

# 20 Tapanui School Newsletter

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## TOGETHER WE LEARN AND GROW

Check out the Matai Hub's Waka



*Did you know the name for plane in te reo Māori is waka rererangi - boat in the sky!*

*See on the last page for information about our first house challenge of the year!*



## SchoolDocs

Policies and Procedures

**SchoolDocs** is an online policy platform for schools in Aotearoa. Our SchoolDocs site contains policies and procedures that are specific to our school and can be accessed by our whole school community.

### Using SchoolDocs

Log in to your SchoolDocs site using these details:

website: <https://tapanui.schooldocs.co.nz/>

username: tapanui

password: together

Related policies and procedures are grouped together on SchoolDocs, with links to supporting information.

- To find a policy or procedure, type a keyword into the search bar, or browse using the table of contents (click the black arrows to open each section).
- Search for Quick Links for Staff and Quick Links for Parents and Whānau, which provide links to useful policies and procedures.
- For more information about using SchoolDocs, click the Help tab at the top of the site.

All SchoolDocs schools follow a 3-year review schedule to keep information up to date. Each term, you can provide feedback on policies and procedures that are under review. If you'd like to send a message to your school about a particular topic, use the feedback button. For more information about reviews, click the Current Review tab at the top of the site.

To start your review, use the review tool to provide feedback about policies and procedures that are under review.

- Content feedback is where you can suggest changes you'd like SchoolDocs to consider.
- Implementation feedback is where you can comment on policy implementation at your school.

**Please have this terms review completed by Friday 15 March.**

Review  
**OPEN**

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## IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM 1

### WEEK 5

27 Feb - South Otago Swim Champs  
1 March - Whole School Assembly

### WEEK 6

4 March - Sports Activator  
- Visiting Scientist  
5 March - PALS Training #2  
7 March - Eastern Athletics  
- Team Talk - Korero Whānau  
8 March - Board Training

### WEEK 7

14 March - Team Talk - Korero Whānau

### WEEK 9

25 March - Otago Anniversary day  
27 March - Sports Activator  
29 March - 2 April - Easter Break

## Kia ora whānau!

This week has flown by and it's great to see our structured literacy routines in place in all classrooms. I overheard a beautiful conversation happening in a classroom this week as children were doing their self portraits talking about creating art and discussing how long some artists work on a composition. The teacher was trying to help the children understand that the work we produce should be something we invest time, thought and energy into rather than a "one and done" kind of mindset. I wonder how you might help your children grow in the understanding that whatever we are trying to improve or learn, will require patience, reworking, responding to feedback and trying things another way. This way we get results we can be truly proud of. Funnily enough as I read this back it sounds an awful lot like what we do as we grow in our parenting roles! Kia kaha parents! Kia kaha students! Together we learn and grow!

Jane

## the Board reports

We gave a final check of our strategic plan and made some final alterations to 2 specific targets we are going to be aiming for and reporting on this year.

1 To get 80% of Year 3-6 children who are working "within or below," in Writing, to be working "At" the appropriate level by the end of the year.

2 To decrease the number of behaviour entries for each individual in the target group over the year, creating an increasingly positive learning culture within the school for all children.

Our final strategic plan with an annual implementation plan will be on our website by March 1.

We had our first Board meeting for the year on Tuesday night! It was great to have Tessa Fabian come along as a visitor to our meeting - a reminder that Board meetings are open meetings.

Our current Board consists of two elected members - Tracy McHutchon and Paul Roulston; two co-opted members - Georgina McCall and Ashlee Boyce; and the Principal. Our constitution says we are to have 5 elected trustees plus a staff representative. After seeking advice from the School Trustee Association, we made a resolution changing our constitution so we only need 4 elected members. Our co-opted members can't officially be co-opted unless we have a full contingent of board members. This means we need to hold a by election this term to elect two board members (this can be our currently co-opted board members if they are nominated either by parents or in Ashlee's case by the staff as a Staff Representative.) You will receive more information about this early next week.

Having a strong and committed Board is really important to the wellbeing and success of our school. Thanks to those who already serve and to those who will be willing to be nominated. Here's your opportunity to ensure Tapanui School remains in a great space with awesome governance.



# Merino tops

Merino jersey tops are available to wear as an optional item of the school uniform.

Tops will have the school monogram as per current fleece and polo shirt.

