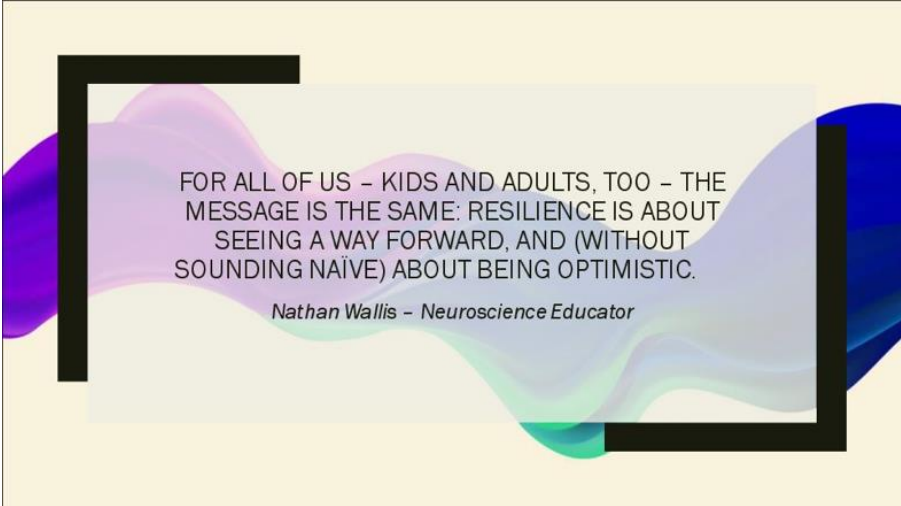


Kia ora whanau,

Even though there have been many disruptions globally and nationally, school is still very much business as usual. The teachers have worked hard to respond to the new landscape with the Red Alert Protection restrictions in place. We understand the worry that is being felt and the toll this is taking. Thank you for all you have done in supporting your child during these challenging times. Although we have not been able to start the year the way we normally would, we are committed to maintaining a positive, warm and welcoming school culture where your child's interests and wellbeing is central to all decision making.



FOR ALL OF US – KIDS AND ADULTS, TOO – THE MESSAGE IS THE SAME: RESILIENCE IS ABOUT SEEING A WAY FORWARD, AND (WITHOUT SOUNDING NAÏVE) ABOUT BEING OPTIMISTIC.

Nathan Wallis – Neuroscience Educator

We are looking forward to sharing some learning and goals in our **Three Way Interviews** next week on the 9th and 10th March. Please book an appointment through the Skool Loop App if you haven't already. This year we would love you to share your input into the interview with our questionnaire sheet to help give more insight into your child and help us in shaping what they need to develop. Please take some time to fill out the form and share with your child's teacher at the interview. Remember to bring your child too!

The teachers have been really happy to get a more structured routine in the morning now that swimming lessons are complete. Starting each day with our **“Play is the Way”** social and emotional learning programme. As you will know the last couple of weeks has seen the children practicing the skills of ‘treating others how you would want them to treat you’. The next rule we are learning about is, **‘Have a reason for the things you say and do’**. This is helping children keep accountable for their words and actions - with the goal to stop and think before we speak or act. We are encouraging children to make **strong decisions**, these are decisions that are not always easy but are the right thing to do.

We had a **celebration assembly** today for students to acknowledge some wonderful awards and spend time together as a whole school. We managed to clear some of the masses of **lost property** today and are working hard to get lost items back to their owners. Please keep your children's items named. There are also a number of students leaving school without **vests**. We encourage children to wear them so they are visible to traffic, these have been life saving for some children.

Noho ora mai – Stay well

Rebekah Stuart
Acting Deputy Principal

“I orea te tuatara ka patu ki waho”

This whakatauki refers to the need for

creative thinking,

adaptability

and perseverance.

*In order to solve a problem
you need to have all of these.*

Assembly Awards

Wenzeal – Respect

Luka – Respect

Zeb – Excellence

Aarav - Respect

Mack – Life Long Learner

Sam H – Life Long Learner

Hannah – Excellence

Alex – Life Long Learner

Hayley – Excellence

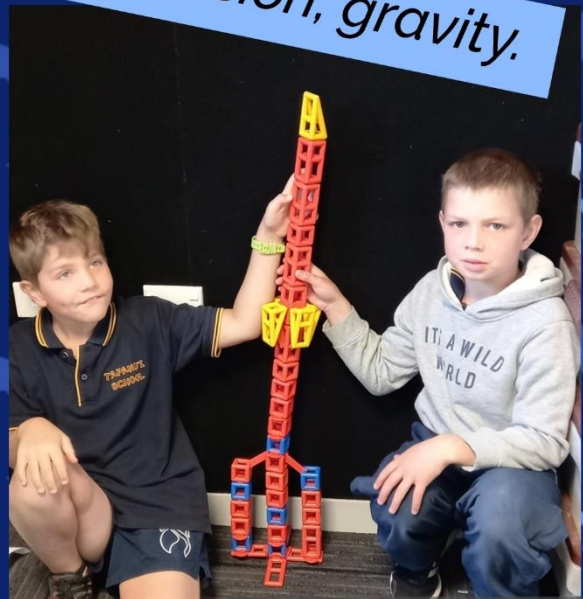
This week in the Mohua caregroup our children designed some excellent rockets. We are learning how they are made and how they are launched into space with the forces at play.



