

20 Tapanui School Newsletter

Newsletter #7 - 15 March 2024

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MUFTI DAY AND WHEELS WEDNESDAY

20TH MARCH

We will have a course set up so you can show us all your moves.

Bring your wheels and a gold coin so we can fundraise for KidsCan



KidsCan
Don't forget your helmets

Review
CLOSED



SchoolDocs
Policies and Procedures

Thanks to all those who participated in this terms review.

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IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM 1

WEEK 8

18 March - Quiz Night

20 March - Wheels Wednesday

WEEK 9

25 March - Otago Anniversary day - NO SCHOOL

27 March - Sports Activator

29 March - Good Friday - NO SCHOOL

WEEK 10

1 and 2 March - Easter - NO SCHOOL

WEEK 11

9 April - Board Meeting

12 April - Whole School Assembly
- Term 2 Ends

29 April - TERM 2 STARTS

Kia ora whānau!

I had the privilege of spending some time in the junior classes this morning and was really impressed with the clear routines that our junior teachers have for their classes and the manners that were being displayed. The teachers are working really intentionally on highlighting the positive behaviour they are seeing and drawing this out of our young ones as well as further up the school. There is an old saying - you get what you focus on! It doesn't mean we ignore inappropriate behaviour, we just don't give it the same glorious attention - easier said than done!

Learning that we are all different and have different needs is a tricky but vital part of growing up. It is coming up in lots of conversations in classes and with individuals at the moment. It's always pleasing to see the outworking of these conversations as children demonstrate a growing awareness and respect for our differences. How might you help your child learn about respecting and supporting people who are different to them - be it race, intelligence, ability, personality or financial circumstances?

The teachers have really enjoyed connecting with parents and children together during team talks - there have been a few who didn't turn up - if that was you please contact your teacher to reschedule:) Maxine still has some slots available on Monday afternoon if you still need a time.

Remember that the Quiz Night is happening on Monday night so get your team together and bring along something for the raffle table! Happy swatting and hopefully we'll see you all there.

Ngā mihi - thanks

Jane

QUIZ NIGHT

FOR
TAPANUI
SCHOOL

MON 18TH MARCH

7.30pm at WO T&C Club

\$20 per team of 4.

\$25 per team of 5

Raffle prizes greatly appreciated



As part of our kitchen science unit, this week in Mohua we did an experiment called marbled milk. We were making predictions about what was going to happen and observing the reactions each liquid had on the milk and food colouring.



On Wednesday we did an experiment. It was very colourful. One looked like a love heart. We used oil, water, dishwashing liquid, vinegar, milk and food colouring. We added drops of food colouring to the milk. When we put dishwashing liquid in, the colour spread out.

Tamzin



On Wednesday we did an experiment. First we put milk in four plates and then put in drops of food colouring. Then they turned into masterpieces.

Talita



On Wednesday we did an experiment. We used oil, dishwashing liquid, water, vinegar, milk and food colouring. We put milk into four plates and added drops of food colouring. Then we got a cotton bud and dipped it in water, then vinegar, oil and dishwashing liquid. Dishwashing liquid was the one that worked the best.

One looked like a love heart. It looked amazing!

Tilly

On Wednesday we did an experiment, it was called marbled milk. We needed milk, water, oil, vinegar, dishwashing liquid, food colouring cups and plates. First we needed to grab the cups and fill them with water, oil, vinegar and dishwashing liquid. Then we filled the plates with milk then added food colouring. Next we needed to get some cotton buds and then you dip the cotton buds in the cups. Then you dip the cotton buds into the plates.

Luka

EASTER RAFFLE

Please support the Year 5 and 6's as they sell raffle tickets for an Easter hamper.

Raising money for their school camp in Term 4.

\$1 a ticket.

Tickets available from any Year 5 or 6 student or from the school office.

Raffle will be drawn on Thursday 28 March



HEAD LICE!

Our pesky head lice are paying a visit!



Please check your child's hair regularly and treat the whole family if you find them.

A reminder that bedsheets and other things that the hair is in contact with needs to be treated also.

