

20 Tapanui School Newsletter

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Well done to the Clutha Swim Champs Squad



A huge congratulations to the 6 swimmers who represented Tapanui School at the Clutha Swimming Champs. It was great to see such great sportsmanship and the cheering on of one another including their friends from Heriot and BMC. Each swimmer did exceptionally well and we wait to hear the results as to whether they go on to Otago Swimming Sports. Well done Team Tapanui!



HOT OFF THE PRESS Qualifiers for Otago Champs

Charlie - Breaststroke,
Backstroke, Freestyle
Mitchell - Breaststroke,
Backstroke, Freestyle
Asha - Backstroke
Koby - Freestyle
Novak - Freestyle



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Tapanui School

Newsletter #4 - 23 February 2024

IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM 1

WEEK 6

- 4 March - Sports Activator
- Visiting Scientist
- 5 March - PALS Training #2
- 7 March - Eastern Athletics
- Team Talk - Kōrero Whānau

8 March - Board Training

WEEK 7

14 March - Team Talk - Korero Whānau

WEEK 8

- 18 March - Quiz Night
- 20 March - Wheels Wednesday

WEEK 9

- 25 March - Otago Anniversary day
- 27 March - Sports Activator
- 29 March - 2 April - Easter Break

Kia ora whānau!

As I reflect on the week it feels like it's been a blur there has been so much happening! There are so many sporting opportunities for your children to be participating in which takes a lot of co-ordination and logistics. A huge thanks to Robyn for managing the majority of this. Our PAL's leaders this week have excelled with the events they have run after a challenging start last week. Bonnie and Annabel ran an amazing dance session during lunchtime and today Koby and Riley had a fantastic chasing game going on at morning tea. It was so good they chose to run it again at lunchtime. It certainly had a lot of people getting active by the looks of all the red faces coming in after lunch!

Next week we have a large container arriving which will be placed down the west end of the school at the end of Rimu hub. We will have workers on site installing new lighting/electrics and acoustic panels in the Rimu classrooms. This is part of a Ministry of Education Remote Schools Project to upgrade learning spaces. New carpet for these classes will hopefully happen at a later date! This work will mean that students in Rimu Hub are going to need to show their ability to manage themselves with increased maturity - a challenge I have no doubt they can rise to.

We are so grateful to our school PTA. They met for their AGM on Monday night and you can read some of the progress they have made over the past year further in the newsletter. It would be great to have some more hands "on deck" as they go about this important fundraising work.

The Tui Class have been enjoying exploring algebra this week with Mrs Scott from Blue Mountain College. Who knew letters could be part of maths! Thanks Hazel.

The whole school are in for a treat on Monday as we have a visiting scientist coming to launch our Kitchen Chemistry Inquiry.

Until next week!

Jane



MATHS EYES

The Tui group visited the Piwakawaka group last week and talked about using our maths eyes to see the maths around us...Kaius made a comment "Maths is in everything" do you agree? What can you find maths in?



Tui Wasp Art - inspiration from our lunch intruders

In Tui class we have been learning about sketching. This is one of the activities we have done.

Firstly, we had to fold the paper into four sections, then we had to label them 1,2,3 and 4.

Once we had done that we had to draw a wasp from our imagination.

Mrs Stuart then showed us a picture of a wasp. After a short time she turned the picture off and we had to try and draw it again from memory.

When we tried to draw it again we could see the improvement in our drawings. We got to see the picture again and we had a third go at sketching the wasp. This time we got to see it for a bit longer and we talked about the different parts of the wasp to help us focus on the details.

Now we were at the last section of the wasp drawing. This time we kept the pictures on for the whole time and we also had to add colour to the last sketch.

This was an amazing experience to learn about and we all enjoyed giving sketching a good go!

By Tilly T and Asha.



