

INTERNATIONAL *extravaganza!*



**Wednesday 29 November
6pm - 7:30pm
@ the Matai Hub
Tapanui School**

**Bring some kai (food) to share
(if possible from your country of origin)**

**Maybe you could wear something that represents a special
place for you.**

**Let the children entertain you with a song and dance with a
cultural theme.**

**Hear back briefly from the community consultation.
Come and be part of our school community.**



Tapanui School

IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM 4

Week 8: 27 - 1 December

Tues - PALs Fun Day in Gore

Wed - Sports Activator
- International Extravaganza!

Thur/Fri - Craft Days

Week 9: 4 - 8 December

Mon - Thur - REAP Swimming lessons

Tues - Launchpad Break-up 9:30am
- Board meeting

Sat - PTA Bake Sale

Week 10: 11 - 15 December

Mon - Thu - REAP Swimming lessons

Friday - End of Year Prize Giving

Monday 18 Dec final tidy up day

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Kia ora whānau!

We certainly live in an amazing community. This week has been yet another picture of how our community work together, contribute and connect.

- Over 20 women in our community have given 2 full days, of their week, to come and provide arts, crafts, baking and line dancing to our children. This has been such a gift to them but also to the teachers who are in the middle of a really busy time of year.
- Members of the PTA have provided morning teas and lunches for these helpers each day they are here.
- On Wednesday evening we also had 3 past students CHOOSE to come over to school and make a great start at sorting out the PE Shed and giving it a bit of a "Spring Clean".
- We've seen parents and students show gratitude through gift giving and acknowledgement to another parent who has given up her time to coach mini ball over the last few months.
- The RSA have donated \$50 and Affco Livestock have donated \$117.20 to our school.

As we enter a season of giving for many, how might we highlight to our children ways that we can all contribute to the wellbeing of our community? Sometimes it takes money, but most of the time it just takes a little time and intentional action.

We look forward to seeing everyone at our International Extravaganza on Wednesday! If you haven't been to one of our Whanau Hui before why not make this one your first - come and get connected:)

Have a great weekend - Kia pai ngā rā whakatā.

Jane **"Alone we can do so little,
together we can do so much"**

Helen Keller

END OF YEAR PRIZEGIVING

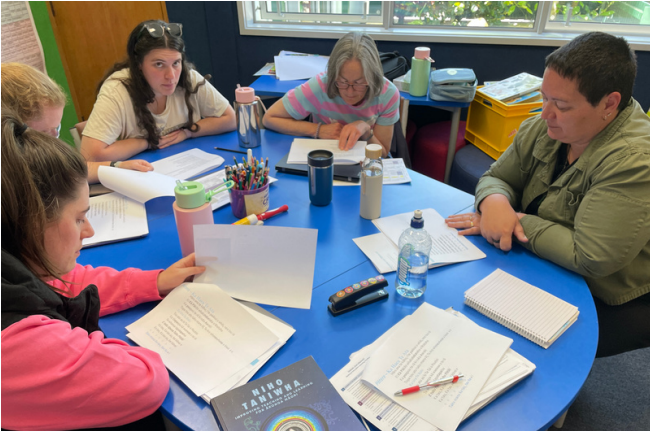
West Otago Community Centre
Theatre

Friday 15 Dec at 1:30pm

All parents and whānau are encouraged to attend as we celebrate the progress, effort and achievement of all our students.

Teacher Only Day

THE HIGHLIGHT REEL



Thank you for making other arrangements for your children on Monday so we could meet as a staff and do some Professional Learning around the new curriculum and do some planning for 2024.

Professional Learning:

This involved reflecting on aspects of the new curriculum in terms of maths and the tools we have for recognising children's ability and next learning steps. We also reflected on some student voice we had gathered around maths in particular, and changes we might make to our practice to address these things.

