

# Tapanui School

Newsletter #11 - 14 April 2022

## What's coming up?

- 19 April - Dental Bus starts work in Tapanui
- 25 April - ANZAC Day
- 2 May - Term 2 starts  
PTA Quiz 7:30pm
- 4 May - John Parsons visit including parent night
- 6 May - Mother's Day raffle drawn  
Sports Activator
- 9-13 May - Road Safety Week
- 11 May - Wheels Wednesday  
Mufti Day - St Johns
- 20 May - Sports Activator

## Kia ora whanau,

Wow! We made it through the term of crazy omicron and we survived to tell the story! Thank you to everyone for your support, encouragement, the way you have followed the COVID guidelines and done your bit to keep us all as well as possible and ensured learning is still happening. What a great team! We are now at orange level so please see the end of the newsletter for more information about what this means for us next term.

We are really looking forward to having Antony back next term in the principal seat bringing with him all the knowledge, expertise and skills that he has. It has truly been a pleasure to step into his "shoes" for the term and it has definitely given me a greater appreciation of the pressures, diversity of roles and expectation on a principal. I have huge admiration for all principals and admire their ability to juggle all sorts of things: making wise decisions in short time frames, finding solutions to what sometimes seems like impossible situations and growing a team of teachers, students, and school community into something great. You deserved a break Antony and we look forward to what the next term brings.

It was great to be able to provide an opportunity for a group of our seniors who had to isolate when our athletics was on, to complete their own athletics events this week. Well done to Oliver McCall who qualified in Shot Put, Discus and 100m.

It has been exciting to be able to share with our Year 5/6 team about a camp proposal for Term 4. We hope to head to Te Anau and Milford Sound. They have their first fundraising event on the go with a particular focus on all the amazing mums out there. Please get behind the Mothers' Day Raffle and be in to win a lovely hamper for a special mum. Tickets are \$1 each.

We farewell from our school community the Woolsey family and John Swart. We wish them all well.

There is lots to look at in the newsletter this week so grab a cuppa and enjoy. Look out for the e-sports opportunity for those who are keen on the multiplayer video game competition coming up in Invercargill on May 7th.

Have a restful holiday. Kia kaha e te whānau.  
Noho ora mai – Stay well!

Jane

## ★ Assembly Awards

- McKenzie Wallace - Actively Involved
- Tilly McCall - Excellence
- Beauden Horrell - Perseverance
- Bella Jane - Confident
- Lochie Young - Connected ★
- Heidi Stuart - Actively Involved
- Tom Millar - Perseverance
- Kushaan Ratte - Actively Involved
- Hananiah Hekerangi - Excellence



# celebrating LIVING OUT THE SCHOOL VALUES IN THE COMMUNITY

**Emma S**

***Actively Involved, Perseverance, Confident!***

Well done Emma on completing the Women's Duathlon in Invercargill last weekend! Great effort.



**Tayla, Hananiah, Kahurangi, Bruce, Bonnie, Maia, Cohan, Ruby,**

***Actively Involved, Respect,***

It was great to see these young people serving and helping with the local hangi fundraiser last weekend! Tino pai koutou!



**Declan**

***Actively Involved, Perseverance, Excellence!***

Well done Declan on your regular effort and achievement as part of the Hokonui Swim Team! A couple of personal bests last weekend! Great effort.



## Physical Activity Leaders

Well done to all those children who applied for the PAL positions.

***Actively Involved, Confident, Excellence!***

It was a great learning process for children to have to work through an application process and they all did this really well. Unfortunately we couldn't take everyone but all can get involved and support in some way.

Following a rigorous selection process we have appointed Maia Tamakehu, Heidi Stuart, Hannah Stewart, Alyssa Goble, Sam Hartshorne, Kunaal Ratte, Kushaan Ratte, Oliver McCall and Emma Stiven, .

Their first training day will be early Term 2.

**PAL**  
YEAR 5/6 LEADERSHIP



## ANZAC DAY

Thanks to Sophie Campbell and her family who have offered to help represent Tapanui School with our wreath at the ANZAC Service in Tapanui at the RSA commencing at 9am on Monday 25 April. It would be great to see others in uniform there as well to stand with Sophie if you're around.



## QUIZ

Come and support the PTA Quiz at the Town and Country Club **Monday 2 May @ 7:30pm**  
First Day back of Term 2!



### Quality Used Uniforms for Sale

Here is the stock pile of quality used school uniforms the PTA has to sell at very affordable prices. Please contact the office if you wish to look at anything.

### Playground Upgrade

The PTA is really excited to support the student council, BOT, students and staff in seeing the vision of a new playground come into reality. It is a big project but one we have been talking about for some time. We hope to look at different funding applications we can make but there will also be different fundraising ventures needed. Please consider how you can support this venture with time, skills, contacts, ideas or finance. This is something that will benefit our whole community!

Perhaps if you're heading away over the holidays and find a fabulous playground, why not take some photos of the things your child/ren really enjoy and share them. Let's vision together!