Check out the following website if you need more information
<https://www.kidshealth.org.nz/how-get-rid-head-lice>



Congratulations to this amazing group of students who were awarded Ready, Respectful, Safe certificates today at Sing and Celebrate

PERSEVERANCE - EQUITY - EXCELLENCE - RESPECT

AUTUMN GARDEN SHOW

Presbyterian Church Hall, Saturday 16th March

Entries 10am-11am * Judging 11am - noon
Open to the Public 1pm-4pm * Cuppa and raffles available

Entry cost \$1 per entry * Students free
Prizes \$15, \$10, \$5 + boasting rights!

FLOWERS

Dahlia
Hydrangea
Gladiolus
Lily

Any other flowers not in schedule

ADULT - CATEGORIES

VEGETABLES

3 white potatoes
3 coloured potatoes
3 carrots
3 courgettes
3 tomatoes
1 cucumber
1 cabbage
1 broccoli
1 cauliflower
3 leaves silverbeet
3 beetroot
3 onions
1 ear corn
Any vegetable not in schedule

ROSES

Stem - miniature
Miniature in 3 stages
Fully open miniature
Stem of florabunda
Rose in 3 stages
Fully open bloom
Best red rose
Best white rose
Best pink rose
Best yellow rose
Any other rose not in schedule

STUDENT'S SECTION

Ages: 10 years & under * 11 - 13

Animal creature made from vegetables
Mounted collection of named weeds
Button hole using at least 1 flower & foliage
Best red rose * Best white rose
Best pink rose * Best yellow rose
Any other flower

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Students Section

Ages : 10 years & under, 11 - 13 years

- Animal/ creature made from vegetables
- Mounted collection of named weeds
- Buttonhole using at least 1 flower & foliage
- Best red rose
- Best white rose
- Best pink rose
- Best yellow rose
- Any other flower

Colouring Competition - Junior

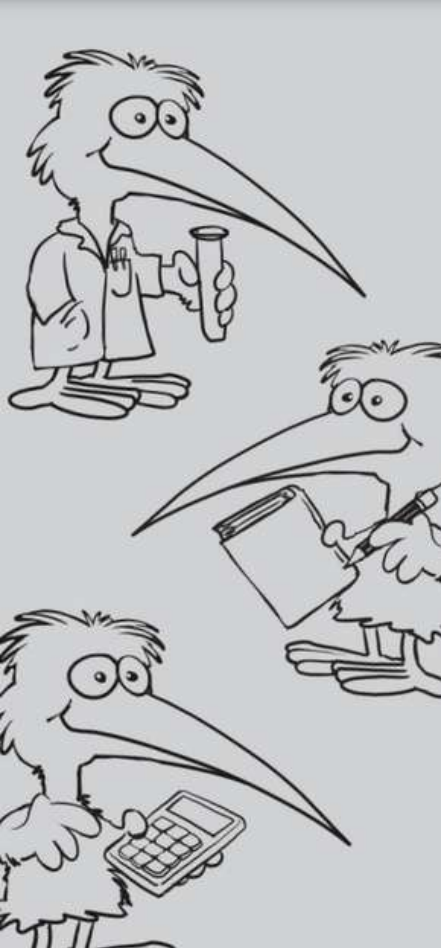
- 5 & 6 year olds;
- 7 & 8 year olds;
- 9 & 10 year olds

Colouring Competition - Senior

- 11 year olds;
- 12 year olds;
- 13 year olds

Entries to be in to the Tapanui Presbyterian Church Hall between 10 - 11am on the day.

Open for public viewing from 1 - 4 pm



Kiwi English, Mathematics and Science Competitions

About the competitions

The annual Kiwi, English, Mathematics and Science competitions are skills based tests and closely align with the New Zealand Curriculum. The competitions are organised by The Centre for Assessment & Monitoring (CAM) at the University of Canterbury. The competitions cater for students of all abilities in primary, intermediate and secondary schools and measure the performance of students at the Curriculum and Year levels shown below:

Level	Year	Level Curriculum	Level
Primary	Year 5-6		Level 3
Intermediate	Year 7-8		Level 4
Secondary	Year 9-10		Level 5

The tests are designed by New Zealand teachers for New Zealand students. The tests are administered on-line and take up to 50 minutes to complete so they can be conveniently slotted into the school timetable. Each test consists of short answer questions depending on the year level.

