

20 Tapanui School Newsletter

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Reminders...

3 WAY INTERVIEWS

Have you booked your 3 Way Interviews? These are a great way to support your child in setting and reaching their goals over the year. See the link that was sent out in Skool Loop or ring Robyn in the office to book your time.

PTA NEWS

PTA AGM

Wednesday 22 March
7pm in the Blue Room
at Tapanui School

Celebrating those in the "Jar of AWESOME!"

So great to celebrate these awesome humans for being "others focussed"

- putting others first above themselves
- caring for others
- supporting others to be great

Ka mau te wehi!!



Oliver Heiss
Mitchell Stiven
Lochie Young
Tom Millar
Sam Hartshorne
McKenzie Wallace
Tilly McCall
Ruby Turner
Riley Collard
Owen Masunu
Hugo Wagenaar
Michael Moran

Sit back and enjoy catching up with everything that's going on!

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The term at a glance

Week 7	14 South West Otago Triathlon 15/17 3 Way Interviews 16 Teachers Strike - SCHOOL CLOSED
Week 8	20 Otago Anniversary Day NO SCHOOL 22 Sports Activator 22 PTA AGM
Week 9	30 Otago Triathlon
Week 10	April 3 GRIP Leadership Day Y6 6 Term 1 ends
Term 2 Week 1	Term 2 starts on Wednesday 26 April - this is due to a Kahui Ako wide Teacher Only Day on Monday 24 March to provide professional development for staff around the refreshed curriculum. ANZAC Day follows this on the 25 April.

Kia ora Whānau!

As you will have heard in the media, primary teachers and principals (along with secondary teachers and Kindergarten teachers) are striking next Thursday 16 March. The Board has decided that Tapanui School will be closed due to the inability to staff the school efficiently on this day. We know that this will be an inconvenience to many families. We do however, want to help you understand why the strike is necessary.



The conditions, pay and welfare of teachers and principals in the primary sector is in serious need of attention and has been for some time.

I very rarely speak out about political things as I truly love my job and it is a privilege to stand with you as parents and your tamariki to help them become the best they can be. There are however, some gross inequities and lack of provision that mean primary teachers and principals are not valued or resourced effectively to do the ever increasing and challenging job before them. Teachers and principals across the country are leaving the profession and/or heading to secondary where conditions, pay and resourcing is greater. This puts increased pressure on staffing. Principals in small schools like ours get paid based on the number of students and can't access other allowances like teachers can and in many situations where there is a beginning principal, teachers could be getting paid more than the principal! In what other industry or business would this happen?

It would be great not to have to strike however the government isn't responding and teachers and principals are tired of working within conditions that MP's and decision makers would never tolerate themselves.

If you would like to talk to me more about this (as I have really only spoken of the tip of the iceberg) I would be happy to explain and give some more detail. There will be strike action happening in Gore on Strike Day so if you're passing please support us. In order to keep putting great teachers and principals in front of our tamariki we have to let the Government know that enough is enough.

Have a great weekend.
Jane Stuart



★ Who reached 100mins on Steps Web this week? ★

Bella J, Bella Y, Isabel, Laykin,
Marshall, Mathew, Natalia,
Neihana, Oliver, Sophie, Tom M,
Tilly M, Tilly T

Look at the number of children achieving this goal increasing!

Practice leads to progress!

Ka mau te wehi - Awesome!

Eastern Athletics Results

Congratulations to all the 10 children who competed in Eastern Athletics from Tapanui School. The following children have qualified for Southland Athletics on Saturday 25 March. Awesome job team!

McKenzie Wallace 60m and 100m

Mack Stuart 60m and 100m

Nixon Waitokia 60m

Sam Hartshorne 200m, 100m, High jump, Discus

Sebastian Griffiths Long Jump, Shot Put

Heidi Stuart 200m and 100m

Clutha Swimming Champs

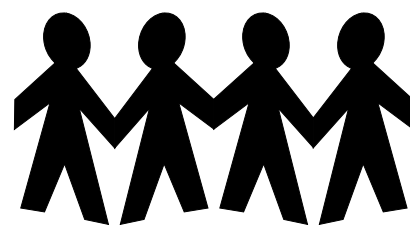
Congratulations to the following children who competed in the South Otago Swimming Champs from Tapanui School. Heidi Stuart, Hannah Stewart, Mitchell Stiven, Charlie Roulston and Novak Melhuish.

