

Tapanui



School

"Together we learn and grow."



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Spring is all around us and with 7 weeks ahead of us until the end of the school year it will soon be summer. As always in Term 4 it's compulsory for students to wear a sunhat during break times. So dust off that blue school sunhat, bring it along to school so you can fully participate during interval and lunch. Students who choose not to wear a sunhat will have their play area restricted to the covered area in the shadehouse. The navy (bucket) school sunhat can be purchased from Postie Plus.

This week we welcomed Brayden and Matthew Mills to Tapanui along with the Cross family, Kaylee, Hope and Bryce. We also welcomed Lily Tuckey starting school in Room 1. We hope you enjoy your time here at our wonderful school. With six new arrivals our roll is now 107.

We also welcome Mrs Wendy Cook to the staff this term. Wendy will be teaching in Room 5 for three mornings each week, working with groups of students from the senior classes taking them for reading, writing and mathematics.

Our end of year assembly is on the second last day of school and there are a number of awards that your child can work towards achieving. Each class teacher will give out an **Effort** Award for the student who has made the most progress across the curriculum, this student has worked hard and given everything their best effort. They will also give out a

Citizenship Award to a student who takes the time to care for others, who shows respect for the school, who may have leadership skills in certain areas as well which involve empathy for others or our environment. There is also an **Achievement** Award for one student in each of the Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 cohorts. This award will be given to the student in that year group who has the highest achievement results across the curriculum.

Finally, I have two reminders. Firstly, can the parents of bus students let us know of any new arrangements that may be different than last term, such as Cricket on a Thursday, so we can amend the bus lists. As always, if you are picking up your child please indicate this by writing "PU" beside your child's name on the day you collect them.

Secondly, school starts at 9am with the bell to make your way to class ringing at 8.55am. We have had a number of children late this first week back so parents please make every effort to have your child here ready to start school at 8.55am at the latest. Lateness is a problem because:

- The child misses out on social interaction before school
- The child misses out on the valuable "scene-setting" start to the day
- The child often misses important learning material
- The child is often embarrassed in front of the class
- The class and lesson flow is interrupted when they arrive

A student who is 10-15 minutes late twice a week misses the equivalent of 2 weeks learning a year.

Antony Criglington - Principal

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

This term Team Tahi are learning about ...

What is our place in space?

This week we have been sharing what we think we know about space. Here are some of our ideas...

Space is dark, up in the sky, cold and over God

In space there are stars and clouds

In space there are planets

In space there are aliens and space dinosaurs

In space there is different air because you need an oxygen mask

In the night time the sun goes to Ireland, that's why it's dark here.

In the daytime the sun comes out of his house. The sun and the night roll over each other and go to a different country

In space there is one moon, or lots of moons because there is a half moon, a full moon and a crescent moon

When we started sharing we got a little confused and we didn't all agree so we came up with some questions that we wanted to find out. Here are a few that we have already been talking about this week.

How many moons are there?

What happens to the rest of the moon when it is a half moon?

Is the world and planet earth the same thing?

How does day and night really work?

So it's time to...

blast off...

...into space...into books...into learning!



Space is an amazing place and it affects me!!

BOT ELECTIONS Nominations are invited for the election of three Parent Representatives to the board. You have received nomination forms over the holidays. Additional forms are available from the school office. Nominations close Friday 4 November, 12 noon.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Every child in the school will have a class and individual photo taken. If you wish to have a family photo taken (with preschoolers, BMC students, adults or siblings at school) please fill in the Consent Form that has been sent home today. You are under no obligation to purchase any photos. Please return your consent form to the school office

THE PTA has booked a site for the West Otago A & P show with the following ideas A "kids" raffle, a display of the artwork for the upcoming diaries / calendars and baking and we need your help to make this a success! We would like to respectfully request a raffle item per family, that would suit a dream Christmas hamper. This could be as simple as glitter pens, stickers, toys lollies / chocolate, drinks or anything that a child would love to win! We will be selling tickets for this on the day of the show so it would be appreciated if you could drop your item into the school over the next few weeks. While we acknowledge show day can be a busy time for Mums and Dads we cannot run a successful stall with just a couple of people - the more offers we get the less each of us will have to do! We are seeking assistance from parents to help man the stall on the day of the show or a donation of baking we can sell on the day - expect a phone call from a member of the PTA asking which option you prefer.

NO SAUSAGES AND JUICEYS ON A FRIDAY ANYMORE

AWARDS

These children received awards at Assembly on Wednesday

Kaylee Cross
Kaden Sim
Lily Tuckey
Apeksha Charan
Jack Barrett
Natalie Candy
Bryce Cross
Joshua Hines
Braydon Mills
Matthew Mills
Hope Cross

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thur 3 Nov	Kapahaka Trip to Invercargill
Fri 4 Nov	Nominations for BOT close
Wed 9 Nov	BOT Meeting 7.30pm
Tues 15 Nov	School Photos
Fri 18 Nov	BOT Election voting day
Mon 21 Nov	Pool Opens
Thur 24 Nov	Yr 6 BMC visit & orientation
Thur 1 Dec	Starlab visit
Wed 7 Dec	BOT Meeting 7.30pm
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

Touch Rugby Draw for Wednesday 2 November at Newman Park

Junior Bucks (Yr 3/4 Team) 5 pm on Field 1B vs Pukerau Panthers
Tapanui Junior Stags (Yr 5/6 Team) 4pm on Ground 2 vs St Marys Kiwi

CRICKET - Games start tomorrow at Hamilton Park in Gore. Please be there by 8.45am. If you cant be there, please remember to let your coaches know. Any queries contact Sarah Davies

FOR SALE

4 Boxes of tin foil(leftovers from our fundraising) \$21.82 per box. If you would like to purchase one of these please contact Sarah Davies

WEST OTAGO A & P SHOW 19 NOVEMBER

West Otago Agrikids competition. Teams of 3 (of which 1 must be a girl) up to Year 8. Great prizes \$150 for first placed team. Entry FREE. Entries to luke.cath@farmside.co.nz or phone 03 4468648 by the 10th November

Pet Club -The West Otago A & P society invites the young people of the district to enter into the pet club. (Calf club, lamb club, dog club, best other pet and most unusual pet)
Open to children from preschool to year 8. Entry is free. Parents, we want you to get in behind your children and help them pick a pet for the show. The lambs or calves may be any breed or cross bred, male or female, and must be born after 1 August 2011. They must be hand reared and halter. Dogs must have a current registration and halter led. Dogs must have a current registration and an Ovis certificate. The children will be judged on their animal care, knowledge, leading leading and handling, and the dog with the best trick! We have received great sponsorship and prize money for the classes. There is also a poster competition. This is a sized poster about your pet. You can include pictures and photos. Entries or questions to Craig Tomsett 2048355.

Childrens schedule - The childrens / teenagers schedule is available at "The Tapanui Supermarket" or email gay@kowai-angus.co.nz or budharaynbird@xtra.co.nz for a copy.
So dust off your camera, mix up the batter, build and create.

Topp Twins and Elegregoe - Two performances from these popular entertainers spread throughout the day

Mother and Daughter lookalike competition - For a \$5 entry fee you get a professional photo taken by Elizabeth Weir photography. This is to be judged by the Topp Twins later in the day. Any age can enter, and the winner receives a Cottage Voucher.

Watch out in the Blue Mountain Express for the colouring competition.