

Tapanui School

Newsletter #12 - 6 May 2022

What's coming up?

- 6 May - Mother's Day raffle drawn
Sports Activator
- 9-13 May - Road Safety Week
- 9 May - PTA Quiz Night 7.30pm
- 11 May - Wheels Wednesday
Mufti Day - St Johns
- 17 May - PAL Training -Sport Clutha
- 20 May - Sports Activator
- 27 May - Pink Shirt Day
- 31 May - BOT Meeting 5.30pm

Kia ora whanau,

Wow! We had a week of Term 2 and what a week it has been. We had a short Powhiri on Monday to welcome everyone back and then John Parsons was in school all day Wednesday coaching and teaching each class group around keeping themselves safe on line. As always his messages were well received by students, teachers and parents. Thank you for attending the parent session and investing in your child and their future. Later in the week we enjoyed our first visit from our Sports Activator.



The dental bus is on site for the next four weeks. If your child has an appointment, just come to the office and sign in then pop down to class and collect your child. Return them once the appointment is over, then sign out. Masks are required when attending the dental bus with your child!



Next week is road safety week. A wonderful opportunity for you to provide your child with safety tips or guidance, especially when walking or biking to school. It's also another chance to remind them to wear their vest to and from school. If you have misplaced yours let the office know and we can issue a replacement.

Finally, a huge thanks to Jane for her leadership of the school this last Term. The school is running well and routines well established. Jane's warm concern for all the students was noted by many who have talked to me since my return 4 days ago.

There is still a lot to look at in this weeks issue, so grab a drink, find a space and enjoy.

Happy Mother's Day to all our mums out there.
Noho ora mai – Stay well!

Antony



Staffing Update

Year 6

Whaea Hannah - Wed-Fri

Whaea Christine - Mon-Tue

Year 5

Whaea Lynette - Mon

Whaea Ellyce - Tue-Fri

Year 3-4

Whaea Jane

Year 1-2

Whaea Maxine

wheels wednesday

In conjunction with 'Road Safety Week', please support our Student Council this coming Wednesday for Wheels Wednesday and a Mufti Day! Gold coin donation will go to support our local St John Ambulance.

The Council thanks you for your support.

*Senior wheels at the garage end of the school on the court.
Junior wheels on the grass between Matai and Kikorangi.*

PAL

YEAR 5/6 LEADERSHIP

Physical Activity Leaders

Well done to all those children who applied for the PAL positions.

Actively Involved, Confident, Excellence!

It was a great learning process for children to have to work through an application process and they all did this really well. Unfortunately we couldn't take everyone but all can get involved and support in some way.

Following a rigorous selection process we have appointed Maia Tamakehu, Heidi Stuart, Hannah Stewart, Alyssa Goble, Sam Hartshorne, Kunaal Ratte, Kushaan Ratte, Oliver McCall and Emma Stiven, . Their first training day will be early Term 2.

John Parsons Link:

In the first in a series of links, here is one on 'Trusting your Gut Feeling'

TRUSTING GUT FEELING

<https://www.facebook.com/johnparsonsS2E/videos/934567347129643>

MOTHER'S DAY



FOR AMAZING MOMS,

We're very lucky to have you looking after and caring for us every day.
Our happiness is yours and your happiness is ours.

Thank you so much!

Mothers Day Raffle

Congratulations to the following winners
that have been drawn in the raffle today

1st Prize Alison Hei

2nd Prize Lusia Kopa

Quiz night

TAPANUI SCHOOL PTA

MONDAY 9th MAY 2022

WEST OTAGO TOWN & COUNTRY CLUB

7.30pm

\$20 for a Team of 4

\$25 for a Team of 5

Donations would be greatly appreciated for the raffle table on the night.

All proceeds going to the school playground fund.



COVID UPDATE

learning at orange

You'll be aware that Minister of Education Chris Hipkins announced the move to Orange towards the end of Term 1.

The decision to move to Orange was made on public health advice and reflects that have moved past the peak of cases and our health system is able to cope. We are seeing that cases in our community continue to be low due to high levels of vaccination and natural immunity after infection. Tapanui School has only had 1 active reported case earlier this first week back.

I wanted to give you a REMINDER on what the move to Orange means for our school.

At Orange, face masks are no longer required at school. However public health advice is that masks continue to be strongly encouraged when indoors. Wearing a mask is a key health measure that slows the spread of COVID-19 in indoor settings. For that reason, we ask that visitors to the school, including parents and whānau, wear a mask whenever they are indoors on school grounds.

Masks are still **recommended** for Year 4 and above while in class.

If a member of your household has / gets COVID a reminder that your child should isolate with you for 7 days UNLESS they have already had COVID themselves in the last 3 months. Remember to **contact us if your child contracts COVID too!**

At Orange, students aged 12 and above are still **required** to wear a face mask on school or public transport.

We will continue to keep all the other health measures in place at school that we know slow the spread of COVID-19. These include ensuring our indoor spaces are well-ventilated, maintaining good hand hygiene and cough and sneeze etiquette, appropriate physical distancing whenever we can and, most importantly, **staying home if we are sick.**

We are looking forward to even fewer restrictions over the coming weeks.



**Whānau, students, school...working together to grow
confident, connected, actively involved, life long learners**