



Things coming up

14 March - Athletics sports



17 March - Student Council meeting

21 March - Otago Anniversary Day
No school

24 March - Sports Activator



30 March – PTA AGM

7 April - Sports Activator

14 April - Term 1 ends



Kia ora Whanau,

It has been such a great opportunity to connect with most of you through our **Korero Whanau**. I hope you found this a useful time and have some ideas of what you can do at home to support your child as they work towards their goals. We will work hard to keep these front and centre for your child throughout the year.

You will have heard during your interview about the **Kahui Ako Critical Capabilities**. You may have felt a little overwhelmed by all the words on this document but it identifies the most important skills your child needs at different points in time to be successful. We encourage you to take the time to look at it and think about what skills you could help your child develop at home to help them be the best they can be.

At your korero whanau hui you would have received the **emergency contact details** we have for you at school. Hopefully you were able to check these at the time but if you had to take it home to check please get these back to us as soon as possible so our contacts are up to date.

With COVID present in our community more and more we continue to implement our mask wearing and hygiene practices. It is imperative that you keep your child at home if they are sick and get a test for them. A reminder to check the COVID response plan emailed out last week if you're unsure of what to do in different scenarios. We will make every effort to keep school open throughout the term. In the unfortunate event that we have multiple teachers away and no relievers available we will use all our communication platforms to notify you. In this scenario, if you can keep your child at home and do online learning that would be appreciated so those who have to come to school can be managed by minimal staff. Hopefully it doesn't get to this but just wanted to keep everyone informed of the process IF we need it.

It is a real delight to be able to welcome **Whaea Ellyce Kristel** to our staff team this week. She has slotted in well and has already established some great relationships with the children she's working with. Ellyce will work predominantly with the year 5's which will free Whaea Hannah up to work with the Year 6's on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. I will work with the year 6's on Mondays and Tuesdays.



We are going to run our school athletic sports on Monday. Unfortunately we can't have parents on site this time round. We will publish the results in next weeks newsletter.

Our next PE focus is on Gymnastics. We had our first taste of this with the sports activator this week with the box and mats. Check out photos inside the newsletter for a sneak peek.

Mark the 30 March in your calendars to come along and support the PTA at the AGM. More information coming. Many hands make light work...and it's a lot more fun!

Noho ora mai – Stay well!
Jane



House Competition Time

Today was a bit windy for the Paper War Quadrant challenge so we've left this till next week. Over the next two weeks we're inviting whanau to get involved in a Whanau House Challenge! Here's how it works...



SURF to CITY the TAPANUI WAY!

SURF to CITY is happening in Invercargill as a virtual event **BUT** you don't have to go to the surf or the city!! In true Tapanui style we are giving you the opportunity to go from FARM to FOREST or from TAPANUI to TREES!

1. Join your child(ren) in a walk, run, bike, or scooter around a course that is 3km, 6km or 12km.
2. Have fun and wear your child's house colours as you do it.
3. Take 2 photos...one of the evidence on your phone, watch etc that shows how far you travelled and another photo of you all enjoying it!
4. Submit your photos via the "Submit a photo" button on the Surf to City Website to be in to win spot prizes.
5. Also, send both photos into office@tapanui.school.nz so we can add a house point for every member of the whanau who participated (the children must be part of it!).



You must have the photos sent in by 21 March to be in to win spot prizes and house points!

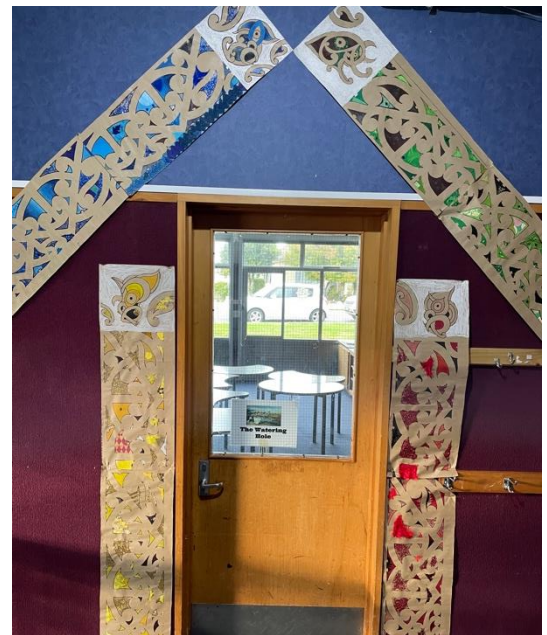
LET'S TAKE OUR WHANAU HOUSE CHALLENGE TO THE NEXT LEVEL.

GET INVOLVED!



Gymnastics Fun

There are so many benefits to doing gymnastics. Over the next few weeks while the weather is fine we'll be out and about with the big mats, the beam, and the box improving our agility, strength, flexibility, co-ordination, building our confidence, following safety precautions, setting goals and having fun!



Here is our final Whare Tapa Wha panels at the entrance to our Kapahaka space. This reminds us of the four pillars of our wellbeing – taha tinana (physical), taha wairua (spiritual), taha hinengaro (emotional) and taha whanau (relationships)



Parenting Tip #5:

"Show faith in your school. Prepare your children to work hard so that teachers can help them to learn well. Establish rights, rules, responsibilities and routines in your household and let every child do their bit. Give them chores, square meals, the time to talk and the sleep they need."

Wilson McCaskill