We also discussed the Treaty of Waitangi, our obligation to give effect to it and ways that we might help bring a greater understanding to the history of it. As part of this we also discussed the Aotearoa New Zealand Histories Curriculum which is to be an integral part of our learning by next year. We had the privilege of having Jaki Eales come to share a patere (chant with specific reference to the land) with us to not only improve our te reo Māori but also think about ways we can integrate stories from our past into our learning.

The Library:

We also participated in an online webinar about a new library system we are installing to help children engage more with our library. Unfortunately our library is currently out of bounds as the Ministry of Education works with us to try and remedy a problem with moisture that has got into the wall. We are hopeful this will be remedied by the start of the year and we will be able to bring the library to life in the new year.

Planning for 2024:

We took a look at the community consultation feedback along with some general student feedback and found some common things that we believe will be helpful to work on for next year. We drafted up some strategic thoughts that we will share with the Board (along with the whānau consultation) that will help them as they develop our strategic plan for the next two years.

Classes for 2024:

We are excited to inform you about the class make up for 2024 and teacher placement. It is quite the shuffle but there are well thought out and good reasons for it. I am so grateful for such a committed and collaborative team of teachers.

New Entrants/Year 1 - Whaea Kaitlyn

Year 1/2/3 - Whaea Renee

Year 3/4 - Whaea Ellyce

Year 5/6 - Whaea Maxine

If you have any questions please contact Jane.

TRANSITION TIME

Over the next few weeks we are going to be having some “Transition Time” where the Year 6's will be working with Mrs Stuart and the other students will get to move through to their new classroom with their teacher for next year. We hope this will provide a positive space for children to get to know their teacher and for their teachers to get to know their students to help them all have a positive start to 2024.



JAR OF AWESOME

Spot the children who have been noticed going above and beyond this week. Tino pai - What a great start to the term!



Congratulations to these four who managed to do 100 minutes even though 2 days this week were full of craft! That's going above and beyond!

Annabel, Hugo, Owen, Siddartha

And these children got over 60 minutes which was also a great effort for this week!

Cailyn, Caleb, Clara, Emma, Hannah, Heidi, Isabel, Josh, Kate, Leanna, Luka, Madahasi, Maz, Mila, Mitchell, Natalia, Olivia, Portia, Riley J, Sebastian, Tom, Tilly T, Zeb

Tino pai kotou!

Perseverance Excellence Equity Respect

TAPANUI SCHOOL

PRESENTS



PLAYGROUND FUNDRAISER

1200 TICKETS AT \$20 EACH

1ST PRIZE
 WORTH **\$7000**
LOCHIEL TRAILER
LOCHIEL ENGINEERING
 HOME OF THE LOCHIEL TRAILER

2ND PRIZE
WATER BLASTER
 WORTH **\$900**
WEST OTAGO
 on farm servicing

3RD PRIZE
 WORTH **\$699**
MOWER
DWAIN'S SERVICE CENTRE
 03 2048 455 | www.dwains.co.nz



4TH PRIZE: Wheelbarrow with goodies worth \$500 (Ant Wallace Building Limited)

5TH PRIZE: Firewood worth \$400 (Campbell Dairy Ltd)

6TH PRIZE: Nursery Voucher worth \$300 (Blue Mountain Nurseries)

WINNERS TO BE DRAWN ON 23 DECEMBER AT CHRISTMAS PARADE

TICKETS ON SALE SOON

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT IDEAL PRINT, 4 SQUARE & SCHOOL OFFICE



PTA NEWS



Help
fill me
up!

RAFFLE UPDATE...

The Christmas Wheelbarrow is still looking a bit thin! If you haven't already, please add something. Ideas could include...

Christmas decorations
Jams or chutneys
Special hot drinks

A bottle of nice juice (no alcohol)
Nice sauces, dips, condiments
Tea lights or candles

BAKE SALE UPDATE...

9th Dec : We've got a bake sale in Gore - donations gratefully received.

6th Dec: Baking working bee to prepare items for bake sale.

