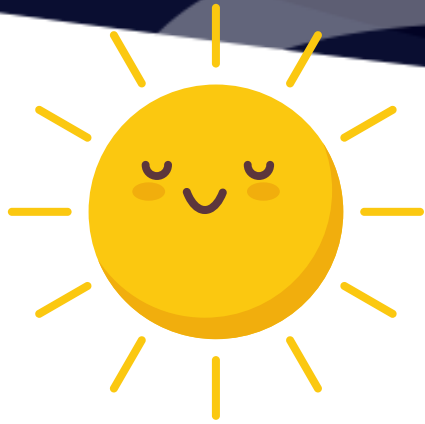


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**BRIMMED
SUNHATS AND
TOGS EVERY
DAY PLEASE**

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL FOR 2024!

A special warm West Otago
'Kia ora' to Oliver, Zac,
Djason, Ayla, Eliza, Carter,
Grayson, Mataio, Austin,
Xyrone and all their families.
It's wonderful to have you as
part of our Tapanui School
whānau (family).

Haere mai ki te Whānau Hui

**Come along to our first
gathering of the year for ALL families.**

Meet the teachers

Hear about classroom programmes

Learn about the goals and vision for 2024 and how you can
be part of it!

★ Make connections with other families

Come to the Matai Hub @ school

THURSDAY 15 FEBRUARY

Bring some kai (food) to share

5:30pm arrive and ready to eat by 5:45pm

6:15pm Teachers and children share

7pm the Annual Tug of War Whānau House Challenge

TOGETHER WE LEARN AND GROW - ME AKOTAHĪ HEI ORANGA MO TE KATOĀ



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Kia ora whānau!

Here we are one month into 2024 already! Happy New Year to you all and I hope that it is a positive one for you all.

The teachers have been busy preparing and making plans for the year and we are excited and challenged by what's coming up and the goals we have before us. You can be certain that the team of staff we have at Tapanui School are committed to being the best they can be and working in partnership with you to help your child thrive and reach their potential.

A reminder that our school values are

- Perseverance
- Excellence
- Equity
- Respect

It's super helpful to have your support in encouraging the outworking of these.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM 1

WEEK 2

5 Feb - Waitangi School Celebrations

6 Feb - Waitangi Day - School closed

WEEK 3

12 Feb - West Otago Swimming Sports

15 Feb - PAL's Training #1

- Whānau Hui

WEEK 4

19 Feb - Sports Activator

20 Feb - Board meeting

22 Feb - Athletics Day

WEEK 5

WEEK 6

4 March - Sports Activator

5 March - PALS Training #2

8 March - Board Training

3 Way Interviews *Date to be confirmed*

Athletics training has started, some checking in on literacy skills has begun and routines are being put in place. Leadership roles for our senior children will be coming up for selection next week and our Year 4-5 students will be checking their swimming skills next week to see if they can give the West Otago Swimming Sports a go. To do this they need to be able to swim 2 lengths of the big Tapanui Pool confidently in one stroke (either freestyle, backstroke, breaststroke or butterfly) We will be taking names next week so do have a conversation with your child and encourage them to participate if they are capable of swimming that distance.

Have a great weekend and we'll have more to report next week!

Jane

CELEBRATING WAITANGI DAY

School is **closed** on Tuesday 6 February for Waitangi Day
BUT

we are **open** on Monday 5 February. On this day we will be holding our own Waitangi Celebrations. Anyone is welcome to come and join us. We will be enjoying a day of being and working together, celebrating some of our history through waiata, games, stories, art, baking and finishing it off with a swim in the afternoon. Come along and enjoy it with us.

LEADERSHIP DAY

On Wednesday, all the Year 6's went to Camp Columba for leadership day and we were put in two groups to do activities like rock climbing and high ropes to help us become better leaders.

Eliza

The Year Six students, from the Tui Team were not just challenged physically this week. Today, they were given the challenge of trying to write a 'Super Summary Sentence' to inform others about their day. This involved planning using the words: who, when, where, why, and what, and then using that information to write just one strong sentence.

Last Wednesday, the Year 6's and the teachers went to Camp Columba in Pukerau where we learned new leadership skills.

Mack

On Wednesday, all the Year 6's and all the teachers went to Camp Columba near Pukerau to learn new leadership skills and I amazed myself by doing the 'Leap of Faith'.

Mitchell

On Wednesday, the Year 6's and teachers went to Camp Columba to learn about leadership and there was one thing that I found really fun, the high ropes, even though I was terrified!

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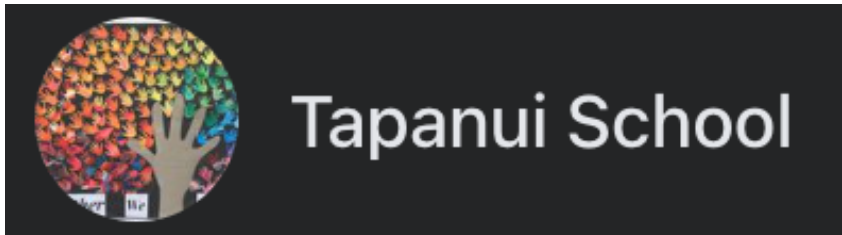




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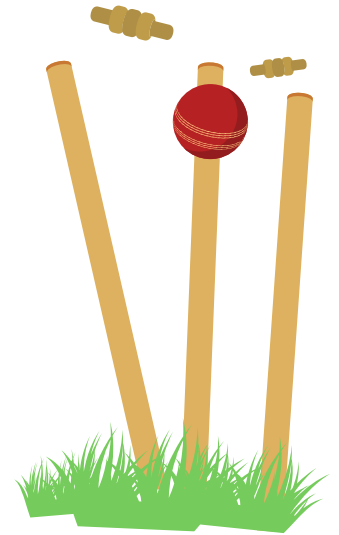
Get it for your phone today so you don't miss out on important messages and the newsletter.

Are you following Tapanui School on Facebook?



Follow us now to get the up to date photos of different events and celebrations!

**Cricket information went home this week.
Please register if your child is interested.**



Congratulations to this amazing group of students who were awarded 'Ready, Respectful, Safe' awards today at Sing and Celebrate.