and Documents
- Provide a device and Wi-fi in a private space for virtual appointments
- Copying, printing and scanning facilities
- Create a new CV or cover letter and assist with job applications
- Total Mobility Card Agent
- Set up your online accounts e.g. MyIR, MyMSD, RealMe or email, and much more
- JP (by appointment only)
- Food Assistance

Heartland Services are free for everyone

**Orepuki clinic at Orepuki Fire Station  
Last Wednesday of each month  
10.30am - 12.00pm**



**RIVERTON**  
Community House



37 Napier Street Riverton 9822  
P.O. Box 5 Riverton  
03 234 8206  
info@rivchouse.nz  
www.rivchouse.nz



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Ngā ratonga ki te manawa o te whenua  
**Heartland Services**  
Ph: (03) 234 8206

	APARIMA SUPPORT GROUP	10.30am @ RCH	17/07/2025
	LOUISE MCCLOY CASE MANAGER	WEDNESDAY BY APPOINTMENT	02/07/2025
	SARAH LEONARD BUDGET ADVISOR	THURSDAY BY APPOINTMENT	03/07/2025 17/07/2025
	SARA RICHARDS EMPLOYMENT CONSULTANT	TUESDAY 12 - 2pm	01/07/2025 15/07/2025 29/07/2025
	MICHAELA BEKHUIS FAMILY COURT NAVIGATOR	TUESDAY 10.30am - 2.30pm	01/07/2025
	Orepuki Outreach - Orepuki Fire Brigade	WEDNESDAY 10.30am - 12.30pm	30/07/2025

**We can help you get in contact with the right people!**








Monday - Thursday 8.30am - 12.00pm

**Our Service is friendly, free and Confidential to all  
INDIVIDUALS - FAMILY - YOUTH - ELDERLY - GROUPS**

# MINDS IN MOTION




Able Minds invite you to join our group for parents and whanau who have a child in their life with ADHD or Autism

We aim to EMPOWER, EDUCATE and CONNECT parents with free support from Able Minds

**New location and night group:**  
Arts Murihku - Whare Taupua  
34 Forth St

**First Thursday of each month**  
1pm-2.30pm  
5.30pm-7pm

**FOR MORE INFO, CONTACT:**  
zavana@able.org.nz or 021360096  
www.able.org.nz





# COMMUNITY NOTICES



**Hospice Southland**

## raise a calf -

livestock or virtual -  
proceeds fund patient care  
in the Southland &  
Wakatipu Regions



03 211 3081

[www.calvesforhospice.org.nz](http://www.calvesforhospice.org.nz)

75 Kew Road  
Invercargill

1/2 tonne of calf meal  
\$500 x 2

\$500 Travel Voucher  
prize draw

Tag your calf with your  
EID & complete NAIT

Sale Date - Lorneville  
Saleyards TBC

Beef/Beef Cross  
Friesian

How does it work?

**Livestock -**  
Raise a calf until they are weaned  
Identify your calf with a Hospice ear tag

**Virtual -**  
Just \$300 qualifies your registration of a virtual calf

What do you need to do?  
Register online or on this flyer  
[www.calvesforhospice.org.nz](http://www.calvesforhospice.org.nz)

Every registration and heaviest calf go into a prize draw









## Indoor Bowls For Teens

Teenagers are invited to play bowls

At the Southland Indoor Bowls Hall

50 Onslow Street Invercargill.

School Holiday Thursdays 3rd and/or 10th July,

1.15 - 3.15

Text entries to 0211 350 626 by Wednesday prior so we can organise a draw.

Will be played as pairs or triples

(Depending on numbers). Afternoon tea provided.

Individual entries welcome. No charges.

Coaching available.

Parents welcome to watch or play.

Organised by Invercargill Sub-Centre  
Bowls Committee

Enquiries to Rodger 0211 350 626  
or email [jollyrodger@outlook.co.nz](mailto:jollyrodger@outlook.co.nz)



**4 - 5 JULY**  
10:30 AM TO 3 PM

## KID'S FUN FEST

AT OTAUTAU PRIMARY SCHOOL

**Activities**

SPORTS CLINICS  
BRACELET MAKING  
KI-O-RAHI  
FAIRY DOOR MAKING  
DRESS UP CATWALK  
SCOUTS ACTIVITIES  
RURAL WOMAN WOOL CRAFTS

**Puzzle Room**  
WOODCRAFTS  
FACE PAINTING  
CARDMAKING  
UNDER 5 AREA  
E-SPORTS  
AND MORE!

TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM SCHOOL  
OR NATHALIE 027 8004 551  
PARENTS REQUIRED (NO DROP OFFS)



**4 - 5 JULY**  
10:30 AM TO 3 PM

## KID'S FUN FEST



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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KI-O-RAHI  
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E-SPORTS  
AND MORE!