Any other items for the bake sale that you make at home can be dropped off at school on Friday 8 Dec.


**What can you do to support the playground fundraising venture?
Team work makes the dream work!**

THE Christmas EXPRESS 2023

*An Ice Spectacular Show based on the
Popular Movie 'The Polar Express'*

Saturday 2nd December - 5pm

Sunday 3rd December - 11am

 Hot Drinks and Snacks available from the Canteen.



Adults: \$10
Children: \$5
(Kids under 5 free)

Purchase Tickets Online Now
OR from Multisports Complex Reception
off Robertson Street, Gore



LAUNCHPAD
Christian Values Education

End of Year Celebration

Tuesday
5 December
9:30am
Church on the
Way

All Welcome
Morning Tea for
parents to follow

All children will need to bring their togs and towel
every day



If your child has a reason for not swimming then please email their teacher with information otherwise we will try and find a solution for them to swim.



Swimming starts

Agri Kids

We had three teams enter the A & P Show Agri Kids competition. They all showed great team work, some fabulous farming knowledge and skills and hopefully learnt some things along the way. It involved a whole series of activities including gate building, tree identification, baby animal names and loads more.

Annabel, Kate
and Koby



Bruce, Tom,
and Novak



Hannah, Cailyn
and Sam



Congratulations to Hannah, Cailyn and Sam for being the overall winners of the Agri Kids competition! I think we might be looking at some “up and coming” Young Farmers of the Year!





CRAFT DAYS



What a great start to our craft days!

We have been truly blessed with over 20 women from our community coming in to provide some crafting experiences for our children (even a line dance thrown in to mix things up!) It has been awesome to see such fabulous manners and engagement as different generations in our community have connected.

A huge thank you to Gloria McHutchon for her vision and co-ordination of this event.



Things needed for next week

- o Jars - 1 litre capacity, with lids. Glass or plastic.
- o Boxes with detachable lids, like shoe boxes. Need box AND lid. Any size.
- o Jigsaw puzzles you no longer want. Can have pieces missing. (Gluing them to balloons)
- o Cardboard cylinders



SDC SUMMER HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Get #ActiveAS with our #FunAS Holiday Programme

\$6 PER CHILD

5-12 YEARS

10AM - 3PM

LOCATIONS

- Te Anau - Wednesday 17th January
- Mossburn - Friday 19th January
- Wyndham - Tuesday 23rd January
- Tuatapere - Thursday 25th January
- Riverton - Friday 26th January
- Winton - Monday 29th January
- Riversdale - Tuesday 30th January
- Rakiura - Friday 2nd February

To register, visit our event page on our website:
www.activesouthland.co.nz

NFS B-BALL FESTIVAL

Come along to celebrate the East Gore Neighbourhood Play System journey and support tamariki as they participate in the Basketball Festival.

3 x 3 Basketball Festival for Tamariki & Rangatahi

Date: Friday 8th December 2023
Time: 4-7pm
Who: Tamariki (Y3 upwards) & Rangatahi to enter teams of 3
Where: Oxford Street playground East Gore

FREE EVENT BBQ PROVIDED

Registrations to eastern@activesouthland.co.nz by December 1st

HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

HULA HOOPS

BALL SPORTS

2024

PLAY ACTIVATION

GIANT GAMES

STILTS

AND SO MUCH MORE

LOCATIONS

Athol - Thursday 18th January
Sports shed

Tokanui - Monday 22nd January
Tokanui Primary School (bring your wheels and togs)

Waikaia - Wednesday 31st January
Pump track (bring your wheels to the pump track)

Ohai - Monday 5th February
Ohai Marae (bring your togs)

11am-2pm
Free play and kai
No registration required

Bring the whānau & come along to our **FREE** Play Activation with Active Southland. Enjoy games, fun, laughs & kai. Tell us how you have been active over the summer and go in the draw to win some cool prizes!

Any questions, please contact
jenna@activesouthland.co.nz