WEST OTAGO ATHLETIC SPORTS RESULTS

Year 5 Girls

Ashidhi Bogala Arachchillage - 1st Nerf, 3rd Shot Put **Ella Fabian** - 2nd Long Jump, 3rd High Jump, 3rd Discus, 2nd Shot Put, 3rd 60m **Sophia Fabian** - 2nd High Jump, 2nd Discus, 2nd Nerf, 2nd 60m

Year 5 Boys

Ethan Campbell – 3rd=Long Jump, 1st=High Jump, 1st Discus, 1st Nerf, 3rd Shot Put, 2nd 60 m **Levi Collard** – 1st=High Jump **Jonty McCall** – 3rd=Long Jump, 3rd High Jump, 2nd Nerf, 1st 60m **Adon Charls** – 3rd Discus **Mataio Masunu** – 2nd Shot Put, 3rd 60m

Year 6 Girls

Tamzin Scott - 1st Long Jump, 1st High Jump, 1st Discus, 1st Nerf, 1st Shot Put, 1st 60m **Mila Potts** - 3rd Long Jump, 2nd Nerf **Bella Yandug** - 3rd High Jump, 3rd Shot Put **Azariah Beamsley-O'Brien** - 3rd Discus **Clara Halder** - 2nd 60m

Year 6 Boys

Declan Cowie – 3rd= High Jump, 3rd Shot Put **Aiden Charls** – 1st Shot Put **Charlie Hansen** – 2nd 60m

Year 7 Girls

Sophie Campbell - 1st Long Jump, 3rd High Jump, 2nd Nerf, 1st Shot Put, 2nd 60m, 2nd 100m **Talita van Rooyen** - 2nd Long Jump, 1st High Jump, 1st 60m, 1st 100m **Ruby Hansen** - 3rd Long Jump, 3rd 60m **Harper Bain** - 2nd Discus, 1st Nerf

Year 7 Boys

Brookie Templeton – 2nd Long Jump, 2nd Discus, 3rd Nerf, 1st Shot Put, 2nd 60m, 2nd 100m

Year 8 Girls

Tilly McCall - 2nd Long Jump, 1st High Jump, 2nd 60m, 2nd 100m **Evie Ogilvy** - 3rd Long Jump **Mckenzie Wallace** - 1st Long Jump, 3rd= High Jump, 1st Discus, 1st Shot Put, 1st 60m, 1st 100m **Annabel Stewart** - 3rd= High Jump, 3rd Nerf, 3rd 60m **Harper Smith** - 2nd Discus, 3rd Shot Put **Asha Leng** - 3rd Discus, 2nd Nerf, 2nd Shot Put

Year 8 Boys

Marshall King – 2nd Long Jump, 2nd Shot Put, 2nd 60m **Riley Jane** – 1st High Jump **Zeb Potts** – 2nd High Jump **Duncan Wagenaar** – 3rd High Jump, 2nd Discus, 3rd Shot Put **Brian Montejo** – 2nd Nerf **Fearghas Broome** – 2nd 100m

Year 9 Girls

Leanna Nevarro - 2nd= High Jump, 1st Long Jump **Kate Hartshorne** - 3rd Long Jump, 1st Shot Put **Leiana Collard** - 3rd Shot Put, 2nd 100m, 2nd 200m **Portia Dono** - 3rd 200m

Year 9 Boys

Mitchell Stiven – 1st Long Jump, 1st High Jump, 1st Discus, 1st Nerf, 1st Shot Put

Mack Stuart – 2nd Long Jump, 2nd Discus, 2nd Nerf, 2nd Shot Put, 1st 100m, 1st 200m

Koby Joyce – 3rd Long Jump, 2nd= High Jump, 3rd Discus, 3rd Shot Put, 3rd 100m, 3rd 200m **Nixon Waitokia** – 2nd 100m, 2nd 200m

Year 10 Girls

Bella Jane - 3rd Nerf, 3rd Shot Put **Eliza Edgar-Lloyd** - 3rd 100m

Year 10 Boys

Oliver Heiss – 2nd Long Jump, 2nd High Jump, 2nd 100m, 2nd 200m **Novak Melhuish** – 3rd 800m

Congratulations to the following students for qualifying for the Easter Southland Athletics to be held in Gore on the 7 March

