



Newsletter

Principal's Message

Welcome back to a brand-new school year! I hope you've all had a refreshing and joyful Christmas break, filled with time to rest and reconnect with family and friends. It has been wonderful to see the school grounds come alive again, and even better to hear the buzz of voices, laughter, and learning returning to our classrooms.

To our parents and whānau – thank you for your continued support. Schools thrive when families and teachers work in partnership, and we truly value the trust you place in us to care for, teach, and guide your children. We look forward to another year of strong connections, open communication, and shared celebrations of success.

As we begin the year, our focus remains on creating a school environment where every child feels safe, valued, and confident to be themselves. We are committed to nurturing not only academic growth, but also wellbeing, resilience, kindness, and a genuine passion for learning.

The Government's Attendance target is for 80% of students to attend regularly, that is to attend school more than 90% of the time. Our full steps/plan will be visible on the website, but there is a snapshot of the process on the following pages.

Our current Uniform Policy is on the following page. Can you please have a quick read to ensure you are following it. It is reviewed triannually which is in Term 3 2026.

Our Calendar link is above. Although we do give information about events coming up it is useful for longer term planning.

At times we all have questions and challenges, or want to know what is going on. The first person to talk to is your child's teacher. Please feel free to contact them to set up a time to meet, as before school and during school is usually not available due to teaching demands. If you still have questions after meeting with them, I am always available.

Emails or messages through the office are a quick way of getting in contact but please understand the staff are unable to answer them during class time and will get to them as soon as possible. The staff are also under no obligation to answer emails in the evenings or at weekends.

There will be plenty of opportunities throughout the year for you to be involved – through events, learning celebrations, sports, trips, and everyday conversations at the gate. Please don't hesitate to reach out to teachers or leadership if you have questions, ideas, or concerns.

Here's to a positive, successful, and enjoyable year ahead. Let's make 2026 one to remember.

Hamish Brown
Principal



BEACONSFIELD SCHOOL

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Beaconsfield School Uniform All pupils must wear our school uniform.

It consists of;

- Teal short-sleeved polo shirt with the Beaconsfield School Logo
- Teal and Black Polar Fleece or Black Merino with the Beaconsfield School Logo
- Black shorts with the Beaconsfield School Logo
- Black Tracksuit pants with the Beaconsfield School Logo
- Black or white socks with no logo showing
- Plain Black thermal under the teal polo shirt
- Footwear that provides support is appropriate and safe for school and school activities
- No makeup, nail polish, bracelets or other accessories are to be worn at school
- All long hair must be neatly tied up, using plain hair ties and clips. This is a safety and health issue. Plain hair bands, ties and clips are expected, with Black and/or Teal ribbons or hair bands preferred.

Shoes with laces can be difficult for children who are unable to tie their own shoelaces.

In Terms 1 and 4, in accordance with our Sun-safe policy, children are required to wear a Navy Blue bucket sun hat when outside.


This uniform, except for the footwear, is purchased from <https://www.mainlanduniforms.nz/170-beaconsfield-school>

It is very important that your child's uniform is named. It is helpful to show your child where their name is on their clothes or hat so that they can identify it at school.

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Beaconsfield School

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| Beaconsfield Polo \$27.00 | Beaconsfield Zip Merino Top \$90.00 | Beaconsfield Fleece \$50.00 | Beaconsfield Shorts with pockets \$35.00 |
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| Beaconsfield Shorts Without Pocket \$35.00 | Beaconsfield Black Runner Pants \$45.00 | Navy Bucket Sunhat \$12.95 | Price Adjustment \$1.00 |



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| Good Attendance | Worrying Attendance | Concerning Attendance | Very Concerning Attendance |
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| <p>Less than 5 days absence in a term 90%+</p> | <p>Up to 6-10 days absence in a term 89%-80%</p> | <p>Up to 11-15 days absence in a term 79%-70%</p> | <p>16 days or more absence in a term 70% or less</p> |
| <p style="text-align: center;">Family</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure the student attends every day they are able • Reinforce good attendance habits • Follow school attendance management plan and procedures | <p style="text-align: center;">Family</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Return student to regular attendance • Contact school to discuss reasons for absence and impact on learning • Support student to catch up on missed learning • Engage in supports offered | <p style="text-align: center;">Family</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Return student to regular attendance • Participate in meetings with school to analyse reasons for absence and to collaborate on a support plan • Implement strategies at home | <p style="text-align: center;">Family</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Return student to regular attendance • Engage in support plan • Participate in regular meetings |
| <p style="text-align: center;">School</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communicate with family about every absence • Maintain contact details of all parents • Provide students with regular updates on their own attendance • Report regularly to whānau on attendance | <p style="text-align: center;">School</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact parents to discuss reasons for absence and impact on learning • Support student to catch up missed learning where required • Use in-school resources as appropriate to remove barriers, eg: counsellor, | <p style="text-align: center;">School</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact parents to escalate concerns • Hold meeting to analyse reasons for absence and to collaborate on a support plan • Develop and implement a support plan tailored to the reasons and circumstances | <p style="text-align: center;">School</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact parents to inform of escalated response • Request support from Attendance Service or other agencies as needed • Participate in multi-agency response • Maintain implementation |

1 or 2 days a week doesn't seem much but...

| If your child is missing | That equals | Which is | And over 13 years... |
|--------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| Half a day per week | 20 days per year | 1 month per school year | Almost 1.5 school years |
| 1 day per week | 40 days per year | 2 months per school year | Almost 2.5 school years |
| 2 days per week | 80 days per year | 4 months per school year | Almost 5 school years |
| 3 days per week | 120 days per year | Over half a school year | Almost 8 school years |



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Excellence



Respect



Initiative



Creativity



Perseverance



Congratulations to Fergus, Arlo, Finn & Ryder (back) and Jack, Jacob, Harlea, and Harrison for displaying all of the Beaconsfield School Values.

