Timaru Schools Rural Bus Schedule for 2026

There is a maximum 384 Half Days or 192 Full Days.

DAILY TIMES THAT BUSES WILL RUN

Morning: 7.30am Last school drop off: 9.00am Afternoon: 3.00pm

Last student drop off: 4.00pm/4.45pm

HOLIDAYS

Schools must be closed in 2026 on Saturdays and Sundays and on the following holidays -

New Year's Day	1 January	Kings Birthday	1 June
New Year's Day Holiday	2 January	Matariki	10 July
Waitangi Day	6 February	SC Anniversary	28 September
Good Friday	3 April	Labour Day	26 October
Easter Monday	6 April	Christmas Day (Hol)	25 December
Anzac Day	27 April	Boxing Day (Hol)	26 December

(384/192) HALF/WHOLE DAYS 2026

Following input from all ASTN schools the Timaru ASTN buses will run to coincide with the following School Terms for 2026

Term 1

Wednesday 28th January to Thursday 3rd April - less Waitangi Day, = (92/46))

Term 2

Monday 20th April to Friday 3rd July - less Anzac Day, Kings Birthday, = (106/53)

Term 3

Monday 20th July to Friday 25th September = (100/50)

Term 4

Monday 12th October to - Thursday 10th December less Labour Day = (86/43)

(Any days in excess of 192 will be funded by ASTN.)

Total School Days 384/192

Rural Primary School's Start Date for Term 1, 2026

St Andrews Primary School - Monday 2nd February St Joseph's Pleasant Point - Monday 2nd February Pleasant Point Primary School - Wednesday 4th February Beaconsfield School - TBC

Note

All buses run to the same daily timetable every day of the above schedule and cannot be changed to suit individual schools.