



A Newsletter for

Middlemarch, Hyde, Macraes,
Hindon, Black Rock & Lee Stream
Issue No 453 April 2021

Strath Taieri Pony Club Easter Weekend Events

Good Friday 2nd April

STPC will run our annual Gymkhana at the Strath Taieri A & P Grounds. Classes, Games and Jumping.

Open to all riders' adults included, all levels and pony club and non-pony club members.

Saturday 3rd April

STPC Jumping day, once again open to all riders. We will have our beginners Bunny Hop ring, Show Jump Ring from 60cm to 1.10m and Round the Ring. There will also be novelty rounds such as Dual Jump Round the Ring and Accumulators. BBQ lunch available each day and Sue Tisdall will be there with her Coffee Cart

Saturday evening Otago Hunt Club

will hold a barn dance at Cottesbrook Woolshed and Sunday will run Hunter Trials.

Come join us for 3 days of fabulous horsey fun, camping and horse yards available at the show grounds.

We welcome spectators and encourage the locals to come and have a look and see our Pony Club kids in action.

Full details and entry information will be posted on the Strath Taieri Pony Club FB page or if you would like more information please contact Lynnore Templeton 027 435 8005 or Sheree Tisdall on 027 541 5568

Thought for the month

'It takes no more time to see the good side of life than to see the bad'
Jimmy Buffett

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The Strath Taieri A & P Committee

would like to thank the community for your amazing support for our 2021 show.

The show was a huge success!!

We all came together as a community for a wonderful day out.

We would love to hear from you!

Please take the time to fill out the attached survey and drop it at the post shop or Maggie's.

Let's make 2022 even better!!

Thank you and we look forward to next year!

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2nd April Good Friday at 11.00am

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NOTE:

Closing date for May 2021 issue will be 23rd April 2021

Police News

Wow we are 1/3 of the way through the year already and the last couple of months have been quite steady on the police front.

I'm not really a competitive person by nature by when asked to enter the males bacon and egg pie competition at the Strath Taieri A & P show I thought why not give it a go. Not wanting to disappoint, I used free range hand reared bantam size 6 eggs, honey glazed free range bacon with sea salt, pepper, wrapped in hand made pastry to create a pie for the judges to taste. There was a lot of smack talk coming from other competitors and I didn't understand that winning this event was such a big deal to people. 1:30pm was the cut off so delivering a fresh pie straight out of the oven at 1:29pm was always going to help me in my quest to win. It also helped that the majority of the farmers/contractors that entered had reading issues which Mrs LYNCH is willing to assist you for next year, so you have a chance of winning. Pies turned up with cheese, onion, peas, tomatoes and all sorts of other stuff in them, when I was the executive chef at the Hilton this is and still is called a quiche.

Firstly, my condolences to the GRAVES family, O'Neil family and all Bevan's aka "Lighting" Graves family and friends over the world. What a tragic day and a sad loss to our community. For every one that knew Lighting you would all know that he would have given you his shirt off his back. Thanks to the Middlemarch and Ranfurly fire brigade for their professionalism and quick response surrounding this event. Thank you for the people that arrived first on scene and assisted where they could. It was a great send off and so great to hear stories about the old fella. I think the name "E-Bay" really did suit him. You will be missed.

Just remember in any traumatic event in our lives it is good to speak to people about it. Sometimes it is a lot easier speaking to a stranger rather than your mate or work companion's so if you are having any issues please don't hesitate to contact me and I can arrange support for you.

I had the pleasure to attend the Central Otago Cavalcade to assist with the Strath Taieri School catering fundraiser, I was only there for the first four days and as the designated dishwasher/kitchen porter basically all I was doing was completing all the grunt work in the kitchen over the four days. However, the other four unnamed males were all fighting to become the executive chef of the show.

The competition was fierce and under pressure mistakes were made with mash potatoes turned into what everyone thought was cheese sauce and 90 litres of gravy made for one meal. Carving skills needed to be improved as unknown person turned 1 meal into 2, Literally making steak size cuts out of the rolled roast beef and pork. It must have been hard work as the perspiration coming from him was enough to sink the titanic. Roast potatoes were literally to die for with daily comments asking for them again.

We also attended a 4wd course while on the cavalcade, the head tutor teaching us the in and outs of 4wd driving, some students took on the advice while some went back to old habits.

The biggest mistake on this trip, once again, I was just an Indian in the kitchen cleaning doing the hard yards, so can only talk about what I witnessed, but Wednesday had the game changer breakfast "Pancakes". This was really going to seal the deal as the ultimate breakfast. However, following instructions seems to be something most males need to work on, and there was a mad dash in the morning to get the 25 litres of milk required for the pancakes. As they poured 10 litres of milk into a bowl with the 4 packets of pancake mix, the LOOK I will never forget, the look when they realised that it wasn't 2 ½ litres of milk per packet but 2 ½ cups. Luckily, we had plenty of packets left over and the pancakes were a hit.

