

20 Tapanui School Newsletter

Newsletter #39 - 8 December 2023

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**HAVE YOU
CHECKED
THE LOST
PROPERTY
RECENTLY?**

If not claimed by the end of next Friday it will be given away.

Monday 18 Dec

Last official day of school.

This will be a final tidying and sorting day. School will finish at 12:30pm. Buses will run **if needed**. Please let school know by Wednesday if your child **IS** coming to school.

Buses will only run if you have contacted us to say your child is coming.

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.

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Kia ora whānau!

This week has seen an absolutely mammoth effort by our PTA in a myriad of fundraising ventures for our new playground. Getting the raffle tickets sorted and out to be sold, baking for the market on Saturday and catering on Thursday for the RSA. And that's just what I know about!! You'll see by the photos that these women are so incredibly positive, fun, committed, collaborative and inclusive with such a huge heart and energy for our school. A massive thank you from all of us "Team PTA!"

Another group that work quietly under the radar are the Board whose job is to govern the school. This team also met this week for their final meeting for the year. A huge thank you to "Team Board" for your wisdom, visioning, financial oversight and for keeping us all focused on the most important things - the children.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM 4

9 Dec - PTA Bake Sale

Week 10:

11 - 14 Dec - REAP Swimming lessons

15 Dec - End of Year Prize Giving

Monday 18 Dec final tidy up day - school finishes at 12:30pm

2024 DATES

Year 6 Leadership Day - Wed 31 Jan

Whole School Start - Thur 1 Feb

Waitangi Day Celebration - Mon 5 Feb

Waitangi Day - School closed -

Tues 6 Feb

And yet another team who will feel a whole lot lighter now as they have poured over reports over the last few weeks collaborating, editing, reflecting, assessing and presenting to you your child's end of year reports. These come home to you today. The Board is keen to review our reporting processes next year so any constructive feedback (positive and ideas to change or modify) that you have about reporting would be received gratefully. Thanks "Team Kaiako/Teachers" for the hours invested into these reports.

Our community continues to amaze me as they stand with our school - this week we celebrated Christmas with our Launchpad teachers at the Launchpad Breakup over at Church across the road. What a gracious and generous group of people they are as they too, give up their own time to help build solid values using stories from the bible into our children. There is also a team who pray for our school and members of different churches who have given generously to support lunches in schools as well. Thank you "Combined Churches of West Otago and further afield!"

You will also see on the final page of the newsletter a list of amazing businesses who sponsor our Skool Loop App. A huge thank you to these organisations.

I hope you will all be able to make our Prizegiving on Friday in the theatre at 1:30pm. We have some very special awards to give and a team of Year 6's who we need to give an encouraging and supportive send off to.

The Fire Brigade have kindly offered to run a water slide for us next week so we'll be checking the weather forecast to find the best day! Make sure togs come every day because they won't want to miss that!

Have a great weekend - Kiapai ngā rā whakatā.
Jane

PTA

TICKETS SELLING NOW!!!



If you are able to help sell these tickets out in the community and further afield then please pop into the school office and Robyn can allocate you some. Winners are drawn on 23 December so let's get selling!

TAPANUI SCHOOL PRESENTS

PLAYGROUND FUNDRAISER

1200 TICKETS AT \$20 EACH

<p>1ST PRIZE WORTH \$7000 LOCHIEL TRAILER LOCHIEL ENGINEERING HOME OF THE LOCHIEL TRAILER</p>	<p>2ND PRIZE WATER BLASTER WORTH \$900 WEST O TAGO on farm servicing</p>	<p>3RD PRIZE WORTH \$699 MOWER D'WAN'S SERVICE CENTRE 17 2001 401 www.dewans.co.nz</p>
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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

BUY TICKETS NOW!

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT IDEAL PRINT, 4 SQUARE & SCHOOL OFFICE

Christmas MARKET

St Andrews Church - Gore
corner of Arwick and Devon
Streets 10am - 2pm

Thanks

Thanks to all those who have contributed to the Bake Sale on Saturday for the market. What a great effort.

If you didn't get a chance to bake anything then head along to the market on Saturday and buy all your Christmas baking!

Thanks also to Adri for the T-Shirt fundraiser - see the next page.



The PTA have had a huge week with baking and also catering for the RSA! Thank you!

#tapanui



\$30 EACH

LOCAL LOVE

LOCAL



PUT THE **UNITY** IN COMMUNITY WITH A TAPANUI T-SHIRT



In support of Tapanui School PTA
\$5 of every shirt sold
will go towards the School Playground.

Regular fit, Crew neck, Mid weight
180 GSM, 100% combed cotton, Sizes: XS - 2XL

Orders collected from Tapanui School

ORDER NOW

Adri: 022 4372132
www.saltculture.co.nz/tapanui



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!



Going above and beyond to get 100 minutes this week!

Owen Masunu
What a legend!

Tino pai !

End of Year Reports Home Today

As you read your child's report today consider what growth looks like. The growth rings of a tree remind us that progress rarely happens in a uniform way - the same rate every year. Some of you might see evidence of spring growth and others more like a winter growth where the rings are close together. It's all growth. You always have an opportunity to chat to your child's teacher about this and early next year we will make time to reset goals and look together at how we can all collaborate to help your child continue to grow to become **a confident, connected, actively involved, life long learner.**

Perhaps it's a good time to chat to our children about our own growth over the year - how could we measure that?

swimming has started



All children will need to bring their togs and towel

EVERY DAY

Here is a little taste of some of the learning going on over at the pool this week.

- safe entry and exit
- survival float on back
- Sculling
- learning to rescue someone



LAUNCHPAD BREAKUP



A SPECIAL PROJECT

After a piece of Oamaru stone was kindly donated to Tapanui School, a group of our up and coming Year 6 leaders for 2024 have been working with Mrs Vicky Crawford on carving something special for Tapanui School. Come along to our end of year Prizegiving to see the end result and hear the story behind its design. Special thanks to Vicky for her expertise and support with this.



Christmas Storytelling

for children & their families

Come and join us -
dress your kids in our costumes for
a retelling of the nativity story
Christmas Crafts
& Supper

Friday 15 December 4-5pm & 6-7pm

Calvin Community Church | 25 Robertson Street, Gore

Tapanui School
Thanks to the below businesses for sponsoring our school app:



If you would like to advertise on the Tapanui School Skool Loop App please email Content@skoolloop.com



To download our app: In Google Play & App Store search 'Skool Loop' & choose School once installed.

TAPANUI'S 70th CHRISTMAS EVE PARADE!

Tapanui's 70th Christmas eve parade is to be held on Saturday 23rd December at 7pm.

Merry go round and sausage sizzle available.



Fancy Dress Competition

JUDGING STARTS PROMPTLY AT 6.30

Categories

- 0 to Under 2
- 2 to under 4
- 4 to Under 6
- 6 to 8 years
- 8 and over

(Boys and girls separate categories)

- Groups
- Pairs

Decorated bikes/ trikes/ prams and scooters

FANCY DRESS IS FREE TO ENTER.

DOORS WILL BE OPEN AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE FROM 6PM
(The big grey building, entrance opposite the Tapanui primary school)

After judging the children get to walk in the parade to the grass area
in front of the stage and wait for the presentations

We look forward to seeing you all there!