Eastern Athletics Boys

Shot Put Mitchell Stiven, Mack Stuart

Discus Mitchell Stiven, Mack Stuart

High Jump Mitchell Stiven

Long Jump Marshall King

60m Marshall King, Brookie Templeton

100m Fearghas Broome, Brookie Templeton, Mack Stuart, Nixon Waitokia

200m Mack Stuart, Nixon Waitokia, Oliver Heiss

Eastern Athletics Girls

Shot Put Kate Hartshorne

Long Jump Leanna Nevarro, Mckenzie Wallace

60m Tilly McCall, Mckenzie Wallace, Sophie Campbell, Talita van Rooyen

100m Leiana Collard, Mckenzie Wallace, Tilly McCall, Sophie Campbell, Talita van Rooyen

Merino tops

Merino jersey tops are available to wear as an optional item of the school uniform.

Tops will have the school monogram as per current fleece and polo shirt.

The sleeve design of the merino includes a panel of material (not merino) on the underside to help with the longevity of the garment.

\$100 each

Sizes 5/6 7/8 9/10 11/12 13/14

Please order through the school office.

Last day for ordering is the 4th March



QUIZ NIGHT - 18 MARCH

Could each family please send along a prize to go on the raffle table at the Quiz Nite.

Get a team together and get along to the West Otago Town and Country Club - starts 7:30pm

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Congratulations to this amazing group of students who were awarded Vision and Values certificates today at our Whole School Assembly

PERSEVERANCE - EQUITY - EXCELLENCE - RESPECT



The PTA AGM was held on the 26 Feb and the following people were appointed:

Chairperson: Vanessa Stewart
Vice Chairperson: Stacey Wagenaar
Secretary: Juanita Masunu
Treasurer: Joy Campbell

2023 was an exceptionally busy year for the PTA and successful one as we continue to focus our fundraising efforts on a new playground for the school.

Our goal for 2023 was to raise \$75,000. This figure was determined by the board's generous offer of matching funds raised dollar for dollar up to this amount. The good news is that we reached this goal with the current bank balance at \$78,000. We are now in a financially strong position to approach funders asking for their support. The Clutha Foundation has recently given us word of approving \$7000 towards the playground project.

Over the year we have successfully picked up numerous catering opportunities which have been very lucrative towards our fundraising efforts. The Lochiel Trailer Christmas Raffle was also amazingly supported and another huge success raising approximately \$20,000. A big thank you to Colin Hitchen who donated the Trailer, West Otago on Farm Servicing for the Pressure Cleaner, Ant Wallace Building for the Wheelbarrow, Dwains Service Centre for the Lawnmower, Campbell Dairy Ltd for the Firewood, and Blue Mountain Nurseries for the Garden Voucher. It was wonderful to see so many local businesses getting in behind this raffle and sponsor some wonderful prizes.

To have such a successful year wouldn't be possible without the wonderful PTA team who have worked so hard behind the scenes. We are all very busy in our own lives and it is great to see this school have such dedicated families to help Tapanui School grow.

Sadly Hazel Scott is leaving us, Hazel you will be sorely missed. Thank you for all your hard work while you have been on the PTA, you have been the driving force behind many of these fundraising efforts over the past 12 months, nothing is a problem and always up for a challenge!

Now that we have money in the bank then our focus for 2024 will become finalising some playground plans and applying for grants.

If you would like to join this incredible team, meet some amazing people and have some fun along the way. Then please get in touch.

It has been an incredibly rewarding and enjoyable year, bring on 2024.

Vanessa Stewart
Chairperson

The PTA are looking for families/businesses that would be interested in sponsoring the school/PTA advertising from time to time in the Blue Mountain Express. Please please get in touch with Vanessa.



Students Section

Autumn Garden Show Saturday 16th March.

Ages : 10 years & under, 11 - 13 years

***Animal/ creature made from vegetables**

***Mounted collection of named weeds**

***Buttonhole using at least 1 flower & foliage**

***Best red rose**

***Best white rose**

***Best pink rose**

***Best yellow rose**

***Any other flower**

***Colouring Competition - 5 & 6 year olds;
7 & 8 year olds; 9 & 10 year olds**

**Entries to be in to the Tapanui Presbyterian
Church Hall between 10 - 11am on the day.
Open for public viewing from 1 - 4 pm**

