

20 Tapanui School Newsletter

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SING AND CELEBRATE AWARDS

Johnson Gray
Aiden Charls
Chevy Ruwhiu-Meihana
Iyla Edyvean
Brookie Templeton
Brian Montejo
Ivey Brand
Penelope Beamsley
Annabel Stewart
Harper Smith

Tino Pai Koutou! WAKA Challenge

Today Annabel and Zeb, from Green Waka hosted a Paper, Scissors, Rock Challenge! And the winning waka was....



BLUE WAKA!

NZEI STRIKE ACTION

Message from the Board

Important Notice: School Closure on Thursday, 23rd October

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

We would like to inform you that the NZEI Te Riu Roa union has announced planned strike action for Thursday, 23rd October. In the interest of ensuring the safety and well-being of our students, we have made the decision to close the school on this day.

However, please note that the teachers supervising our Year 5 and 6 camp will be exempt from the strike action, and the camp will proceed as scheduled.

We appreciate your understanding and support during this time. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Kind regards,

Tessa Fabian on behalf of the
Tapanui Board.

A message from Whaea Jane...



Kia ora koutou,

A warm welcome to Hunter, Iyla, Xavier, and Mila who have started Tapanui School in the last couple of weeks. It's great having you as part of our Tapanui Whānau.

Welcome back to the final term of the 2025 school year! Already two weeks down - it's going to disappear quickly so stay present and be sure to not let the speed of things block your view of the fabulous things in front of you!

On Thursday night the staff and board enjoyed a lovely meal together to celebrate and thank both Paul Roulston and Tracy McHutcheon for their contribution on the Board over the last 6 years. We also formally welcomed Maarten Wagenaar and Dion O'Leary onto the Board. We also acknowledged Rebekah Stuart who has resigned after being on maternity leave for the last 3 years. We hope to still see Rebekah back in a part time or relieving capacity as she is able. We totally value her decision to invest her energy into her two young boys at this time. We will be confirming a new appointment to this vacancy for 2026 in the near future.

Have a great week - Jane



IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM 4

WEEK 3

- 20 Oct - School counsellor on site
- 22-24 Oct - Y5/6 Camp @ Pukerau
- 23 Oct - Teacher Strike Action

WEEK 4

- 27 Oct - Labour Day - NO SCHOOL
- 30 Oct - Board Meeting
- 31 Oct - School counsellor on site

WEEK 5

- 3 Nov - School counsellor on site
- 5 Nov - Sports Activator
- BMC (Heather) visiting Y6
- 7 Nov - Whole School Assembly

WEEK 6

- 10 Nov - School counsellor on site
- 13 Nov - International Whānau Hui

WEEK 7

- 17 Nov - School counsellor on site
- 19 Nov - Y6 Transition Day @ BMC

WEEK 8

- 24 Nov - School counsellor on site
- 26-28 Nov - REAP Swimming Lessons

WEEK 9

- 1 Dec - School counsellor on site
- 4-5 Dec - REAP Swimming Lessons

WEEK 10

- 8 Dec - School counsellor on site
- 12 Dec - Prizegiving

WEEK 11

- 17 Dec - Term 4 Ends

New Zealand

Shake
Out™

This week we joined the National Shake Out Day with our own Earthquake Drill. The children did really well and all understood and practiced the routine Drop, Cover, Hold! It was awesome to see our Year 5 students show empathy and leadership with younger students as they were in the same space when the drill took place.

It would be a great time to talk about your plan at home if there was an earthquake - what do you do if you're in bed, what would be the hazards your family would need to be aware of (eg things on high shelves, heavy furniture moving), maybe your child could lead an earthquake drill at home to bring them peace of mind that you all have a plan. Remember to talk about the noises you might hear, the movement of things around you etc.

All of New Zealand is at risk of earthquakes. Knowing the right immediate action to take can prevent injury and save lives.

In an earthquake, Drop, Cover, Hold. It stops you being knocked over, makes you a smaller target for falling and flying objects, and protects your head, neck and vital organs.

- **DROP** down on your hands and knees. This protects you from falling but lets you move if you need to.
- **COVER** your head and neck (or your entire body if possible) under a sturdy table or desk (if it is within a few steps of you). If there is no shelter nearby, and cover your head and neck with your arms and hands.
- **HOLD** on to your shelter (or your position to protect your head and neck) until the shaking stops. If the shaking shifts your shelter around, move with it.

If there is no shelter near you, crawl to an inside corner of the room and cover your head and neck with your hands and arms. Do not run outside or stand in a doorway. Many people are injured while trying to move DURING the shaking. It is safer to Drop, Cover, and Hold until the shaking is over.

Make a plan today. Find out who can help you and who might need your help. Your local Civil Defence Emergency Management Group has information for your region.

civildefence.govt.nz



AOTEAROA

PLAYWEEK TĀKARO MAI!

20 – 26 OCTOBER 2025

Here's some ideas you can try over the week at home!

- Teach your child (or tell them about) a game you played when you were a child
- Make a fort with the kitchen table or some old boxes
- Have a backwards dinner - wear your clothes backwards, eat dessert first, say grace at the end!
- Get a bag of balloons and have some fun with them!
- Create a masterpiece with chalk or paint or natural materials!



SOUTH OTAGO PLAY AFTERNOONS

Get ready to celebrate Play Week with Halberg and Sport Clutha as we bring three fun-filled Play Afternoons to Otago! These free community events are all about getting active, connecting, and having fun – open to all ages and abilities.

Join us at the Milton, Balclutha, and Clutha Valley Play Afternoons for Hungerball, inclusive games, loose parts play, and plenty of playground fun. Each event will also feature local favourites – The Shot Coffee Car in Milton, Coffee and Cream in Balclutha, and Maylanie's Food Truck in Clutha Valley.

Come along, bring your friends and whānau, and get into the spirit of Play Week with us!

For any enquiries please contact Halberg Regional Advisor at zoe@halberg.co.nz or Keely Hill at khill@sportotago.co.nz

MILTON PLAY AFTERNOON

Sunday 19 October 2025
Taylor Park
2:30pm – 4pm

SCAN ME



CLUTHA VALLEY PLAY AFTERNOON

Tuesday 21 October 2025
Clutha Valley Primary School
2:30pm – 4:30pm

SCAN ME



BALCLUTHA PLAY AFTERNOON

Wednesday 22 October 2025
Balclutha Primary School
2:30pm – 4:30pm

SCAN ME



No registrations are needed – just come along and join in! If you'd like, you can sign up ahead of time, but everyone is welcome to turn up and play. Bring your friends, your whānau, and your energy, and get into the spirit of Play Week with us!