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**SATURDAY MAY 7 2022**

**FREE NZ SCHOOL ESPORTS TOURNAMENT**  
ASK YOUR PRINCIPAL ABOUT REGISTERING A SCHOOL TEAM

**HOSTED AT ILT STADIUM SOUTHLAND**  
OPEN TO PUBLIC TO WATCH ON THE BIG SCREEN

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**ROCKET LEAGUE**  
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**KIWI LEAGUE** E SPORTS INITIATIVE

WITH SUPPORT FROM **INSERT COIN TO PLAY - CHARITABLE TRUST**

BY AFFILIATION WITH **ILT STADIUM SOUTHLAND**

THIS TOURNAMENT IS A ONE-OFF OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE. IT IS ADMINISTERED BY THE SOUTHERN ROCKET MASTERS ASSOCIATION LTD. THE INFORMATION PLAYERS AVAILABLE IN SQUARE 1 TEAM WITH THIS TOURNAMENT IS BEING PROVIDED BY TOURNAMENT ORGANIZERS AND NOT TO SPONSORS (R1)



## Parenting Tip #10

### The greatest gift you can give your child is TIME!

These holidays, schedule in uninterrupted, intentional quality time with your child/ren. The community will thank you in the long term.

This week in Play is the Way we have introduced our fourth key concept. It teaches us to...

#### **“Be Brave. Participate to Progress”**

This has created many opportunities for discussion around why people decide not to participate. More often than not, it comes down to FEAR! Fear of the unknown, what others will think of me, failing, hurting myself, not being able to do it as well as I want to be able to do it, etc. Perhaps you can share with your child times when fear has stopped you from participating and how you overcame this.



# MOHUA MESSAGES FOR UKRAINE



**Mohua care group have put together some well wishes and special beaded necklaces and drawings for Ukrainian families that will be seeking refuge in NZ.**

A special book of messages to welcome them is being compiled for their arrival and this will be translated into Ukrainian. We hope our home (NZ) can offer a little peace, hope and safety over a very frightening time. Some of our messages were; "Wishing you peace and safety during this tough time", "We welcome you with open arms" "We send love, hugs and thoughts to you and hope you are okay".



## From the BOT...

Thank you to Mrs Stuart for taking over the reins of our school for Term 1 of 2022.

We are very pleased that Mrs Stuart will be teaching full time next Term in lieu of Whaea Rebekah as she goes on a sabbatical for Term 2.

Thank you very much Mrs Stuart – your calm demeanour and naturally effortless way of making people feel comfortable is to be admired.

Thank you for your ongoing support of Tapanui School, from the Tamariki right through to the parents, staff and Board.

Enjoy a well earned holiday

Welcome back to Mr C next Term!

We hope that you have enjoyed a mental break from being "in charge" and are ready to carry on providing the leadership and guidance for Tapanui School with newly found vim and vigour.

We all look forward to seeing you on Monday 2nd May.

And we wish Whaea Rebekah all the best for her learnings during her sabbatical in Term 2.

Enjoy your time and space Whaea Rebekah, the tamariki will miss you but will be kept in safe hands until you return.

He hararei haumarū, hari hoki  
Have a safe and happy holiday  
Tracy and the Board of Trustees

# COVID UPDATE

## moving to orange

You'll be aware that Minister of Education Chris Hipkins announced the move to Orange at 11:59pm last night (Wednesday).

The decision to move to Orange has been made on public health advice and reflects that we are moving past the peak of cases and our health system is able to cope. We are seeing that cases are declining due to high levels of vaccination and natural immunity after infection. Tapanui School has only had 1 active reported case earlier this week.

I wanted to give you an update on what the move to Orange means for our school.

At Orange, face masks are no longer required at school. However public health advice is that masks continue to be strongly encouraged when indoors. Wearing a mask is a key health measure that slows the spread of COVID-19 in indoor settings. For that reason, we ask that visitors to the school, including parents and whānau, wear a mask whenever they are indoors on school grounds.

We also ask that your child (if they are Year 4+) continues to bring a mask to school every day next term. There may be times that we'll ask them to wear a mask, too – for example, if we are having an assembly indoors. If there are a high number of cases at school or in the community, we may ask that masks are worn in classrooms for a time.

At Orange, students aged 12 and above are still required to wear a face mask on school or public transport.

We will continue to keep all the other health measures in place at school that we know slow the spread of COVID-19. These include ensuring our indoor spaces are well-ventilated, maintaining good hand hygiene and cough and sneeze etiquette, appropriate physical distancing whenever we can and, most importantly, staying home if we are sick.

We are looking forward to a few less restrictions and returning to school life that is a bit closer to normal.

### Covid-19 Vaccination Tapanui clinic



**Bring the family and get protected against Covid-19**

**Saturday 30th April, 10am to 3pm**

West Otago Health,  
50 Tapanui-Raes Junction Highway

First and second doses,  
boosters  
and 5-11 year-old  
vaccinations are  
available.



 Southern Health  
He hauora, he kura pounamu

**PROTECT YOUR WHAKAPAPA,  
THE PEOPLE & PLACES WE ♥**

**Whānau, students, school...working together to grow  
confident, connected, actively involved, life long learners**