We decided what we would take with us on a trip to space. First aid kits, tools, oxygen tank, metal detector, something to remember home by, and golf clubs were all deemed necessary items to pack.



Thrust, weight, lift, drag, propulsion, gravity.



Swimming Champs!

Congratulations to all those children who entered the West Otago Swimming Competition this week. Although this competition won't go any further this year due to COVID restrictions all the children can be really proud of their efforts. We saw all our school values in action which was awesome.

The West Otago Year 6 Girls champ is Emma Stiven and the Year 6 Boys Champ goes to Declan Roulston and Oliver McCall.

Those children who would have qualified for the Otago Swimming competition include...

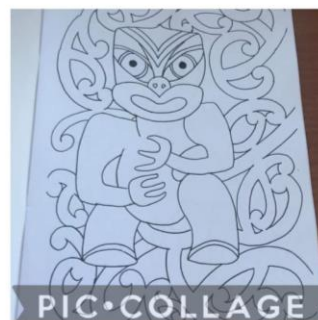
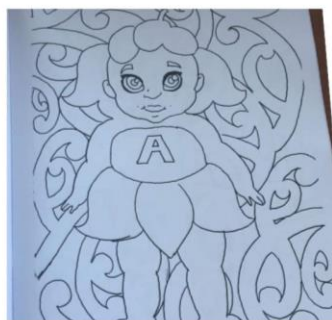
Freestyle 50m

Mitchell Stiven (8)
Hannah Stewart (9)
Heidi Stuart (9)
Sam Hartshorne (9)
Tayla Masunu (10)
Emma Stiven (10)
Oliver McCall (10)
Declan Roulston (10)

Backstroke 50m

Mitchell Stiven (8)
Hannah Stewart (9)
Heidi Stuart (9)
Emma Stiven (10)
Declan Roulston (10)
Oliver McCall (10)

Breaststroke 50m Oliver McCall (10)



Māori Ana Colouring Book

Check out a sample of the creative mahi from our very own Whaea Ashlee!! Ashlee has put her design skills to work, creating a beautiful Māori Ana colouring book to raise money for the Kahui Ako Kapahaka groups!

Message Ashlee directly on 027 3611784 or get in contact with school and we'll pass your order on. \$10 each.

Nga mihi nui Ashlee

PIC•COLLAGE

MERINO TOPS

Merino jersey tops are available to wear as an optional item of the school uniform,

Tops will have the school monogram as per the current fleece and polo shirt,

This year they have changed the sleeve design of the merino slightly to include a panel of material (not merino) on the underside to help with the longevity of the garment.

\$90each

Sizes 5/6 7/8 9/10 11/12 13/14

Please msg myself jdhalder@xtra.co.nz or order though the school office.

Last day for ordering 11 March



PTA fundraiser!

The annual Tapanui School PTA
Food wrap fundraiser

is back by popular demand...

This has been an outstanding fundraiser for us in
previous years earning us around \$2000.

Orders due 24 March.

The PTA would like to thank you for your ongoing
support.

MASKS

Please ensure if your child is in Year 4
– 6 that they bring their own masks!

We have a limited supply that
children can use if masks break etc
but many children are relying on
these rather than bringing their own.

This is not there purpose.





Do you ever get that “I don’t know” response when you ask your child why they did something? We’re encouraging everyone to live with purpose so that everything we do has a reason and purpose.

SELF-MASTERY CHECKLIST:

- o Am I doing the right thing or the wrong thing?
- o Am I making a strong decision or a weak decision?
- o Are my feelings in charge of my actions or is my thinking in charge?
- o Am I running away from the problem or am I dealing with it?
- o Am I being my own boss or am I inviting my teacher to be my boss?
- o Is my teacher trying to help me or hurt me?

BE THE MASTER, NOT THE VICTIM OF YOUR FEELINGS

Parenting Tip #4:

Trusting that your children love you, allows you to do the “parent things” that may sometimes make them dislike you for a while.

First Student Council Meeting Report

We had our first Student Council meeting on Thursday with a group of very keen and engaged leaders. They are ready with a clear vision to work with the rest of the school to make Tapanui School great! What a great vision. They have come up with some great ideas already and are all prepped ready for the first class meetings.



HOUSE COMPETITION!

Last week we had a tie! After some creative relays chosen and designed by each house, the results came through and....

YELLOW and GREEN House took the win!

Well done on getting your flags to the top through some solid competition.

