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Clever Gymanasts!



These 5 girls all competed in a gymnastic competition in the weekend and all performed really well! Talita has just moved up into Level 4 this term and got a bronze award. Sophie, Ella and Sophia all got moved up to Level 3 this term which is a great achievement in itself. In the competition Sophie's team came away with a gold and Ella got second on the bar and was in the team that came second. Harper only just started gymnastics part way through this year and got a Bronze medal for Level 2. What an achievement girls and great to see children participating in something a bit different outside of school!

Dancing Queens!

Well done to Kate, Asha and McKenzie for performing in their Dance concert last Sunday. What a great show!

Athletics Superstar!



Congratulations to Team Southland on winning the Tyson Cup on Saturday in Dunedin. McKenzie was part of the team. She came 1st in the 100m sprints, 1st in the 60 metres, 2nd in discus and her relay team came 2nd :) Woohoo! Well done McKenzie!

Kahui Ako Leaders thanked

This week the Kahui Ako Leadership team acknowledged all the work that Lisa Miller has done for the Kahui Ako over the past 6 years as she steps down from the Across School Lead position to go back full time into the classroom at Waikaka. Lisa has supported us at Tapanui School in many ways and we'll miss seeing her smiling face in the staffroom every few weeks. We also thanked Lindy Cavanagh-Monaghan who has also been a great advocate for the Kahui Ako and Lead Principal most recently. We wish her well in her retirement.



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IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM 4

WEEK 9

9 Dec - Transition afternoon
9 - 12 Dec - REAP Swimming lessons
13 Dec - End of Year Prizegiving

WEEK 10

17 Dec - Final day of school

School Start 2025 - Monday 3 February

Important Notice for next year's Year 6's

All 2025 Year 6's are invited to attend a Leadership Only Day on Friday 31 January with all the staff - come prepared to have fun, be challenged and to learn about what it takes to be a leader! A permission slip will be sent home early next week with more information.

Swimming togs every day please!

In week 9 (9-12 Dec) children will be having 2 lessons a day. These focus on Water Safety. The children will be tired and hungry. Please pack some extra snacks.

Also, if your child has a life jacket at home that they use, could they please bring it to school for these lessons.

Please ensure it's well named!

Swimming goggles are also recommended.

Kia ora Whānau!

What a fabulous Pet Day we had on Tuesday. Thanks so much to the parents, the sponsors, judges and the PTA especially, for making it such a great day.

There have been a number of children who have been getting quite bad hayfever this week. We do have antihistamine tablets at school but if they do have them at home, they might want to take one in the morning as a bit of a preventative. It certainly beats getting red, irritated and puffy eyes through the day - no fun:(

On Monday afternoon next week, we are going to be having a transition time. This will include the children moving to the spaces they are likely to be working in 2025 - Y5/6 with Whaea Maxine, Y3/4 with Whaea Sue and the Y1-2 in Whaea Renee's room. Whaea Kaitlyn will be with the juniors also as this will start off as one class and break into 2 as more children arrive in Term 2. This will give these young students a really solid start with the 2 teachers available at times to both be in that space for Term 1.

The staff enjoyed putting on a small baby shower for Whaea Rebekah this week as her role of Mum to baby #2 draws closer. We hope everything goes well Rebekah and look forward to having you back in the class in due course!



We hope to see you all at the end of year prizegiving on Friday 13th December. School will continue to be open for Monday 16th and Tuesday 17th where general tidy up will be happening. School will conclude on Tuesday at 12:30pm. Please let us know if your child **WILL** be attending so we can let buses know if they will be needed for these days.

Thanks to all the Craft Day supporters. Children will bring the last of their crafts home next week once dry.

Have a great week
Jane

END OF YEAR HAPPENINGS

END OF YEAR PRIZEGIVING

West Otago Community Centre Theatre

Friday 13 Dec at 1:30pm

All parents and whānau are encouraged to attend as we celebrate the progress, effort and achievement of all our students.

END OF SCHOOL

The final day of term is Tuesday 17 December.

PLEASE NOTE: School will finish at 12:30pm on this day.

Buses will run if needed. Please let us know if your children **WILL** be attending school on the Monday and Tuesday to help with clean up so we can let buses know.



Well that's a wrap for CRAFT DAY



What a privilege to have so many willing helpers at school over our 3 craft days supporting our tamariki to be creative, persevere, learn a new skill and even some new words! It was great to see our children take the opportunity to intentionally thank our helpers and give honour to them individually and as a group.



THANKS



Thanks to Stacey for bringing along a net for our basketball hoop and installing it for us. The children love it! It's not just the big things that make a difference - thanks Stacey.

Huge thanks to the PTA for all their work in organising Pet Day and for catering morning tea and lunch for all the helpers on each of these days. Your flexibility, positivity and willingness has been amazing - thank you.

Can you help the PTA?

The West Otago Theatrical Society is holding a Christmas Variety Show at 4pm on the 15 December and Tapanui School are selling Ice Cream at half time. We would love some extra helpers to sell these. If you are going and could give us a hand please let us know.

PTA meeting on Monday 9 December @ 7:30pm.
ALL WELCOME