



### REMINDERS AND UPDATES

#### Attendance and Success

Last Friday we celebrated the girls who has achieved academic success. This was such a wonderful occasion, and we appreciated the very many parents who attended.

Mr Grogan and I spoke about how students can join this group of achievers. While it takes effort and commitment the very basic underlying key to success is regular attendance. If students are not present, they can't learn. If students are not in class, they won't know the tips and techniques which will help them with exams and assessments. Students will also not benefit from the face to face interactions and explanations they receive from the teacher.

There is no safe level of non-attendance. Every single day your child attends school positively impacts on their well being and achievement. I am sure you realise by now that the big push is student attendance.

We are sharing these key messages with you in an effort to gain support for this important focus. The more people we share it with the greater the impact of messages will be. Thank you for your ongoing support.

#### Year 10 Whānau Hui – 1 April 2025 – CAA EXAMS

We warmly invite Parents/caregivers of Year 10 students to attend a hui about the Common Assessment Activities (CAAs). CAA exams are compulsory Literacy and Numeracy exams that all students must pass to gain NCEA qualifications.

SGHS believes parents have an important role to play in supporting their child's achievement with these exams. We would value your attendance.

- **When:** Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> April
- **Time:** 5:45 pm (the Hui will run for approx. 1 hour)
- **Venue:** SGHS Staffroom

We look forward to seeing you at this meeting.

#### Student Services

This is a reminder that our school office is open Monday through Friday, from 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM, during term time only. The office is closed outside of these hours. If you need to leave a message when the office is closed, please email us at [excellence@southlandgirls.school.nz](mailto:excellence@southlandgirls.school.nz) or call 03-211-6030. Your message will be addressed on the next business day. For all absence queries please email [absences@southlandgirls.school.nz](mailto:absences@southlandgirls.school.nz)

#### Winter Uniform

Winter Uniform can be worn all year round - with the varying weather we have in Invercargill, at times it is an ideal choice for those cooler days. It will be compulsory after King's Birthday, 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2025. Please click [HERE](#) for our online store.

### KEY DATES

May

5<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> Y8 Self Defence

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

6<sup>th</sup> Y12 General Science Otepunī Creek Trip

7<sup>th</sup> Y9-13 Student Coaches Course

8<sup>th</sup> Y12 and 13 Combined Ag and Agbiz Field Trip to Southland Farms

12<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> Y9 Hearing Screening Programme

13<sup>th</sup> Y9-13 Parent/Teacher Subject Interviews

13<sup>th</sup> Y12 Road Safety Education Day

14<sup>th</sup> Y9 Social at SGHS

14<sup>th</sup> Y9-13 Cross Country Champs Te Anau

15<sup>th</sup> Y9-13 Southland Indoor Bowls Champs

15<sup>th</sup> Visual Arts L1 Trip Te Rau Aroha Marae Bluff

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

22<sup>nd</sup> L2 Agriculture Trip to Fairlight Foundation

22<sup>nd</sup> Enwood Hostel Open Day 2.00pm-4.00pm

22<sup>nd</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> Y13 Geography and Tourism Trip to Queenstown

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**WEEK 9: 31<sup>st</sup> March – 4<sup>th</sup> April 2025**

Mon 31 March	
Tues 1 April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Y11 Food Nutrition Trip Walmsley House – Mrs Leonard’s class 1pm-3pm</li> <li>Year 10 Whānau Hui (CAA exam information) at 5.45pm in Staffroom</li> </ul>
Wed 2 April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 8 Social with Southland Boys High School to be held at Southland Boys High School from 7.00pm. You must complete a permission form online to attend, please <a href="#">Click Here</a> to register.</li> <li>School Board Meeting – 3.00pm-5.00pm</li> </ul>
Thurs 3 April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Non uniform day. Raising funds for our World Vision sponsored child. Students to bring a gold coin donation if choosing not to wear uniform.</li> <li>Y13 Interested Students visit from Lincoln University in Connexions 12.00pm-12.50pm</li> </ul>
Fri 4 April	

**WEEK 10: 7<sup>th</sup> April – 11<sup>th</sup> April 2025**

Mon 7 April	
Tues 8 April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 8 HPV Vaccinations</li> </ul>
Wed 9 April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Y11 Food Nutrition Trip Walmsley House – Mrs Willis’s class 1pm-3pm</li> <li>Year 11 and 12 Geography Trip Milford Sound back 11 April</li> <li>Y12 Agribusiness Trip to Te Anau back 10 April</li> <li>Year 10 Social with Southland Boys High School to be held at Southland Boys High School from 7.00pm. You must complete a permission form online to attend, more information to come.</li> </ul>
Thurs 10 April	
Fri 11 April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>End of Term 1 – school finishes at 3.10pm</b></li> </ul>

**TERM 2:****WEEK 1: 28<sup>th</sup> April – 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2025**

Mon 28 April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Term 2 Starts</b></li> </ul>
Tues 29 April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Y12 General Science Trip to Otepunui Creek Trip 10.00am-12.00pm</li> </ul>
Wed 30 April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Y13 Interested Students Auckland University Liaison Visit online from 12.00pm-12.30pm</li> </ul>
Thurs 1 May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 8 Miss Shahbaz (8AZ) Self Defence Classes at Enwood Hostel all day</li> </ul>
Fri 2 May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Anzac Assembly 1.30pm-2.00pm</li> </ul>

26<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> Senior Production  
Legally Blonde

June

2<sup>nd</sup> Kings Birthday – Public  
Holiday

4<sup>th</sup> Te Manawa Kahaoroa Trip  
Otago Polytechnic

6<sup>th</sup> SGHS and SBHS School Ball  
at Transport World

9<sup>th</sup> Showquest

11<sup>th</sup> Y12 Agriculture Trip  
Waituna Lagoon and Dairy  
Farms

13<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> Y13 Economics Trip  
Wellington

20<sup>th</sup> Matariki – Public Holiday

20<sup>th</sup> Semester 1 Reports

20<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> Y12-13 French  
Students trip Akaroa

26<sup>th</sup> Term 2 ends

27<sup>th</sup> Teacher Only Day TBC

July

14 Term 3 starts

August

18<sup>th</sup> Personal Learning  
Conferences (PLCs) – school  
will be closed all day

November

4<sup>th</sup> Y11-13 End of Year Reports

10<sup>th</sup> Teacher Only Day – TBC

December

3<sup>rd</sup> Y7-10 End of Year Reports