The sleeve design of the merino includes a panel of material (not merino) on the underside to help with the longevity of the garment.

\$100 each

Sizes 5/6 7/8 9/10 11/12 13/14

Please order through the school office.

Last day for ordering is the 4th March



## PTA AGM

Monday 26 Feb

7:30pm

Blue Room

*Everyone Welcome*

It would be great to see some new faces join the PTA. It's a great way to support this wonderful school and meet a lot of the parents and people within the school community. If this sounds like you then come along on Monday 26th.

Second Hand Uniforms are available for sale - contact Robyn for more information. If you're interested in ordering a merino top please contact Robyn also.

## WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

NEXT FRIDAY 1 MARCH @ 2:15

WEST OTAGO COMMUNITY CENTRE



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

# HEALTH AND PE



## INCLUSIVE SPORT ROADSHOW

CONNECTING COMMUNITIES THROUGH INCLUSIVE AND ADAPTIVE SPORT  
A FAMILY FUN DAY OUT FOR EVERY ABILITY

### GORE

Saturday 24th Feb  
Hamilton Park,  
Gore

### INVERCARGILL

Saturday 17th Feb  
TBC, Sandy Point

### TE ANAU

Saturday 27th Jan  
Gardens/Event Centre,  
Te Anau

10AM - 4PM

BBQ to follow  
no registration required



Join us in Gore on Saturday 24 February for a FREE community event that celebrates diversity, inclusivity and physical activity!

We believe everyone deserves to feel included and valued. That's why we're thrilled to invite you to join us for a fun, chilled out day trying a range of adapted sports activities - golf, football, athletics and more!

We'll be based at Hamilton Park (at the Playground end) from 10am to 4pm. No need to register - just show up! We'll also fire up the BBQ for a FREE sausage to keep you going

Bring your friends and family – everyone is welcome! Together, let's keep creating spaces where everyone feels seen, heard, and celebrated

In partnership with Gore District Council and The Y - Southland we will have a range of activities for anyone to take part in.

Hamilton Park, Gore  
February 24  
10am-4pm

To find out more contact Active Southland Disability Advisor Chris Knight [chris@activesouthland.co.nz](mailto:chris@activesouthland.co.nz)

## LAUNCHPAD

Christian Values Education

The Board have approved the Launchpad Christian Values Education Programme to be run in Tapanui School for 2024. We believe this to support our school values programmes. It is an 'opt in' programme which is done at enrolment. If you are unsure of what you have stated please check with Robyn at the office. There will be a constructive, alternative programme for children who do not opt in. The programme will start on Tuesday 27 February from 9-9:30am weekly. This years teachers are Margie Rea, Rocco Beneke, Kylie King, Libby Mariu and Juanita Masunu



### Sports Activator

All the classes enjoyed some time with Skip the Sports Activator today. He did some co-ordination and jumping activities with us.



# ORGANISATION FOR WEST OTAGO ATHLETIC SPORTS

Results are in and we'll be announcing these at our Whole School Assembly next Friday! Be sure to come along to hear all about it.

Enjoy the photos and some super sentences about Athletics Day on the following pages from the Matai Hub.





# Our favourite parts

# OF ATHLETICS DAY



I liked the high jump because I tried so hard not to knock it over. I also liked eating the sausages.

By Ayla



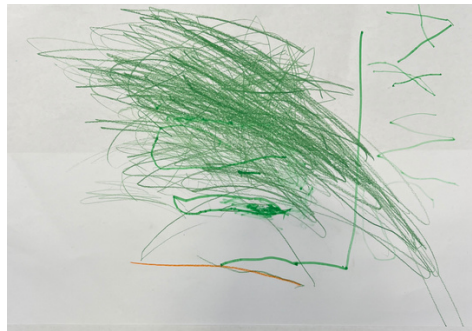
I liked racing because I came first two times.

Levi



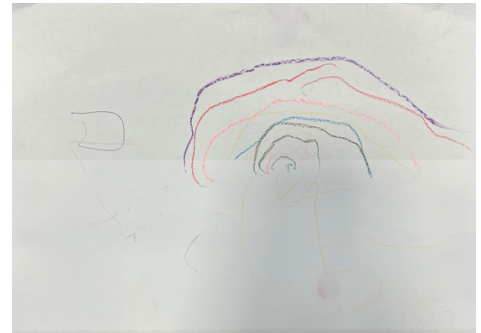
I liked the running race because I got second and third in them.

