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Happy Mother's Day

Wishing all our wonderful Tapanui School Mum's, Step Mum's, Grandmas, Nana's, Aunties and wonderful women who are like Mum to our tamariki...a very happy Mother's Day on Sunday.

You are all amazing and doing a tremendous job with the children in your care and we truly appreciate you! Here is a little sneaky peak into some writing about our Junior Hub's mums! You all sound like absolute legends!

My mum is special to me because she always make my bed for me. I know my Mum is very special because she makes my breakfast really good. My Mum is good at many things, one thing she is the best at is folding up clothes. I know my mum loves me because she loves when I listen and do nice things for her.

I love my Mum because she cleans our rooms and makes dinner for me and my sis. She also makes Jelly.

My Mum is special to me because she made me milk when I was a baby. I know my Mum is smart because she is good at numbers. My Mum is good at many things. One thing she is best at is cooking. I know my Mum loves me because I love her and she loves me.



I love Mama because she cleans the toilets and she makes my bed. I like her cupcakes with icing and sprinkles.



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CROSS COUNTRY TRAINING

All classes are working hard to build fitness each day. Please ensure children have suitable footwear for running.

ie NOT gumboots or crocs:)

Hopefully you have all recieved information about Cross Country and transport today.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM 2

WEEK 3

16 May - Support Staff Day

19 May - Southland School Swimming Champs

WEEK 4

21 May - Ripa Rugby Tournament
- Board Meeting

22 May - Wheel's Wednesday/Mufti Day

WEEK 5

27 May - West Otago Cross Country

28 May - PAL's training 10am - 12

29 May - Sports Activator

31 May - Kahui Ako Teacher Only Day
NO SCHOOL

WEEK 6

3 June - King's Birthday
SCHOOL CLOSED

6 June - Eastern Cross Country

WEEK 7

14 June - Southland Cross Country

WEEK 8

WEEK 9

26 June - Sports Activator

28 June - Matariki SCHOOL CLOSED

WEEK 10

5 July - Term 2 Ends

Kia ora Whānau!

When you arrive at school now you will notice a new addition to the wall of the administration block - a defibrillator in a locked box. You can read more about how this came to be further in the newsletter. We are really privileged to be one of two schools in Southland who have been gifted one of these. It is a privilege to be able to provide this for our community. It hasn't been activated yet but as soon as it has we'll let you all know and get the news out to the wider community.

Can I encourage you to take a look in your child's Home Learning/Travelling Book. Many children haven't made a lot of obvious use of this book and teachers spend a lot of time inputting into these (provided children bring them to school).

Have a great weekend.

Jane



Friday 17 May

No donation necessary

Pink shirts only!

*Celebrating our differences
and promoting kindness*



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

STRATEGIC UPDATE

This week we have begun a trial of an online maths programme to support maths learning at school and at home. I thought I would take this opportunity to share a little about the things we are making doing to progress in maths.

Basic Facts and patterns are foundational skills and knowledge that all maths learning sits on. So far this year we have...

- Ensured that daily maths has been planned and implemented in each classroom.
- Built strong routines and systems for implementing and monitoring our whole school basic facts programme “Mad Minute Maths” across the school.
- Set up Home Learning Books to communicate effectively with parents what children are working on in maths and literacy and provide some ideas of how you can help at home.
- Whaea Kaitlyn has visited another school to observe and look into a structured junior maths programme. She is trialling this in her classroom this term and is already noticing some positives from it.
- Last term 3 classes had visits from Hazel Scott, one of the Across School Leads for our Kahui Ako who, at the time, was also head of maths at Blue Mountain College. She worked with teachers on different maths concepts which was an awesome addition to the programme.
- The other 3 classes are trialling an online maths tool called “Math Buddy” that students can use at home and school to support their maths learning. This can be student led and teacher set. It is based on the NZ School curriculum. Along with video lessons and follow up activities students can work on independently, it also provides some basic facts practice activities also. After just introducing it this week, the children are already very excited about it. This will be used as an activity to complement the instruction and planned activities done with the teacher at school. Your child has glued their sign in information into their Home Learning Books so be sure to check it out and ask your child to give you a little tour of it.

MATHS

We are noticing...

- Children are working really hard to persevere with their Mad Minute Maths because they want to move up the levels - this is really motivating them which is great.
- The new online Maths Buddy programme is providing some much needed extra practice for students that is repetitive meaning they get really familiar with a concept but also engaging that children can also have some choice about what they can practice and learn at times.



MathsBuddy
YOUR ONLINE MATHS TUTOR

Our new online maths programme that we're trialling for this term.

Fundraising for Defibrillator

Defibrillators are things you need in an emergency to get a heart pumping and you generally need them quickly. A charity, Embracing Hearts, have donated this life saving device to our school because one of our students is a heart kid. Thanks to the fundraising efforts of the team at 'Exceed – We Fix Windows and Doors' and another amazing charity 'The Heartbox NZ', this donation has been able to be made. The value of this donation is approximately \$4000. We are super grateful. Tapanui has a number of these already placed around our community but we wanted ours to be available to our community 24/7. The cost of the lock box to house it is \$655. The Tapanui Student Council have decided they want to fundraise for this.

On May 22nd the Student Council are going to hold a mufti day to get the fundraising started. We will be one of only two schools in Southland that have a defibrillator on their school grounds which will be available to the community. We hope no-one ever has to use it but it's a privilege to be able to provide it. We hope you will give generously at our mufti day!

If any parents or business want to make a larger donation towards the lockbox for the difibrillator so the whole community can access it, we would greatly appreciate it. Please contact Robyn at the office for bank details.

