

20 Tapanui School Newsletter

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EASTER RAFFLE



Look who came to supervise the
Easter Raffle draw for the year
5/6 class today!

Congratulations to...

Aimiee Peterson

for winning
the Year 5/6 Easter Raffle



Please note - the Easter Bunny will be down at Hammer Hardware at 3:30 today if children want to visit - there may even be some special treats!

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IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM 1

WEEK 10

1 and 2 March - Easter - NO SCHOOL

WEEK 11

9 April - Board Meeting

12 April - Whole School Assembly
- Term 2 Ends

29 April - TERM 2 STARTS

Kia ora whānau!

Well a short week this week so not to much to report. I did happen to have an interesting and enlightening conversation with a group of Year 5/6 children this week about friendship which led to a conversation about "friends" they have on online games like Fortnite. The conversation became an open teaching time about online safety. PLEASE ensure you are aware of who your child is interacting with in games like this which have open chat spaces. These are spaces that are commonly used by predators who fake identities and groom children.

The age recommendation for Fortnite is 13 and up, but each child is different. The Entertainment Software Ratings Board rates Fortnite "T" for teen, which means ages 13 and up. Common Sense Media, an Understood founding partner, also recommends the game for kids 13 and up, because of its action violence and open chat.

This is just a reminder to please be that parent who has clear boundaries and guidelines around where computer/playstation etc games are played, who your children can interact/chat with and the suitability of games for your children.

Here are 2 tips from netsafe...

- 1. Keep it real:** It can seem like common knowledge to adults, but it is hard for children to understand that not everyone is who they say they are. It can be exciting when people want to friend, communicate or follow them. Talk to your child about invites or conversations with strangers, why this is not safe and how they should handle it
- 2. Keep it friendly:** Teach your child to be kind and respectful online, and to be careful talking to, or sharing information with, people they don't know.

Food for thought. Have a happy and safe Easter.
Jane



BOARD ELECTION NEWS

Tapanui School
School Board Elections

Parent Election Results Declaration (no voting election required)

At the close of nominations, as the number of valid nominations was equal to the number of vacancies required to be filled.

I hereby declare the following duly elected:

Georgina McCall

Tessa Fabian

Signed: Robyn Maher
Returning Officer

NEXT WEEK IS ALSO THE START OF EASTER

SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED FOR GOOD FRIDAY AND EASTER MONDAY AND TUESDAY

PLEASE NOTE: EASTER TUESDAY IS A PUBLIC HOLIDAY FOR ALL SCHOOLS IN NZ

Congratulations to the children who competed at Southland Athletics on Sunday!

All children performed really well.

Tapanui School came away with 2 Southland Champions!

Year 8 Girls 60 m

1st - Mckenzie Wallace 9.81s

Year 8 Girls 100m

1st- Mckenzie Wallace 15.85s

Year 9 Boys Shotput

1st - Mitchell Stiven 8.95m

Year 9 Boys Discus

1st - Mitchell Stiven 24.70m



Check out the amazing shot of McKenzie's finish of her 100m! What a pro!



HOLIDAY PROGRAMME BALCLUTHA



3 DAYS OF EACH TERM BREAK
FUN ACTIVITIES AND GAMES TO
KEEP CHILDREN PHYSICALLY
ACTIVE AND ENTERTAINED

Dates:

Tuesday-Thursday 16-18 April 2024

Tuesday-Thursday 9-11 July 2024

Tuesday-Thursday 1-3 October 2024

Cost:

School Day session - 9.00am-3.00pm

(doors open 8.30am)

\$40.00 per child per day

\$30.00 per extra child per day

Morning Session - 9.00am-12noon

(doors open 8.30am)

\$30.00 per child per morning

\$20.00 per extra child per morning

Enquires:

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EASTERN SMALL STICKS HOCKEY

HAVE A GO DAY

Coaching Day - Skills and Drills

Year 3 and 4 - 3:30-4:30

Year 5 and 6 - 4:30-5:30

MONDAY 8TH APRIL 2024

ANYONE THINKING OF
COACHING COME ALONG AND
WATCH SOME COACHES IN

ACTION!



FREE ENTRY





The community of **West Otago** have
come together to host a

BARBEQUE

at the

Tapanui Rugby Grounds

on **Sunday 7th of April**

5.30pm to 9pm

For ALL MIGRANTS and their FAMILIES

(anyone living in West Otago who was born in
another country)

Everything is provided! Just come along, meet
people and have fun!

Let's celebrate the onset of Winter don't forget
to put your clocks back the night of the 6th!

Tell your friends.

We want to meet everyone