



## Things coming up

30 March - *Mufti Day*

*Please bring a non-perishable food donation for the Food Bank*

7 April - *Sports Activator* 

14 April - *Whole School Assembly*  
*Term 1 ends*

### PLEASE NOTE:

**PTA meeting postponed – Date to be confirmed.**



## Kia ora Whanau,

Well it has been a week of working from home for me with someone in my household facing the COVID battle. It's been so good to be part of a stellar team of staff who have boxed on and held the fort, working hard to stay well themselves. Our thoughts are with all those still isolating and fighting off the COVID bugs with the wide range of symptoms that people seem to be showing.

As of today we have 1 staff member sick and 11 active student COVID cases all isolating at home and another 24 children absent mostly due to isolating as household contacts or unwell and currently testing negative. This has meant our numbers at school are low which has enabled teachers to have some quality time with those children at school and to focus on some specific needs. Hopefully those who are isolating at home have been able to access the home learning that teachers are working hard to provide. Please contact the school if you are having any trouble with internet connection, passwords or knowing what to do. We're here to help. We are so appreciative of the way people are following the COVID guidelines to keep themselves and others safe. Thank you and we look forward to seeing you all back as soon as you're able.

If you have been keeping up with the news you will be aware that the COVID restrictions have relaxed around mandates, gathering sizes and scanning to contact trace. Mask expectations at school and our COVID Response

Plan still stands for household contacts and those who contract COVID. We'll see what the end of term is looking like for a whole school celebration assembly outside. We'll keep you posted.

You may also have heard in the news through the week the release of a damning report on the state of literacy achievement in NZ at the moment. There is a lot of talk about the teaching of literacy and how it needs a big change to a more structured literacy approach. Tapanui School has been looking into this over the last couple of years and have been making changes, doing Professional Learning and purchasing resources to support us to bring the best structured literacy programme to your children. We are keen to run a parent session once the peak of COVID has passed on what this looks like at Tapanui School and how you can support at home so keep an eye out for this in future newsletters.

We are really excited to see the release of the Aotearoa New Zealand Histories Curriculum this week. The history of Aotearoa – the good, the bad and the ugly is important for us all to know and understand in order for us to be able to learn and grow and do something positive with it. To deny or ignore our history is to rob us of a relationship that could be. We have a responsibility to seek to understand the injustices, the cultures, the hardships and the stories each of us bring to this place we call home.

*"Seek first to understand then seek to be understood."*  
Stephen Covey

I wonder who took the time to have a conversation at home this week about your history, your culture and your special places? We are inviting you to email a photo in of your whanau with the name of your turangawaewae – the place of your family's roots. We would love to add it to our beautiful world map in the office area so that when new whānau come they can make some connections with others from similar places. Let's celebrate our diversity and build on our commonality so our children can live together positively and respectfully. Let's set the tone as the grown ups.

Have a restful weekend. Kia kaha e te whānau.  
Noho ora mai – Stay well!  
Jane





## CC's Critical Capabilities

### CONFIDENT:

For children (and adults) to be Confident Learners and Citizens in our community we need resilience. Does your child show resilience in changing and challenging situations? Here are some ideas for building resilience in your child...

1. Model positive coping strategies
2. Stress the importance of serving others and show generosity
3. Discuss how behaviours affect others
4. Accept all emotions and talk about positive ways to work through them
5. Give credit where it is due but don't over praise
6. Empower your child to make strong choices over weak ones.

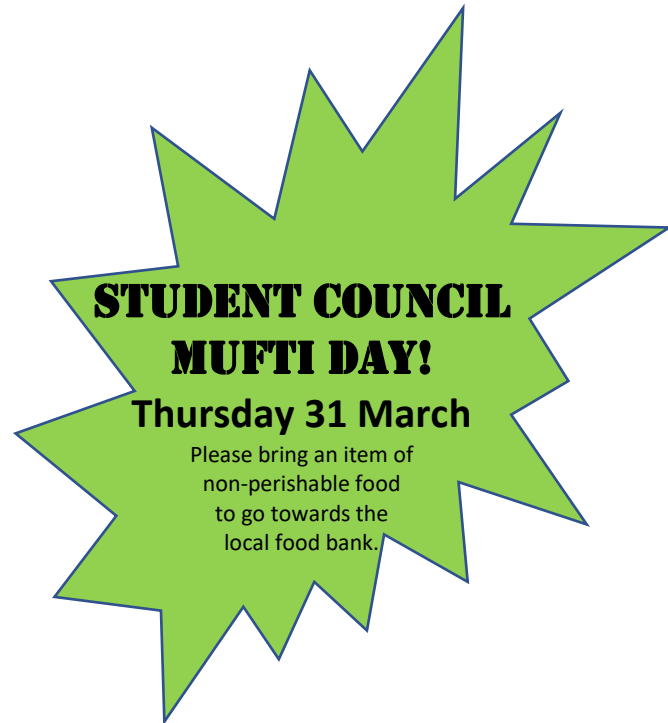
## PTA Fundraisers

Please support the PTA fundraisers. Every little bit helps.

Thanks to all those who supported the Food Wrap Orders. This has now closed.

### Hot Cross Buns are the next orders!

Keep hunting for people who love a hot cross bun at this time of year. Order forms were sent out last week with the newsletter and on Skool Loop. All order forms need to be in by Monday 4 April.



## ★ Whanau House Challenge - surf to City the Tapanui Way! ★

Congratulations to all those who got involved. I've heard a whisper that Tapanui School might just be in to win a prize because of the effort made by 5 families who were out there doing it! We had some fabulous house colours represented but the points are in and the results are

clear...the winning house is... ★ **RED!** ★

Watch this space for the next Whanau House challenge! What could it be? A dance off, a family talent quest, a colour run or triathlon? Let us know if you've got an idea and we'll see if we can make it happen! It must be time for Blue House to blitz it...

## Athletics Results

Apologies to Emma Stiven and Maia Tamakehu who I missed identifying last week in the newsletter as qualifying for Eastern Athletics! Both Emma and Maia qualified for 10 year old Shot Put and Emma also qualified for Discus.

Congratulations girls!



### Parenting Tip #7:

*If you want to give your children lots of options to create happy and productive lives for themselves, teach them on how every decision they make has consequences.  
And follow through with them!*

# House Challenge

Last Friday, we had a house challenge where each house team had to design and build a home for a big bunny. As a team, each house had to choose 20 loose parts from our play pod to use.



Everyone had to work together, communicate well and persevere!



A 'real estate agent' from each house showed our judge and the bunny around. All the houses were free standing and well constructed so it was a tough competition to judge.

