

20 Tapanui School Newsletter

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CELEBRATIONS



PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

We have some incredible Year 6 leaders and today, although I wasn't able to give it out in person, I wanted to acknowledge two in particular who have been such incredible positive and calm supporters of others. They are upholding our school values with absolute dignity and strength. Our school, but even more so our West Otago community, is privileged to have both Charlie and Koby as such incredible young leaders.

CLASS AWARDS

What a super group of fabulous students from each class who were honoured today for growing in confidence, leadership skills, showing respectful towards everyone and working hard in writing, inquiry and drama.



SOUTH OTAGO PRIMARY SCHOOL SWIMMING CHAMP RESULTS

Well done to Marshall King, Tilly McCall, Mckenzie Wallace, Charlie Roulston and Asha Leng for qualifying and representing Tapanui School so well at the South Otago Swimming Champs on Tuesday afternoon. Whaea Kaitlyn who managed the squad, commented on their fabulous sportsmanship and effort in their races. The following children have qualified for Otago Champs on Sunday 6 April.

Charlie Roulston (50m breastroke, 50m backstroke, 50m freestyle)

Mckenzie Wallace (50m backstroke, 50m freestyle)

Asha Leng (50m backstroke)

Tilly McCall (50 m backstroke, 50m freestyle)



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IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM 1

WEEK 5

- 3 March - PTA Quiz Night
- 4 March - Eastern Athletics
 - Zero Waste
 - Kapahaka starts
- 5 March - Whānau Hui
 - Zero Waste
- 7 March - Whole School Assembly

WEEK 6

- 10 March - Zero Waste
 - PTA AGM
- 11 March - Zero Waste

WEEK 7

- 19 March - Sports Activator
- 19-21 March - Korero Whānau/Team Talk
- 22 March - Southland Athletics

WEEK 8

- 24 March - Otago Anniversary Day
- SCHOOL CLOSED**

WEEK 9

- 2 April - Sports Activator
- 3 April - Farm Safety Day
 - Board Meeting

WEEK 10

- 8 April - GRIP Leadership Day (Year 6)
 - 10 April - Whole School Assembly
 - End of Term 1
 - 11 April - Teacher Only Day
- SCHOOL CLOSED**

What a fabulous start to 2025 we've had. We have certainly hit the ground running and the Christmas holidays are a distant memory!

I have spent lots of time over the last few weeks popping in and out of classes and I'm so excited by what I'm seeing. Teachers have been working hard, putting in some big hours to set up programmes based on 2 new curriculums. The maths curriculum is a major focus for us this year with the introduction not only of a new curriculum but a new resource called Oxford (provided and approved by the Government). Change always has its challenges but these teachers of ours are pressing in and are committed to providing the best possible maths programme they can with the resources they have available. There have been some great maths conversations going on in classes - I witnessed huge cheers of celebration from the Year 6's yesterday as many of them had some light bulb moments as they talked about fractions, division, patterns, place value...there was some tricky learning going on!

I have enjoyed seeing the delight on teachers and students faces as they talk about the drama activities that are happening in classrooms - maybe we can convince a group to share at our upcoming Whānau Hui??

We are really looking forward to our Whānau Hui this coming Wednesday evening. If you're new to our school, these are a regular feature of our school culture. We normally get about a third of our families come along but it would be great to get even more along. Please block out Wednesday night and come along. Bring some food to share if you can, we are going to share briefly about the strategic direction of our school for 2025, a little about the changing curriculum, and ideas for how you can help your children at home to meet the growing demands of what the curriculum is expecting. There will also be time to meet your child's teacher and other parents of your children's friends. Here's hoping we have a group of students to entertain us also. A tug of war could be on the cards so dress suitably to get involved!

We had choir start this week and kapahaka starts next week, Zero Waste talks from the Council this week...it's all go! Check out all the details of what's happening in the newsletter and keep connected!

Jane

***“Coming together is the beginning,
keeping together is progress,
working together is success.”***

Henry Ford

Important Notification

There will be a

Teacher Only Day on

Friday 11 April

(last day of Term).

**Term 1 will finish for students
on Thursday 10 April.**

This day has been provided by the Ministry of Education to equip and give teachers time and space to become familiar with the new maths curriculum.

This will be a TOD across the Poumahaka Kāhui Ako Schools (Waikaka School, Waikoiko School, Blue Mountain College and Tapanui School)

Review
OPEN



SchoolDocs
Policies and Procedures

This terms review is now open.

Log in to your SchoolDocs site using these details:

website: <https://tapanui.schooldocs.co.nz/>

username: tapanui

password: together

Go to "Current Review" and get started.

WHĀNAU *hmi*

5:30 pm - 7:30pm

Gather in the Matai Hub

Bring some kai (food) to share

Eating at 6pm

Entertainment and learn our school song

Tug of War

Come and be informed and catch the vision for 2025!

**TEAM
TALK**
KORERO WHĀNAU

These are coming up on the 19-21 March. Keep a look out next week for an opportunity to book a slot to bring your child to have a "Team Talk" with their teacher. This is a time to to set goals and then an action plan for each person involved so that everyone knows how we're going to work together to meet your child's goals. This is a really valuable time for your child to see that you're interested in their learning, you're part of their learning, and that you and the teacher are wanting to work with them to help them achieve.

TOGETHER WE LEARN AND GROW!

PTA AGM

Please come along and
get involved with the
PTA at their AGM on
10 March 7:30pm

Have you got your
quiz team
organised yet?
See you there!



QUIZ NIGHT



TAPANUI SCHOOL
PTA



Monday 3rd of March

WOTCC

7.30pm

\$20 Teams of 4

\$25 Teams of 5

Prize for raffle table greatly
appreciated

West Otago Town & Country Club

1 Maple Street