

20 Tapanui School Newsletter

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IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM 4

Week 7: 20 - 24 November

Monday - TOD - NO SCHOOL

Thur/Fri - Craft Days

Week 8: 27 - 1 December

Tues - PALs Fun Day in Gore

Wed - Sports Activator

- International Extravaganza!

Thur/Fri - Craft Days

Week 9: 4 - 8 December

Mon - Thur - REAP Swimming lessons

Tues - Launchpad Break-up 9:30am

- Board meeting

Sat - PTA Bake Sale

Week 10: 11 - 15 December

Mon - Thu - REAP Swimming lessons

Friday - End of Year Prize Giving

Monday 18 Dec final tidy up day

FIREWISE

Today Whaea Maxine and Whaea Kaitlyn's class had a visit from the Firewise Team! What does being "Firewise" look like in your household - here's a good opportunity for everyone to talk about your safety plan and make sure your children know their address and phone number for emergency situations!

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.

How do you eat an
elephant?

One bite at a time!

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Kia ora whānau!



As our students have been continuing their learning about Community this week, I too, have been reflecting on my learnings around what makes a great community...

A highlight was watching our Year 5/6 girls miniball team take out a final win of their season. These girls have participated in a combined team with Heriot School. I got such joy watching two different school communities join in combined passion, team work, and sportsmanship to win every single game they played but also make a positive and inclusive team for those that hadn't played much before.

Community... positive, passionate, inclusive.

I have loved been part of lots of conversations in classes this week talking about community and culture and hearing children share things from their own culture that are important to them but also listen to others experiences, beliefs and understanding with such respect.
Community... whatauke (respect), understanding, listening to understand not to be understood.

I have also appreciated the feedback from members of our school community who have cared enough about the culture and vision of our school to respectfully challenge a decision made and/or contribute to ways we can improve so that our school can be the best it can be. This has been through emails, filling in the strategic consultation documents and participating in hui conversations.

Community... contributing, courageous conversations, mahi tahi me kotahitanga (coming together, unity).

I have also witnessed the staff as they work hard to complete end of year assessments and deadlines for reporting, as well as working through other challenges that life throws at us, supporting each other with words of encouragement, releasing each other, and simply being present.

Community... aroha (love), awhina (helping), manawanui (persevering)

It all reminds me of a karakia we use here at Tapanui School each morning...

Ma te whakapono - with faith/belief

Ma te tūmanako - with hope

Ma te titiro - by observing and watching

Ma te whakarongo - by listening

Ma te mahitahi - by working together

Ma te aroha - by loving and respecting

Ma te manawanui - by persevering

Ka taea e tatou - we will all succeed.

Nga mihi nui ki a koutou mo tō tautoko i te mahi o tātou kura. Me akotahi hei oranga mō te katoa.

Thank you very much for supporting the work of Tapanui School. Together we learn and grow!

Jane

All the best to those children competing in Agri Kids at the A&P Show this weekend!



Who reached 100mins on Steps Web this week?



Aarav, Aiden, Annabel, Bonnie, Brian,
Cailyn, Charlie R, Duncan, Emma,
Harper S, Hugo, Josh, Kate, Koby,
★ Laykin, Leanna, Leiana C, Luka,
Marshall, Mathew, Maz, McKenzie,
Oliver, Portia, Riley C, Sam, Sebastian,
★ Siddartha, Tom M, Zeb

Tino pai kotou!



Super Star STUDENT MOMENTS

Harper Smith

Never underestimate what a smile and a cheery, "Good Morning" can do. This amazing young lady always has a smile to give away and always takes the time to greet others personally. Thanks Harper for showing this respect to everyone around you. Your positivity is contagious.

Emma Henton

This week has been the start of swimming, Emma has stepped up to help one of her classmates to become more confident and comfortable in the water. Teaching them how to float and kick with straight legs. What an amazing human you are Emma, we are lucky to have you at 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!



Perseverance Excellence Equity Respect

TAPANUI SCHOOL

PRESENTS



PLAYGROUND FUNDRAISER

1200 TICKETS AT \$20 EACH

1ST PRIZE
 WORTH **\$7000**
LOCHIEL TRAILER
LOCHIEL ENGINEERING
 HOME OF THE LOCHIEL TRAILER

2ND PRIZE
WATER BLASTER
 WORTH **\$900**
 WEST OTAGO on farm servicing

3RD PRIZE
 WORTH **\$699**
MOWER
DWAIN'S SERVICE CENTRE
 03 2040 455 | www.dwains.co.nz



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

TICKETS ON SALE SOON

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT IDEAL PRINT, 4 SQUARE & SCHOOL OFFICE



PTA NEWS



Help
fill me
up!