The following children have qualified to go on to compete in the Otago Primary School Swimming champs on Sunday 26 March at Moana Pool in Dunedin.

Superb effort!

Hannah Stewart, Charlie Roulston and Mitchell Stiven.

How you can help at home

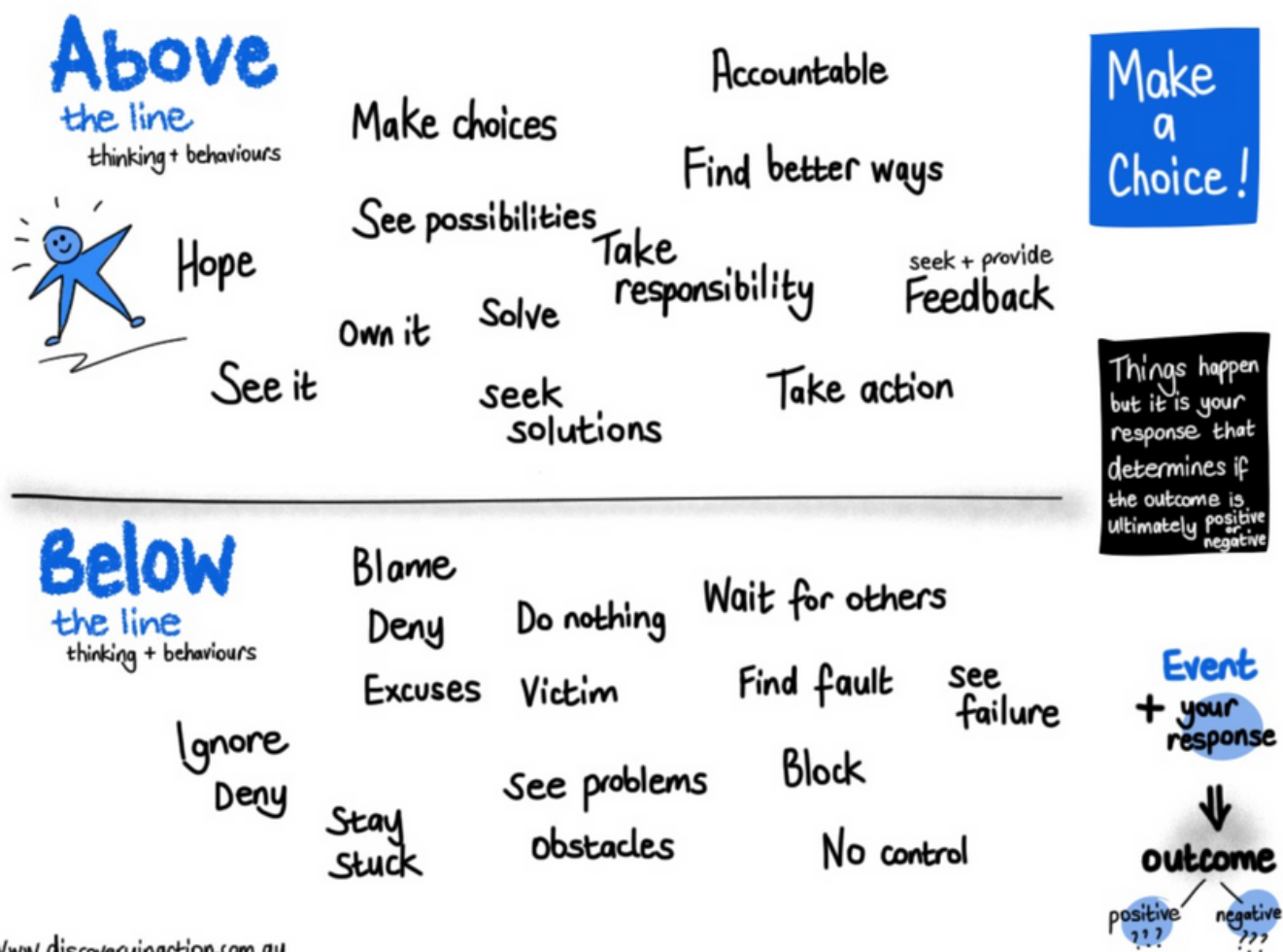


Talk...Talk...Talk

STAYING ABOVE
THE LINE

We talk a lot at school (particularly as children get older) about living above the line and being the boss of our behaviour and emotions. The trouble is, when people put us down or do things that annoy us it's easy to become a follower rather than a leader.

