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Tena koutou katoa,

This is the last newsletter for 2021. It certainly has been another year full of surprises with unexpected twists and turns. School has had to adapt to further periods of learning from home as well as restrictions once we were back on site, including the most recent Government imposed Vaccine Mandate. Your support and flexibility as we navigated this new territory was greatly appreciated.

We want to acknowledge three staff who are leaving at the end of the year. Firstly to Miss Alice Boyes who has taught a Year 5-6 class this year. We will miss her greatly as she moves on to teach at Heriot School from 2022. Also a farewell

(again) to Mrs Judy Clayton who has been gracious in helping us in Matai Hub this year on a part time basis. Also a massive thanks for all your work looking after the Library Judy. Finally a farewell to Mrs April Moffat who has worked in the Matai Team this year as one of our very important Teacher Aides. We wish you all the best for 2022 and thank you for your help this year.

Your child's school report came home earlier this week. Check your son or daughter's bag before the weekend if you haven't seen this yet. Page 5 of this newsletter contains details about the Stationery for 2022. Essentially you need to buy all the pens, pencils, ruler etc while school will supply all the exercise books. This will ensure everyone has the correct books. You will be invoiced for these in Term 1.

Now is an opportunity for me to wish you all a very safe and happy Christmas and a relaxing and enjoyable holiday break. School starts for Year 6 ONLY on Tuesday 8 February while the remaining students can start back at school on **Wednesday 9 February 2022**.

Mrs Jane Stuart will lead the school at the beginning of 2022 alongside Maxine and Rebekah, so you'll all be in capable hands. We are still waiting to fill the other positions.

We hope many of you were able to join us today for Prizegiving. Check out the awards list on page 2 and in the next issue of the Blue Mountain Express.

Meri Kirihimete from the team at Te Kura O Tapanui. Fifteen sleeps to go!

Nga mihi.  
Antony Criglington - Principal

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## Prizegiving – Awards for 2022

Congratulations to all our students for another wonderful year at Tapanui School.

### Effort and Perseverance Awards

Year 1 – Ruby Turner  
Year 2 – Charlie Roulston  
Year 3 – Mitchell Stiven  
Year 4 – Maz Leng  
Year 5 – Emma Stiven  
Year 6 – Jack Potts

### Citizenship and Equity Awards

Year 1 – Danielle Twaddle  
Year 2 – Zeb Potts  
Year 3 – Bella Jane  
Year 4 – Sam Hartshorne  
Year 5 – Emma Jaeger  
Year 6 – Khanye Tamakehu----

### Achievement and Excellence Awards

Year 4 – Natalia Halder  
Year 5 – Oliver McCall  
Year 6 – Thomas Miller

### Special Awards

Excellence in Sports – Amy Young and Will Chittock  
Contribution to the Performing Arts – Zoe Wallace and Callum Stuart  
Cultural Leadership – Eva King and Hans Masunu  
Kapa Haka Leadership – Tayla Masunu and Khanye Tamakehu  
Emerging Leaders – Will Chittock and Flynn Turner

CUP for Overall Contribution to the school – Khanye Tamakehu



**Setting up tents**



**Shelter Making**



**Scavenger Hunt**



**Hobo Stoves**



**Knot Tying**



**2021 Alternative School Camp**



## Tapanui School PTA—Raffle News

Thank you to everyone who supported the  
Christmas cake raffle

**Congratulations to  
Joanne McIntosh (233) our lucky winner**

We would also like to say a huge thank you to Liz  
Jenkinson and Kerry Brunton for making and icing  
the cake

### WHEELBARROW CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Thank you all for the donations for the  
Christmas raffle this year,

**Congratulations to  
1st prize - Anna Anderson  
2nd prize - Joy Campbell  
3rd prize - C McDonald**

**An extra special thank you to:  
On The Spot Dairy, Placemakers Gore,  
Combined Vet Services and  
Blue Mountain Nurseries for their support  
with the christmas raffle.**



## PTA News - Dec 2021

Another year has flown by and the PTA would like to take the opportunity to let you know how the year has gone.

Sadly we say goodbye to Sally Beattie and Katy Stuart as their children move on to high school. These ladies have been on the committee for numerous years and have been of great support as the PTA has transitioned to a new group of parents. Their fundraising efforts and contribution to Tapanui School via the PTA is greatly appreciated and will be missed. We also lost the expertise of Sonia Duff when she moved on from Tapanui School and we greatly appreciate all the time and effort she put into helping us out! Welcome to Robyn, we look forward to getting to know you and working with you.

We had some successful fundraisers throughout the year with Hot Cross buns, Food wrap, Makikihi Fries and our annual quiz raising over \$1000 each. We also raised over \$3000 via our stock drive – many thanks to the Roulston, Ottrey and McCall families for their contribution to this. If you would like to contribute to this going forward please get in touch with Vanessa Stewart 027 2042181. Our recent Christmas raffle was a huge success. Thanks you all for your donations to fill the wheelbarrow kindly donated by Combined Vet Services and Placemakers. Thanks to Sally's Mum Liz for the Christmas cake and Beth Brunton for icing it so beautifully for us. We were lucky enough to be granted a \$1000 donation from the West Otago Young Farmers Club for which we are hugely appreciative.

The PTA were pleased to be able to donate \$8000 to the school this year which has gone towards the ongoing upgrading of ICT equipment and on a whiteboard storage unit for the refurbished junior classroom.

We would like to take the opportunity to thank Donna and Kylie for their significant contribution to the PTA. Donna spends hours behind the scenes organising, collecting and sorting orders and liaising with the school. She is a powerhouse whose work often goes unnoticed and we are very lucky to have her leading our PTA. Kylie has also been busy behind the scenes and has been the driving force behind a PTA catering fundraiser. Thanks ladies you are both very much appreciated!!

The role of the PTA is to support the running of school in practical ways. We organise school events (eg Pet day), fundraise and help create a strong school community. We are a very small team of parents and we welcome anyone who would like to support Tapanui School to come along and join. We have 4 or 5 meetings per year. It does not have to be onerous and many hands make light work. It's also a great way to get to know some new faces and new ideas are always welcomed!! Look out for our meeting dates in the newsletter or join our PTA group on facebook.

Have a wonderful Christmas and a relaxing holiday.  
Tapanui PTA.



## STATIONERY LIST 2022

**All student's exercise books are now provided at school and charged on your student's account as needed during the year.**

*Please provide the following additional stationery items for each student*

### NAMED

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|------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1 12 Pack Colouring pencils  | 1 Pencil Case          |
| 1 Book Bag- Large            | 1 Red Pen              |
| 6 HB Staedtler Pencils       | 4 Glue Sticks 35-40g   |
| 1 Highlighter, not yellow.   | 2 Rubbers              |
| 3 Black 'white board' marker | 1 Ruler                |
| 1 Pencil Sharpener           | 1 Large Box of Tissues |

*Book bags can be purchased from the school office if you don't have one from previous years.*

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