

## Waimakariri Libraries KidsFest 2025



KidsFest is an annual festival programme for Canterbury children held during the winter school holidays, KidsFest offers many exciting events and activities.

Come along to all three Waimakariri libraries in the July school holidays to enjoy a range of exciting water-themed events and activities for you and your whānau to engage with.

KidsFest runs from 28 June to 13 July 2025, to entertain and educate our tamariki. With hundreds of events on offer, don't miss it.

*The two-week festival features many one-off special events, and the following two activities run every day:*

**Mystery Trail** – Calling all young sleuths. Explore Waimakariri's libraries with Hemi the Hector's Dolphin and learn water-themed facts along the way. Just follow the clues.

**Craft** – We have special crafts for you to do while in our spaces.

### Haiku Hike



Join Waimakariri Libraries Learning Connections Coordinator, Jason Clements, in a haiku workshop for kids in the Waimakariri District. Workshop participants will have the opportunity to: discover how writing is like magic by creating short poems full of imagery; learn how to become more 'precise' and 'specific' with their writing; take a 'Haiku Hike' along their local river to inspire haiku; gain an opportunity to have their work published in the World Congress of Poets Literary journal, Fuego Volume 3. Suitable for ages 10+

**Oxford** - Tuesday 1 July, 9am - 12.30pm  
Assembly point: Ashley Gorge Holiday Park Office

**Kaiapoi** - Wednesday 2 July, 9am - 12.30pm  
Assembly point: Kaiapoi Library

**Rangiora** - Thursday 3 July, 9am - 12.30pm  
Assembly point: Mike Kean Walkway

*Bookings are essential. Book now via Humanitix for [Oxford](#), [Kaiapoi](#), and [Rangiora](#).*

### Design Your Own Water Bottle



Join us at the library for a fun-filled session where you can customise a reusable water bottle that reflects your unique style. All materials will be provided, and you'll get to take home your masterpiece. Suitable for ages 10+

**Kaiapoi Library** - Tuesday 1 July, 1-1.30pm, 1.30-2pm

**Oxford Library** - Wednesday 2 July, 1-1.30pm

**Rangiora Library** - Thursday 3 July, 1-1.30pm, 1.30-2pm

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## Fossil Fun with Canterbury Museum



Calling all up and coming palaeontologists. Join us, as the Canterbury Museum bring along real and replica fossils of dinosaur teeth, crabs, stegosaurus plates, and a coprolite (fossilised poo!) for you to handle and learn more about.

The team will be ready to share their expert knowledge and answer any questions you might have. There will also be a badge maker on site for you to make your very own dino themed badge. Suitable for all ages.

**Kaiapoi Library** - Wednesday 2 July, 10.30am-12pm

**Rangiora Library** - Wednesday 2 July, 1.30-3pm

## Teddy Bear Sleepover



Kick off the night with a cozy picnic and movie, where you and your teddy can enjoy snacks, snuggles, and a heartwarming film together. Then, tuck them in and say goodbye as they embark on their Teddy Bear Sleepover at the Library! Your teddy will spend the night exploring the shelves, meeting new stuffed friends, and having an unforgettable library adventure. When you return the next day, you will be reunited with your friend and hear all about the mischief they have been up too. Suitable for ages 10 & under.

**Rangiora Library** - Friday 4 July, 5pm

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## Dungeons and Dragons



Learn table-top role-playing games with Kids on Brooms, a simplified version of Dungeons and Dragons. No experience is needed, roll the dice and have some fun. Ages 12+

**Kaiapoi Library** - Monday 7 July, 12-2pm

**Rangiora Library** – Wednesday 9 July, 12-2pm

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## Painting with Crafty Kids



Get your craft on and paint your very own Plaster of Paris craft. Suitable for ages 5-13.

**Kaiapoi Library** - Monday 7 July, 10-10.30am, 10.30-11am, 11-11:30am

**Rangiora Library** – Friday 11 July, 10-10.30am, 10.30-11am, 11-11:30am

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## Pirate-themed Storytimes



Ahoy, mateys! Set sail for adventure at our swashbuckling Pirate-Themed Storytime. Join us at the library for tales of daring pirates, hidden treasures, and high-seas adventures. Dress up in your best pirate gear and see puppet pirates walk the plank. Whether you're a tiny cabin boy or a seasoned captain, this is an event not to be missed. Yo ho ho, see you there. Suitable for ages 0-5.

**Oxford Library** - Tuesday 8 July, 10.30am

**Kaiapoi Library** - Wednesday 9 July, 10.30am

**Rangiora Library** - Thursday 10 July, 10.30am

## Waimakariri Family Quiz Night



Gather your family, sharpen your wits, and join us for an unforgettable evening of fun at the Waimakariri Libraries Family Quiz Night. Put your knowledge to the test with questions that span across generations and topics, from pop culture to local trivia. Whether you're competing for the top spot or just here for the laughs, there's something for everyone. Don't miss out on the chance to bond, compete, and create lasting memories, right here at your library. Suitable for all ages.

**Oxford Library** - Wednesday 9 July, 6pm

**Kaiapoi Library** - Thursday 10 July, 6pm

**Rangiora Library** - Friday 11 July, 6pm

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