We follow people down to below the line and when we interact with others down there it never ends well and we rarely come away feeling good. It's a challenge for our children to build the strength in themselves to be a leader and take charge of how they will respond to what's happening around them. Even as adults we can fall victim to allowing events - words, attitudes, actions of others, drag us below the line. Here is a great little visual I found (credit to the company below) that might help you model and support your child to stay above the line.



PAL

PHYSICAL ACTIVITY LEADER PROGRAMME

What is the Physical Activity Leader (PAL) programme?

The PAL programme is a designed leadership programme for senior students. Students who display leadership characteristics or an attitude to grow leadership skills can be chosen to become PALs within their school. The PALs role is to encourage other students to participate in sport and physical activity. As well as promoting physical activity, the leaders will also be developing personal leadership skills and overall, will experience a sense of pride within their school.

How does the PAL programme work?

Our Year 5/6 students who are interested have had to apply to become a PAL, explaining the skills they bring, why they would make a good PAL and include a reference from someone who knows them well. The teachers have then selected a group to proceed with training. This happened today along with Heriot PAL students.

This training day gives students an introduction into what it means to be an effective leader and they are also given the opportunity to design, as well as explore, a variety of physical activity options and ideas that can be used in our school. From here, the group of PALs will hold regular meetings (once a term) to discuss and evaluate current and new ideas of how they can promote physical activity in our school. Ongoing training and assistance will be provided throughout the year.

What are the benefits of having PALs in our school?

The students are given the chance to develop their leadership skills and can be seen as role models within their school; from this can come added self-esteem and confidence. While students are promoting and encouraging participation in sporting and recreational events this can contribute to a more active school. As well as gaining physical benefits that come with regular physical activity, students who are active can also gain several mental benefits. Students who are active on a regular basis are also more likely to have improved brain cognition, concentration, be more academically motivated, and have improved behaviour within the classroom, which is an overall positive for the school as a whole.

2023 PAL's

Congratulations to

Hannah Stewart

Mack Stuart

Heidi Stuart

Natalia Halder

Sebastian

Griffiths

Kahurangi

Takatohiwi

Isabel Yandug

Caleb Hansen

Tilly Templeton

Cailyn Joyce

Sam Hartshorne






TAPANUI SCHOOL



Present

CONCERT FOR a new PLAYGROUND



with
NZ'S Master Guitarist
CHET O'CONNELL



and
Special Guest
JEFF REA

SATURDAY 22 APRIL 2023 – 7 pm
WEST OTAGO COMMUNITY CENTRE

3 Suffolk St, Tapanui

Tickets \$30 at IDEALPRINT Tapanui & online at events.humanitix.com





Heriot Tapanui Junior Rugby 2023

Calling all interested players aged U7 (rippa) to U13 for the coming season

Registrations and payment must be received before 17th March 2023.

All new players welcome!

All players from last year should receive an email inviting them to re-register.

All **new** players can click on the link below if viewing online or type it into the search bar.

Alternatively go to our facebook page and follow the link

<https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/174468>

Please register your child under one of the following grades:

U7 (Rippa)

U9

U11

U13

Subs \$50 per player (\$20 refundable when uniform returned in good condition)

Sub payment will be **online only** this year. Please pay subs when registering using account number 03 0915 0418261 00 and your child(s) name as reference.

Hoodies will be available to order/purchase for your child to keep on uniform collection day.

These are \$50 each.

[Socks available for purchase \(all new players receive a pair free\)](#)

[Anyone interested in Coaching please contact Fraser Fletcher 027 497 8104](#)