

20 Tapanui School Newsletter

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Support Staff Day

Selfless
Unflappable
Priceless
Patient
Outrageously entertaining
Resilient beyond measure
Tireless
Special
Transformative
Awesome actresses
Fabulously friendly
Fantastically flexible



We have such an amazing team of support staff at Tapanui School and truly appreciate the work they do. They got treated on Thursday to some beautiful cards made by children, a scrummy morning tea (with some delicious brownie made by one of the students and his mum, and an opportunity for a massage at the local Tapanui School Day Spa developed by a group of Year 5/6 girls! What a treat.

Celebrating our differences and promoting kindness

**PINK
SHIRT
DAY '24**



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Kia ora whānau!

The Dental bus has been busy with children in and out over the last few weeks. Hopefully most children got to visit while they were here. We have included one of their "Top Tooth Tips" in the newsletter. Oral hygiene is so important to your child's overall health.

Classes have also been talking about Road Safety that is another really important thing for our children to know about. In a rural community it's easy to become relaxed about road crossing routines but this is when accidents are more likely to happen. We are lucky to have the bulbous curbs outside our school for people to cross and we say to the children that this is where we expect everyone to cross - it is the shortest route across the road. Please support us in this when you pick your child up and not cross further down the street. If you park your car over on the Karate Club side of the road, please talk to your child about looking behind them before they cross to get to you. I have seen a large number of children cross at the bulbous curb and then just walk straight out onto the next road as they have you in their sights!

Those winter bugs are in full steam already so please ensure your child has a jersey and jacket each day and well practiced hand washing routines they can do independently after toileting etc.

We are super excited about our Wheel's Wednesday Mufti Day coming up raising money for our AED lockbox. Please support this as you're able.

Also just want to draw your attention to the Teacher Only Day scheduled on Friday in Week 5 in case you hadn't noticed it in the Term 2 dates. School will be closed on this day (Fri 31 May).

Have a great weekend - Jane

IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM 2

WEEK 4

- 21 May - Rippa 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

KidzWay 
Early Learning Centre

At the moment, for the first time in 16 years, KidzWay is facing an ongoing number of vacancies, which is not sustainable. So if you know of anyone who might like to enrol or if you would like more hours for your child, please pop in for a visit or come in and get an enrolment form or get in touch with them.

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STRATEGIC UPDATE

Pink shirt Day is yet another opportunity for us to demonstrate and discuss the uniqueness of everyone in our school community. As part of our Strategic Plan we are working on developing our school culture where great citizens can grow with a particular focus on positive behaviour.

SCHOOL CULTURE

We really want to see all children being able to manage themselves well, with integrity and in positive relationships. Here are some of the things we have been doing so far this year to try and build positive behaviour in all our tamariki.

- Leadership opportunities - Student council, PAL's, House Leadership, karakia leaders, lunch orders, PE shed
- Developing a more restorative practice rather than punitive. This gives children the time to reflect on the impact of their behaviour and what they might need to do to restore relationships and make steps to put things right.
- Focusing on Executive Functioning Skills
- Refocus on Play is the Way Key concepts and whole class coaching sessions using games, scenarios, rhythms and activities.
- Experts in from the Ministry of Education, the Public Health Nurse and Resource Teacher of Learning and Behaviour to support teachers and families with students that need some more support
- De-escalation Training by all staff
- Introduction of Sing and Celebrate - a time to focus on the positives at the end of each week, sing together and encourage everyone to give honour where honour is due.
- Waka Groups - vertical groups/mixed ages - an opportunity to build relationship and understanding of one another.
- Providing weetbix, fruit and sandwiches for those children who have hungry bellies. None of us function well on a hungry tummy:)
- Developing a Parents library with a range of books to support you in your most important role. It's great to see a couple of these books been issued already!



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

Waka Challenge



Congratulations to **Whero** Waka for winning Friday's challenge of a version of Paper, Scissors, Rock

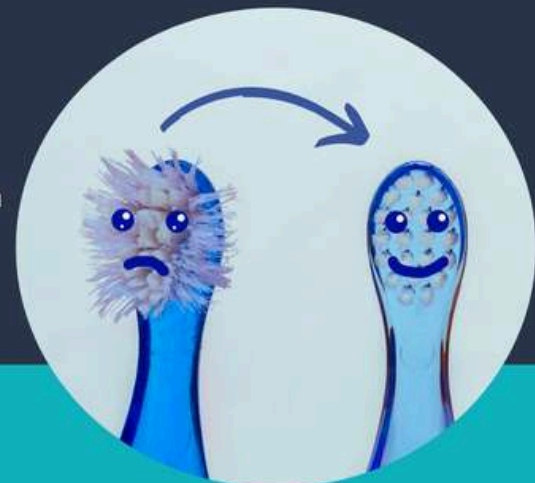


Change of season... Change of toothbrush!



It's time for a new toothbrush...

- If the bristles are scruffy, bent or splayed
- After being sick with a cold, flu, or infection
- If anyone else has used your toothbrush!
- Even if it still looks ok, it's best to use a new toothbrush every 3 months. A good way to remember is a change of season = a change of toothbrush!



Community Oral
Health Service

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Te Whatu Ora

Scan this code
for more great
tooth tips



Fundraising for Defibrillator

A reminder about the Wheels Wednesday
and Mufti Day to raise money for our AED
lock box on...

Wednesday 22 May

All children are welcome to bring a bike, trike, scotter, or
skates to use at set times through the school day and
wear mufti. Bring a donation towards the Defib lock box.

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.**



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