

Tapanui



School

"Together we learn and grow."



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It is finally starting to feel a lot more like summer. The students have enjoyed their last cricket coaching sessions, while our two touch teams both had wins in the warm conditions on Wednesday afternoon.

We had a visit from the Otago Museum's StarLab on Thursday. This was an opportunity for students to bring a lot of their learning over the last term together and find out more about the stars and constellations in our night sky. They were told some of the stories behind the likes of Orion the Archer and Sirius the Dog.

Coming up next week we have the Bible in Schools breakup. This is on Tuesday morning across the road at Church on the Way. All parents and friends are welcome. Please make sure you are seated for a 9.30am start.

The PTA and Board are also having their final meetings next week. The PTA will meet on Tuesday evening at 8pm (note the new time) while the Board meets at 7.30pm on Wednesday evening. Both meetings will be held in the meeting room here at school and as always parents are welcome to attend.

Photo orders closed today. You can expect your child's photo before the end of the school term. Finally a reminder that the following week we have the final assembly over in the theatre at the community centre on Wednesday 14 December starting at 1.30pm. You are welcome to join your child at school at 12.30pm for lunch when the PTA will be putting on a sausage sizzle. Drinks will also be available for sale.

Have a safe and happy weekend and I trust that your Christmas preparations are all going smoothly.

Antony Criglington - Principal

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See our Website: <http://www.tapanui.school.nz> for more information.

It has been a very busy week this week as we wind down towards the end of the year.

Swimming has started and we have been rewarded with some very hot days. The pool is heated to a very comfortable temperature. Lessons include a mixture of water confidence skills, swimming stroke acquisition and aquatic skills—using other objects as floatation devices.

Star Lab. Star Lab came to visit us on Thursday. We crawled into the dome and spent a very interesting time looking at the planets and constellations as seen in the South Island. We were able to clarify the information we had gathered so far about Space. It was a wonderful experience.

Cricket: On Wednesday Cricket Southland sent a tutor to work with all classrooms on their ball skills and other cricket activities. It was a lovely day to be outside participating in sports.



We have been writing explanations. For our first explanation we invented a new invention and then wrote an explanation about it. Here is Natalie's explanation about an Automatic Catch Bag.

Automatic Catch Bags are designed to make catching seafood a whole lot easier. They sit inside a tyre tube and it follows your movement remotely making catching your delicacy carefree.

The catch bag is fitted with a motion sensor, every time you move it will follow you. It is attracted to the microchip on the tip of your flipper. It is black and needs recharging off a solar panel with a plug. After they are charged they run for five hours. The microchip estimates the distance between you and the catch bag. It floats to the spot where the flipper is.

Each bag is fitted with an application called uncover and shut. When your knife hits something hard the hydraulic or expanding arm (whatever model you buy) opens. It waits until something hits the scales that weighs over seventy five grams or what you set it to. It closes and waits until you wave your hand over the top to keep it open.

An additional cooling system that keeps your seafood at the appropriate temperature is fitted to the inside of the bag. It filters water through the bag from the outside. The seafood temperature remains constant to ensure fresh food when you emerge. There is a digital temperature gauge to check this.

The automatic catch bag ensures fresh food straight from the sea to your plate at home. Efficient and easily stored, it is the latest in technology.

END OF YEAR TRIP There are still some permission slips not in. If you haven't already could these please be handed into the school office on Monday.

BIBLE IN SCHOOL END OF YEAR BREAKUP Tuesday 6 December 9.30am at Church on the Way. You are invited to join us as the children share the message of Christmas

PTA MEETING TUESDAY 6 DECEMBER 8.00PM In school meeting room. Apologies to Keri 2048480.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- TUES 6 Dec PTA Meeting 8.00pm
- Wed 7 Dec BOT Meeting 7.30pm
- Tues 13 Dec Festival of Cricket in Alex
- Wed 14 Dec PTA BBQ 12.30pm
- Final Assembly 1.30pm
- Thur 15 Dec End of year trip
- Final day
- PTA Disco 6.30 - 8pm

- Thurs 2 Feb First day 2012

AWARDS

These children received awards at Assembly on Wednesday

- Sky-Anne Edmonds
- Lara Bishell
- Shaye Soper
- Jordan Lynch
- Jasleem Kaur
- Cooper Clarke
- Jude Jamieson
- Zane Windle
- Adam Evans
- Tyler McGarvie
- Samantha Whyte
- Liam Arthur
- Sam Calder
- Natalie Candy
- Jack Snook

LOST BLACK DIGITAL WATCH If anyone has come across a watch of this description please hand it into the school office.

You're their lifeguard - Keep your Child safe at the pool this summer!



Over the Summer School holidays many families will be enjoying all the fun and excitement local swimming pools have to offer. Water Safety NZ and NZ Recreation Association would like to remind families about the Pool Alone policy that public pools in New Zealand are required to adhere to: **Children under 8 must be actively supervised by a caregiver 16 years or over. Actively supervised means watching your child at all times; Able to provide immediate assistance*** Lifeguards are an important safety feature, but they are not intended to replace the close supervision of parents or caregivers. Tragically many drowning deaths occur in the few seconds that parents are distracted. The role of a lifeguard is to ensure people are safe in the water - they are not babysitters. Remembering this when you take your family for a swim will help our pools to remain safe and fun places for everyone to enjoy.

*Please note that some pools have a stricter policy than the one above



NEW ZEALAND recreation ASSOCIATION



WEST OTAGO HEALTH FUNDRAISER

West Otago 2012 Calendars, \$15
available from
Hammer Hardware, CRT, PGGWrightson,
Tapanui 4 Square, Chisel

**CAMP COLUMBA
JANUARY 2012 CAMPS**

There are camps available based around a
Treasurer Hunters theme.
5 - 9 Years , 9 - 12 January
10 - 13 years, 16 - 20 January

Come Join the Fun

TAPANUI CHRISTMAS PARADE

Friday 23 December 2011

5.30pm Music and BBQ Food

6.30pm Fancy Dress Judging - at the Gymnasium in the Community Centre

7.00pm Parade commences from Sussex Street

Plenty of exciting prizes for all ages! So find/design a DRESS-UP or think about getting a group together for a FLOAT. Also prizes for the best BIKE, TRIKE and PRAM

SEE YOU THERE

EASY CHRISTMAS SHOPPING

- Shop, save money, save time and raise funds for your school
- Step 1 Sit down and relax
- Step 2 Get someone to make your favourite coffee
- Step 3 Simply go to www.yourfastshop.co.nz, select your school and start browsing for Christmas presents.
- No queues, no parking problems, no aching feet
- Save on petrol costs
- Over 70 online stores to choose from including electronics at Apple, fashion at Ezibuy, books at The Nile, toys at Mighty ape and you can even get your groceries online at Woolworths.
- Your shopping is dealt with directly by your chosen online store.
- www.yourfastshop.co.nz automatically provide funds to your school

TREAT YOURSELF TO EASY SHOPPING AND HELP YOUR SCHOOL THIS CHRISTMAS