RAFFLE UPDATE...

Due to the prizes being of such great value, we have to get formal permission and ticket numbers which we are still awaiting. This means we can't sell tickets until this comes through. **BUT**...please start talking about it and asking friends, family and neighbours if they'd be keen to buy tickets so when they do come up for sale we have a hot market to sell to! You can head to Donna's stall at the A & P show "Whimsical by Donna" and pick up some flyers to hand out to people as you meet and greet!

The Christmas Wheelbarrow is still looking a bit thin! If you haven't already, please add something. Ideas could include...

Christmas decorations
Jams or chutneys
Special hot drinks

A bottle of nice juice (no alcohol)
Nice sauces, dips, condiments
Tea lights or candles

BAKE SALE UPDATE...

9th Dec : We've got a bake sale in Gore - donations gratefully received.

6th Dec: Baking working bee to prepare items for bake sale.

Any other items for the bake sale that you make at home can be dropped off at school on Friday 8 Dec.

What can you do to support the playground fundraising venture?
Team work makes the dream work!

MĀORI WHĀNAU HUI

FEEDBACK

Thanks to those people who came along to our Māori Whānau Hui. We had some great korero (conversation) about how we can continue our journey in building culturally responsive practice.

Four key ideas that came out of this korero were...

- The importance of growing our knowledge and children's access to te reo Māori.
- Providing opportunities for everyone to increase our understanding of te Tiriti o Waitangi and our obligations (and desire) to uphold it
- Support ALL children in learning about their identity and whakapapa (genealogy)
- Continuing to provide opportunities for Māori students to succeed as Māori - providing a safe place for students to stand strongly and positively in their Māoritanga.



INTERNATIONAL

extravaganza!



Wednesday 29 November

6pm - 7:30pm

@ the Matai Hub

Tapanui School

**Bring some kai (food) to share
(if possible from your country of origin)**

**Maybe you could wear something that represents a special
place for you.**

**Let the children entertain you with a song and dance with a
cultural theme.**

Hear back briefly from the community consultation.

Come and be part of our school community.





SchoolDocs

Policies and Procedures

All reviews to
be completed
by the end of
next week

We invite you to visit the site at
<https://tapanui.schooldocs.co.nz>.

Our username is "tapanui" and password "together".

Go to the Current Review tab and take part in this term's review.

If you don't have access or can't use the online review platform please make contact with Robyn and she can provide paper copies.

TAPANUI SCHOOL WINS AGAIN!



Remember our "Get Spotted" Melanoma Awareness Mufti Day? We went into a draw to win some prizes and we won second prize!

Today we were presented with a box full of FMG children's bucket hats and an "Angel Box" of goodies for the staff.

Swimming starts




All children will need
to bring their togs and towel
every day

THE Christmas EXPRESS 2023

An Ice Spectacular Show based on the Popular Movie 'The Polar Express'

Saturday 2nd December - 5pm

Sunday 3rd December - 11am

 Hot Drinks and Snacks available from the Canteen.



Adults: \$10
Children: \$5
(Kids under 5 free)

Purchase Tickets Online Now
OR from Multisports Complex Reception
off Robertson Street, Gore



LAUNCHPAD
Christian Values Education

End of Year Celebration

Tuesday 5

December

9:30am

Church on the
Way

All Welcome
Morning Tea for
parents to follow



CRAFT DAYS



Help needed

Do you have any of these things which are needed for Craft activities with Tapanui and Heriot

school children during November.

Please drop them into Idealprint.

If you would like to be involved, for a day or part of a day, we would love to hear from you.

It will run smoothly if we can get 24 helpers each day. Craft days are held over 8 days spread throughout November - 4 days in Heriot and 4 days in Tapanui

For more info, contact Gloria 0272 355 165

Thank you

Things needed

- Jars - 1 litre capacity, with lids. Glass or plastic.
- Boxes with detachable lids, like shoe boxes. Need box AND lid. Any size.
- Jigsaw puzzles you no longer want. Can have pieces missing. (Gluing them to balloons)
- Cardboard cylinders (inners of paper towels, toilet rolls etc) Any length or diameter.
- Old sheets that can be cut into long strips.

Tapanui School Craft Days

Thur 23 Nov/Fri 24 Nov

Thur 30 Nov/Fri 1 Dec