Shaun can now confirm he has signed a further extension to his contract as the Executive Chef role of the Cavalcade for a further 5 years'. This is worth an estimated 5 weeks of headaches and limited sleep time. However, it does come with advice and helpful tips from everyone assisting on the cavalcade. The clipboard and hands on the head and the call "plenty of time" are all things that make a top executive chef more prepared for next year.

Well done to all the community and the people behind the scenes that helped cook/bake and prepare the food. The people involved in the cavalcade were over the moon regarding the food.

Unlawful hunting is continuing and will only get worse with the roar coming up. Please be safe. Also, if you do see any different vehicles out and about please get a hold of me.

Thank you to all the Strath Taieri A & P show committee you guys did a wonderful job and it was a wonderful family day out.

Thank you to everyone that helped me out in the disorderly behaviour incident, it was greatly appreciated and help resolve the situation.

Regards.



Allan Lynch

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NEWS from Strath Taieri School

Our senior class (team Kārearea) has just returned from camp at Aoraki/Mt Cook and have enjoyed all the challenges that came along with this.

The climbing wall at Twizel and the Glacier Explorer speed boat ride were particular favourites.

The great thing about a camp is that the children are taken out of their comfort zone and asked to try new things. The children who accept these challenges and try to push themselves are the ones who gain the most from these experiences. It was great to see the resilience and adaptability of our students when faced with challenges.

As always camps are only possible because we have parents who are willing to give up time in their busy lives to come and help. Kirsty Lynch and I would like to say thank you to all the parent helpers and to our students who accepted the challenges of camp and have grown because of it.

On a separate note I would like to mention the Cavalcade fundraising team. We want to thank those who supported this fundraiser by going along and preparing the food but also all the people behind the scenes who made food and even loaned equipment for this event.

A big thank you from our Board of Trustees, staff, students and me.

James McArthur Principal

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Strath Taieri Food Fairies

The Strath Taieri Food Fairies would like to thank the Community for their wonderful support.

If you know of anyone who would benefit from a food parcel please contact us.

As always, we welcome any food donations which can be dropped off at the Middlemarch Police Station or to Emily, Kirsty or Anna.

Thank you

Emily Jones 027 696 0356

Anna Wilson 027 469 4230

Surgery News

While level 1 has meant the easing of almost all our day to day restrictions, some restrictions remain at the surgery and we would appreciate your support with these.

The door is unlocked but cars are to be used as waiting rooms if able.

No-one will be seen without an appointment, please phone first.

Only one person at a time in the waiting room. If you have respiratory symptoms stay at home and phone for advice.

In an emergency call 111

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464 3877 if you need advice/medical assistance.

Thanks Stephanie and Leann

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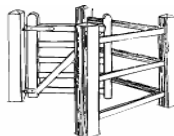
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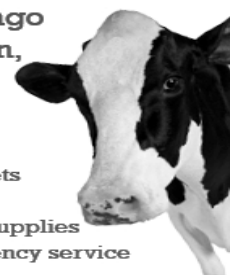


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Calendar – April 2021

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2	Friday	Good Friday ST Pony Club Annual Gymkhana Easter Mass Good Friday	St Pauls Catholic Church	11.00am
3	Saturday	ST Pony Club Jumping Day Otago Hunt Club Barn Dance	Cottesbrook Woolshed	
4	Sunday	Easter Sunday		
5	Monday	Easter Monday		
6	Tuesday	Playgroup	Playcentre Rooms	9.00am - 12 noon
7	Wednesday	Doctor's Clinic Grocott's Community Garden Line Dancing MM Volunteer Fire Brigade	Surgery Swansea Street Grocott's Community Garden STCC Middlemarch Fire Station Training	9.00am - 1.00pm 10.00am - 12.00noon 1pm - 3.00pm 6.30pm
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2021 Strath Taieri A & P Show Survey

Thank you to everyone that helped to make this year show a success.

It would not be possible without every single person involved.

We want to make 2022 even better.

You can help by letting us know your opinion.

What was good, what was bad? Let us know!

What did you think of the 2021 show?

Eh 1-----2-----3-----4-----5-----6-----7-----8-----9-----10 Best show ever!!

Have you attended a Strath Taieri A & P Show in the past?

- Yes, most Year
- Yes, but not for a long time
- No, this is my first one

What was your favourite part of the show?

What was something that you didn't like about the show?

What is something you would like to see at future shows?

What was your favourite event?

What was your favourite event?

- Musterers Race
- Jr. Handy Hunter
- Couple Carry Competition
- Lawn Mower Race
- Head, Hunt & Hurry
- Sheep Racing
- Other _____

What other food vendors would you like to see next year?

What other types of stalls should we try to get?

Any suggestions for kids activities?

What Home Industry sections/classes would you like to see at the next show?

Would you be interested in joining the committee to help make next years show even better?

- Yes
- No
- Maybe

Would you be willing to help set up and break down before and after the show?

- Yes
- No
- Maybe

Please provide your name and email/mobile if you want to be a part of the action in 2022!

Drop off at post shop, Maggie's or in Emma Barker's mail box. Cheers!!