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Central Southland  
**Netball**  
Centre

## Yr 7 & 8 DEVELOPMENT PLAYERS

**Development Day:**  
Thursday 10th July  
11-4pm

**Tournament Dates:**  
Central Southland, 27 July 2025  
Dunedin, 10 August 2025

Registrations are now open and will close:  
Friday 4th July

<https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/341752>



Central Southland  
**Netball**  
Centre

## YR 9 & 10 DEVELOPMENT PLAYERS

**Trial/Development Dates:**  
Wednesday 9 July 1-6pm  
Saturday 12 July 3:30-5pm

**Tournament Dates:**  
Dunedin, 27 July 2025 (TBC)  
Central Southland, 3 August 2025  
Invercargill, 17 August 2025

Registrations are now open and will close:  
Friday 4th July

<https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/341750>



Taking People of all ages with Special Needs  
Or Life long Medical Conditions

For a ride in a Big Rig, Classic Car or Hot Rod

**VENUE: Southern Field Days Site, Waimumu**

**9th August 2025. 12pm till 3pm**

Food and Drink provided on the day by  
Rapid Relief Team.  
Moreish food and coffee & Bees Bites.



Anyone wanting to Volunteer

their Time, Truck or Car to help out on the day  
please contact Dianne 027 7732700 or Ian on 0204 335500  
Check out our Facebook Page : Southland Hug A Rig Day

## INVERCARGILL

**Winter Volleyball league  
& 1 hour Training**

**ROOKIES SOCIAL &  
RENEGRADES COMPETITIVE**  
**\$60 PER INDIVIDUAL**  
**\$360 PER TEAM**

**6 WEEK COMPETITION**  
**STARTS WEDNESDAY 16 JULY 2025**  
**ILT STADIUM SOUTHLAND**  
**TRAINING - COACHING - 6-7PM**  
**GAMES 7PM OR 745PM**

ENTRIES CLOSE 10 JULY

<https://www.volleyouth.org.nz/indoor-volleyball/wednesday-night-league-ingill-info-1>



## STAYING IN INVERCARGILL THESE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS AND LOOKING FOR THINGS TO DO?



### JUMP N FUN

- Trampoline Park
- Laser tag
- Mini golf
- Arcade games
- Pixel Parkour

The brand-new Pixel Parkour, open just in time for the school holidays.  
Leap, dash, walk and run through a neon jungle. Pixel Parkour is a high-octane, retro-futuristic game where every pixel counts, and every jump could be your last.

School holiday hours: Monday to Sunday 10am to 5pm, after hours bookings available for groups of 10 or more

[jumpnfun.co.nz](http://jumpnfun.co.nz)



### INVERCARGILL CITY LIBRARIES

Bluff Activity - 2nd July  
10am - 12pm  
Digi Activity - Otatau  
Kids Fun Friday  
Saturday 4th July  
Sunday 5th July  
Drop-in Activity - The Pod  
10th July, 1pm - 4pm

[library.co.nz](http://library.co.nz)



### ILT STADIUM SOUTHLAND

#### Events

Steel v Magic - Saturday 28 June  
Doors open 1.45, curtain raiser match  
Southern Blast v WSO, Steel v Magic 4pm  
(book online)

Sharks v Whai - Sunday 29 June  
(book online)

#### Activities

Sports-tastic Holiday Programme  
30 June to 2 July  
(book online)

Clip n Climb  
All holidays (book online)

Circus of Illusion  
8 July (book online)

Multis Wall  
(call to book)

Pickleball  
(call to book)

Casual shots  
Available most days

Free walking track around top of velodrome

[stadiumsouth.co.nz/programmes-activities-1](http://stadiumsouth.co.nz/programmes-activities-1)



## TRUE IN NATURE JULY HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES

### WILD WOMEN

Fri 11th July, 6pm-8pm Invercargill

A wild evening for the ladies, mums and grandmums.  
A night around the fire and some fun night orienteering!

A nature immersion experience combining  
bushcraft with meditation, gentle movement  
and personal reflection.

LIMITED TO  
15 PLACES  
EACH DAY

### BUSH CRAFT

(Ages 7-16) & (Ages 11-16)  
Invercargill and Gore

Adventures, Challenges and Connection to Nature.

One day and three day options (not overnight)  
Fire starting, cooking on fires and gas stoves, whittling,  
navigation, team survival challenges, foraging, nature  
discovery, exploration in the bush, at the beach and  
down at the estuary and much more.

**CHILD VS WILD (7-13)**  
Mon 30th June to Wed 2nd July Invercargill

**BUSH KIDS (7-16)**  
Thurs 3rd July Invercargill  
Fri 4th July Gore  
Mon 7th July Invercargill

**A WILD DAY OUT (11-16)**  
Tues 8th July Invercargill

**CHILD VS WILD (7-13)**  
Wed 9th July to Fri 11th July Invercargill

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