

20 Tapanui School Newsletter

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CELEBRATING 2024

Prizegiving Awards 2024

Citizenship Awards

Year 1 - Ashidhi Bogala Arachchillage
Year 2 - Bella Yandug
Year 3 - Harper Bain
Year 4 - Sophie Campbell
Year 5 - Riley Collard
Year 6 - Ollie Ross

Effort Awards

Year 1 - Pixie Swney
Year 2 - Ella Fabian
Year 3 - Luka Halder
Year 4 - Brian Montejo
Year 5 - Kate Hartshorne
Year 6 - Bella Jane

Cultural Leadership

Althea Tobias

Excellence in the Arts

Tilly Templeton

Sporting Excellence

Mitchell Stiven

Kapahaka Leadership

Bonnie Eales
Mack Stuart



Huge congratulations to Mitchell Stiven who is the recipient of the Tapanui School Year 6 Cup 2024 for his contribution to Tapanui School. We congratulate all students for their efforts this year. They all have many things they can be immensely proud of.

Thank you to all who came to our final assembly on Friday. What a fabulous ceremony to celebrate the children and the work done in 2024. We are very excited about the year ahead and wish our Year 6's all the very best as they begin their new chapter of learning at high school.

Thanks to those children who came back to school on Monday and Tuesday - we managed to get the school all tidied, lots of cupboards and spaces got a good sort out ready for the new year.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2025

30 Jan: Teacher Only Day - staff only

31 Jan: Leadership Only Day - Y6 and staff only

3 Feb: School Starts 2025

6 Feb: Waitangi Day - School closed

Kia ora Whānau!

Well that's a wrap for 2024! The staff thoroughly enjoyed a very low key late lunch and game of bowls at the Tapanui Bowling Green today to bring our year to a close.

I will be at school on and off for the rest of this week just tying up a few loose ends if anyone is wanting to look through lost property (yes there were still a lot of jerseys and hats - very few named unfortunately). If we came across any named belongings we have put them in the class your child will be heading to next year.

A reminder that we have building work happening in the library over the holidays so if you have children that utilise the school grounds on bikes or at the school playground please remind them to be aware of health and safety and give the builders space and respect any fenced off areas. Thanks.

Thank you all once again for all your support to Tapanui School. We have such a great team.

Stay safe and have a restful summer break.

Ngā mihi - Jane Stuart

Mihi Whakataau

Monday 3 February 9 - 9:30am

Come along and join us in welcoming new students and their whānau (families) to our school. We would love to see all our new students who have started through Term 4 and who are going to start in the new year and their families.

We'd also love to see members of our current school families come and introduce themselves to our new families to start building relationship and a sense of belonging.

It's only a very short ceremony followed by a cup of tea or coffee.

Come along and be part of building the team.





West Otago Christmas Trail

Whisky Gully, Tapanui

OPENS SUNDAY 1st DECEMBER

Come and check out the Christmas Trail!

A short walk up to the first bridge at Whisky Gully featuring an array of Christmas Decorations, Sculpture and Lighting (lighting best viewed after 7pm or as it starts to get dark)

A great way to get into the Christmas Spirit

Suitable for the kids - dogs on a lead please

Check out the kids scavenger hunt

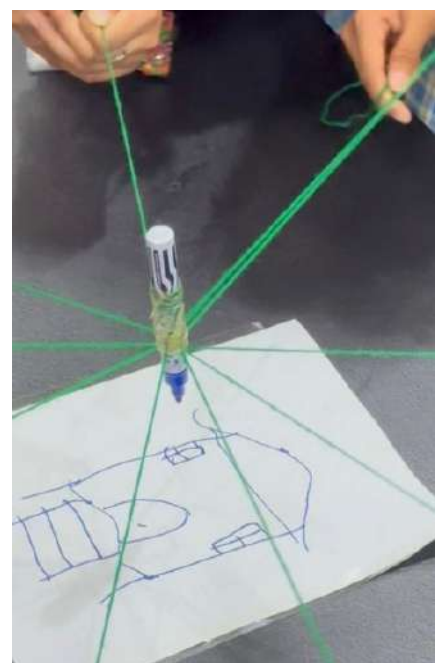
Fill it in and take into Tapanui 4 Square for a Lollipop and to enter prize draw (drawn at the Christmas Parade) and dont forget to drop your letter to Santa in his mail box on the trail too!

Trail will be on display until December 27th



A FUN HOLIDAY CHALLENGE

If you're looking for a fun activity for the family in the holidays, how about give this collaborative art project a go! Artistic talent is not necessary! No touching the pen - only the strings that are attached to it. Gather 2-4 people (or more if you want to increase the challenge) and see if you can create some family portraits!



Wishing
you all a
safe &
happy
Christmas

Thanks to the
West Otago
community for
your
contributions
to our school
over the year.

From
Tapanui
School

Staff
Board
& PTA