The Kiwi Science Competition

Questions in the Kiwi Science Competition are skills based and cover:

- Investigating
- Experimental design, use of controls and the notion of a 'fair test'.
- Interpreting data
- Interpreting diagrams, tables and graphs.
- Critical thinking skills
- Reasoning, problem solving and logical deduction.

The tests use every day contexts relevant to the following strands of the Science in the New Zealand Curriculum:

- Nature of Science
- Living World
- Planet Earth and Beyond
- Physical World
- Material World

The Kiwi English Competition

The tests use every day contexts relevant to the appropriate level of English in the New Zealand Curriculum:

- Reading and comprehension
- Grammar and spelling
- Audience and purpose

The Kiwi Mathematics Competition

The tests use every day contexts relevant to the following strands of the appropriate level of Mathematics in the New Zealand Curriculum:

- Number and Algebra
- Geometry and measurement
- Statistics

Questions do not depend on mathematical knowledge alone, but on the ability to think things through, be logical, find ways to solve problems and are designed to make students think outside the box.

The competition encourages enthusiasm, boosts confidence in Mathematics and shows the different way questions can be asked. Students also need to read the questions carefully!

The cost per student for each competition is \$9.90.

A letter for parents and caregivers has been sent home today. The letter invites students to participate and includes a tear off entry slip to be returned to the school.



CENTRE FOR ASSESSMENT & MONITORING





Parent Support Group



Grab a free coffee and chat with other parents and carers who know what it's like to care for a disabled child, a neurodiverse child, or a child with health impairments.

Parent to Parent will be hosting regular Parent Support Groups in Gore to support carers and parents just like you. These groups are a safe space for family and whānau to share their experiences, their challenges, their triumphs, and to learn from each other in an open and 100% judgement-free environment. No topic is too 'weird', no question too 'out there'. We get it, and we are here to help.

So if you'd like to share a struggle, celebrate a success, raise a concern, or simply have a cuppa and chat with other parents and carers in your area, you are always welcome at our Parent Support Group. Children are welcome too! Drop in for as long or as short a time as you want. And did we mention there's free coffee??

Upcoming dates for 2024:

Dates: Wednesdays 20 March, 17 April, 19 June, 17 July, 18 September, 16 October
Time: 11am —12pm
Venue: Calvin Community Church, 25 Robertson Street, Gore 9710

Feel free to just show up on the day!

Or contact MaryAnn Hughes for more info:
southland@parent2parent.org.nz | 027 808 3951

HOLIDAY PROGRAMME BALCLUTHA



3 DAYS OF EACH TERM BREAK
FUN ACTIVITIES AND GAMES TO
KEEP CHILDREN PHYSICALLY
ACTIVE AND ENTERTAINED

Dates:

Tuesday-Thursday 16-18 April 2024

Tuesday-Thursday 9-11 July 2024

Tuesday-Thursday 1-3 October 2024

Cost:

School Day session - 9.00am-3.00pm

(doors open 8.30am)

\$40.00 per child per day

\$30.00 per extra child per day

Morning Session - 9.00am-12noon

(doors open 8.30am)

\$30.00 per child per morning

\$20.00 per extra child per morning

Enquires:

Please contact Lara, 418 3470

info@crossrecreationcentre.co.nz

Register online at:

www.crossrecreationcentre.co.nz



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EASTERN SMALL STICKS HOCKEY

HAVE A GO DAY

Coaching Day - Skills and Drills

Year 3 and 4 - 3:30-4:30

Year 5 and 6 - 4:30-5:30

MONDAY 8TH APRIL 2024

ANYONE THINKING OF
COACHING COME ALONG AND
WATCH SOME COACHES IN

ACTION!



FREE ENTRY

