



REMINDERS AND UPDATES

Attendance

One of the things we are continuing to focus on in 2025 is student attendance. You will hear us talking about this with you, with our students and it remains a strong subject of conversation in the staff room.

If a student misses one day of school every two weeks, they miss more than a whole year of school by 16 years of age. As a parent or caregiver, you, alongside our school, play a key role in building strong habits of regular school attendance. If you wish to track or check your child's attendance, log on to your desktop through this link <https://parent.edgelearning.co.nz>

Attendance Summary

Parents can also view an overview of their child's attendance.

1. Click 'Attendance'.

2. Choose time period. The graph will break down the percentage of days the child was present, absent and late.

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Our goal is the same as the Governments goal that students at Southland Girls' High School attend have regular attendance ie: 80% of students attend 90% of the time.

If you have any attendance queries and issues, please contact your Year Leader Co-ordinator of your child's level.

Holiday Absences During Term Time

These absences during term time according to the MOE are classified as unjustified absence and do result in a loss of learning time which in turn may affect students' achievement. If a student is sitting NCEA and an internal assessment occurs during their absence, this may mean students are unable to sit this internal. We feel it is important to be clear as to the risks with being out of school during term time. This year, with every planned absence, parents and whānau will receive a return email confirming the planned absence and outlining the ramifications of the absence in terms of the students learning.

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KEY DATES

April

1st Year 10 Whānau Hui

2nd Y8 Social at SBHS

3rd Non Uniform Day

3rd Y13 Interested Students visit from Lincoln University

9th Y10 Social at SBHS

9th-10th Year 12 Agribusiness Southland Field Trip to Te Anau

9th-11th Year 11 and 12 Geography Trip Milford Sound

11th Term 1 ends

28th Term 2 starts

May

5th Y13 Students Trip to Dunedin visit Otago Polytechnic/University of Otago

7th Y9-13 Student Coaches Course

8th Y12 and 13 Combined Ag and Agbiz Field Trip to Southland Farms

12th Y9 Hearing Screening Programme

13th Y9-13 Parent/Teacher Subject Interviews

13th Y12 Road Safety Education Day

14th Y9 Social at SGHS

14th Y9-13 Cross Country Champs Te Anau



Y7-13 Personal Learning Conferences (PLC's) - Monday 17 March

On Monday 17th March we will be holding our PLC's. It is an expectation that all students will attend with their parents. The school is closed on this day for classroom teaching, you will need to make alternative arrangements for your child. Click [HERE](#) for booking information.

PTA Meeting – Monday 31 March

If you're interested in joining the school PTA please come along to our next meeting on Monday 31 March at 7pm. Meet at Student Services

- One meeting a term
- No fundraising

All new members welcome. To find out more please contact the secretary Susan Rohde at susan@russellandsusan.com

Poutama Mātauranga – Academic Celebration – Friday 21 March

Every year we like to take time to celebrate the success of our students who have achieved to the highest level in the International Cambridge examinations and the National Certificate of Educational Achievement (NCEA).

Students who have gained the top grades for the school in Cambridge and either Merit or Excellence subject or certificate endorsements for their NCEA will receive certificates in recognition of their achievement at this ceremony.

Whānau of these recipients are warmly invited to attend. Please check your email for a personal invitation if your child is to be presented with an award this day. **Please note the RSVP is due Monday 17 March.**

School Utility Fees and Donations

Full payment for Utility Fees are due by 28 March 2025. Utility Fees and Donations can also be paid via our SGHS Online Store, click [HERE](#). For more information about Fees and Donations at SGHS please refer to our website, [HERE](#) or on page 8-9 on the Whānau Hononga Booklet.

WEEK 7: 17th March – 21st March 2025

Mon 17 March	▪ Personal Learning Conferences (PLC's) – no classroom teaching
Tues 18 March	▪ Y12 Biology Trip to Thomsons Bush – Mrs Young's class 9.00am-10.20am. Click HERE to register
Wed 19 March	▪ Victoria University information session in Connexions, 12.00pm-12.50pm (for all interested Year 13 students) ▪ Year 7 Social with Southland Boys High School to be held in the West Hall at Southland Girls' High School from 7.00pm. You must complete a permission form online to attend, please click HERE to register.
Thurs 20 March	▪ Y12 Biology Trip to Thomsons Bush – Mrs Pirini's class 9.00am-10.20am. Click HERE to register ▪ Year 12-13 Interested students Professional Engineering Workplace Tour from 10am-2.00pm
Fri 21 March	▪ AIGA Leadership morning at Anderson's Park ▪ Poutama Mātauranga Academic Celebration 2.10pm-3.10pm. Whānau are warmly invited ▪ Senior A Touch South Island Secondary School Touch Championships in Christchurch till 23 March

WEEK 8: 24th March – 28th March 2025

Mon 24 March	▪ Y9-13 Southland Golf Championships, all day at Queens Park ▪ Summer Tournament Week runs 24-28 March
Tues 25 March	
Wed 26 March	▪ Otago Polytechnic information session in West Hall. 12.00pm-12.50pm (for all interested Year 13 students) ▪ Year 12 Level 2 PE Cycle Trip runs till 28 March - Alexandra
Thurs 27 March	▪ Senior A South Island Secondary School Waterpolo Tournament trip to Christchurch back 30 March
Fri 28 March	

15th Y9-13 Southland Indoor Bowls Champs

19th-30th May NCEA Reading, Writing and Numeracy Tests (CAAs) for all Y10s and others as required

22nd L2 Agriculture Trip to Fairlight Foundation

22nd-23rd Y13 Geography and Tourism Trip to Queenstown

26th-29th Senior Production Legally Blonde

June

2nd Kings Birthday – Public Holiday

6th SGHS and SBHS School Ball at Transport World

9th Showquest

13th-15th Y13 Economics Trip Wellington

20th Matariki – Public Holiday

20th Semester 1 Reports

25th Y12 Ag Trip Spars Bush

27th Term 2 ends

July

14 Term 3 starts

August

18th Personal Learning Conferences (PLCs) – school will be closed all day

November

4th Y11-13 End of Year Reports

December

3rd Y7-10 End of Year Reports