Also a **BIG** welcome to our new student **Lila** (front row second from right)

Welcome to Beaconsfield School - Anna and Fergus!





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givealittle
POWERED BY perpetual guardian

Hi everyone

The 5-year-old brother of one of our Beaconsfield School students will be travelling to Turkey on 18 February, to have treatment for his multiple life-threatening conditions.

His family has asked for us to share his Givealittle page to help them raise funds for his hospital stay, therapy and travel costs.

Here is his story and Givealittle page link if you can help:

[Standing for Armani' : A Little Boy Fighting a Rare, Life Threatening Genetic Condition - Givealittle](#)



Available to purchase: school honey \$8 (cash or payment online) and delicious homemade, spray-free apricot jam, various sizes and prices from \$4 - \$6 - cash only, pick up at the office please.



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Community Notices

Ed 0272011940 Small Bale - \$6 from paddock - \$7 from shed - \$8 delivered
George 0276129988 Big Bale - \$55 from shed - \$65 delivered

Pea straw for Sale



Find us on FaceBook @
Maungati Straw

PIC-COLLAGE



DANCE

CLASSES

B.B.S.D.

Email bronzbeat2022@gmail.com for more information. Spaces available for most Introductory Level Classes.



BRONZBEAT STUDIO OF DANCE

#EYESUPNZ

POWERED BY
AutoSense
DRIVING SAFETY

FREE EVENT



Driving and the teenage brain.

JOIN NATHAN WALLIS & GREG MURPHY

Wednesday, 18 March
Caroline Bay Hall, Timaru
6:30 - 8:00 pm

Register at

eyesupnz.co.nz

This engaging session will cover:

- How the brain works
- How the brain works when driving
- Fatigue + driving
- Distraction + driving
- Speed, alcohol and drugs, mobile phones
- Key driving safety tips.

MTB | GRAVEL | E BIKE

170km, 92km, 77km, 34km

SATURDAY 11 APRIL 2026

Lake Tekapo, New Zealand

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THE MACKENZIE

LAKE TEKAPU

DEVOLD



COME RIDE THE MACKENZIE!

Tickets are LIVE at iTICKET and in person at the
Timaru Information Centre.

Encore Season

REPERTORY & LITTLE THEATRE PRESENTS

The Secret Lives of Extremely Old People

By Rachel McAlpine

Directed by Chris Thomas

On Stage

25-28 Feb & 1 March
THE PLAYHOUSE, TIMARU 2026
Wed 25, Thur 26, Fri 27 - 7.30pm, Sat 28 - 2pm, Sun 1 March 2pm

SUPPORTED BY: N4, TIMARU, TEKAPO TRANSPORT, FIRST PASS, ROAD SAFETY



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Timaru Suburban Lions
TIMARU KIDS TRIATHLON
 For Kids 7-14 years

Sunday 22 February 2026
 Caroline Bay & C Bay Outdoor Pool, Timaru
 Open For All Abilities- Come And Give It A Go!

Registrations: open now
Event starts at 10 am
 facebook.com/TimaruKidsTRYathlon
 email: entries@timarukidstriathlon.nz



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 Support our kids, support our community/ Help make magic happen
 Put your logo where the action is — become a TRIATHLON sponsor!



CELTIC RUGBY

JAB REGISTRATION

Monday Feb 23rd
5:30 - 7pm

&

Wednesday Feb 25th
5:30 - 7pm

The Celtic Clubrooms, Craigie Ave,
 Timaru



About Us

Grown Together is a place of growth, a place to flourish, to nurture and to grow for whānau on the parenting journey.

Grown Together is a holistic parenting hub meeting the needs of parents from all walks of life where they are at, whether that means, education, connection, basic needs, health and well-being, practical support, in home support and finding a community of parents to journey parenting with.

OUR COURSES

Gain valuable knowledge and practical skills through Grown Together's workshops, designed to support every stage of parenthood.

Game on for Dads

A six week course looking at ways that we as dads can be the best we can for our kids.

Space

You begin Space when your baby is 0-4 months and the course tracks with you and your baby's development. Space group meets weekly, allowing you to building great relationships with others.

Connect & Play

Connect & Play is Grown Together's playgroup for parents and babies. It provides a welcoming space for socialization, fostering early development and building connections between families. Connect & Play operates during the school terms on a Friday morning from 9:30 until 11:30.



PARENTING TOOLBOX

Toolbox—Preschool Years

A six week course looking the challenges of parenting your toddler. We will look at how to deal with sleep deprivation, strong-willed two-year olds, picky eaters and much more.

Toolbox—Primary Years

A six week course looking at tackling a new set of challenges when your toddler turns into a 5 year old going on 13 years old. We'll cover things like starting school, navigating friendships, screen time, and much more.

Toolbox—Teenage Years

A six week course looking at the challenges you face when your child becomes a teenager. We'll cover things like technology, the ups and downs of teenage moods, puberty and much more.

Parenting Toolbox Courses are run by Grown Together in Timaru in agreement with Parenting Place.

www.parentingplace.nz

For more information on our courses, or to enroll, visit our website at: www.growntogether.nz

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45 degrees South Kakanui Airbnb

One of our school families has a stunning, spacious three bedroom family holiday home available to hire via Airbnb or Booking.com

Located less than two mins walking distance to Campbells Bay entrance in Kakanui.

Look up 45 degrees South on Airbnb, Booking.com or Facebook for bookings.

<https://www.airbnb.com.au/rooms/1584375293060547593?viralityEntryPoint=1&s=76>