By Ashton



I liked the throwing because it was fun.

By Xyrone



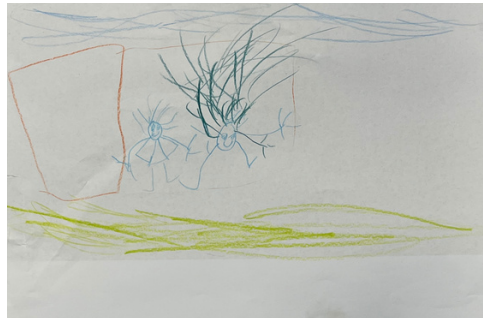
I liked high jump because you could almost do a flip on the mat.

By Adon



I liked the racing because it is fun to race with my friends. I liked the sausages too.

By Harper



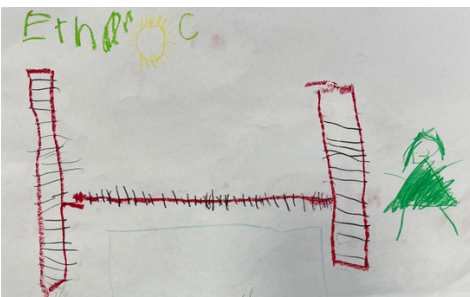
I liked the race because I got first place.

Remon



I liked racing because I came second and high jump because I finished third.

Declan



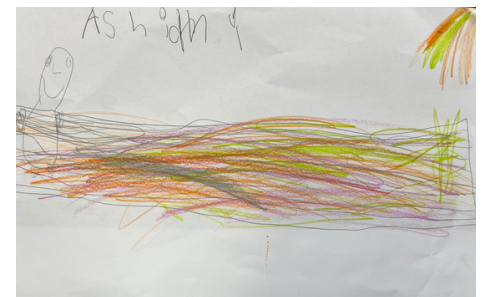
I loved the high jump because I jumped over and landed on the grass.

Ethan



I liked the high jump because I nearly made it over the highest one.

Sophia



I liked racing because I loved running on the grass.

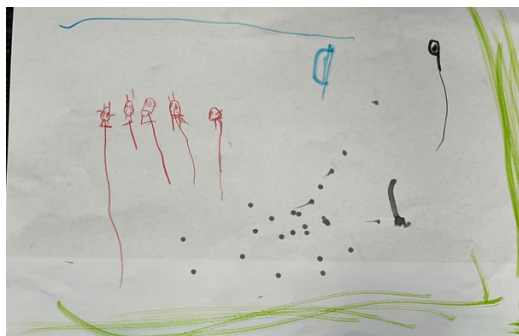
Ashidhi





I liked high jump because I jumped really high and landed on the mat.

Austin



I liked racing because I ran speedy and came first every time.

Charlie



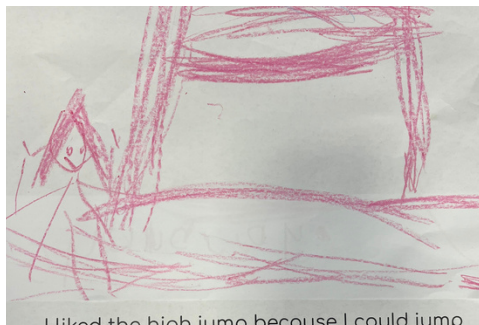
My favourite part was jumping over the bar because you can land on your belly.

By Pixie



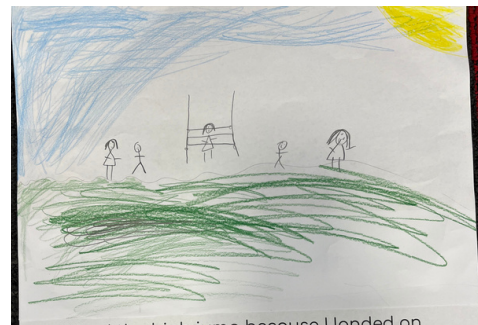
I liked the running race because I won all of them.

By Jonty



I liked the high jump because I could jump and I also cheered for my friends.

Shanarah



I liked the high jump because I landed on the mat on my bottom.

Bella



I liked high jump because you can land on your bum. I liked long jump because you can run up so far and jump.

By Ivey



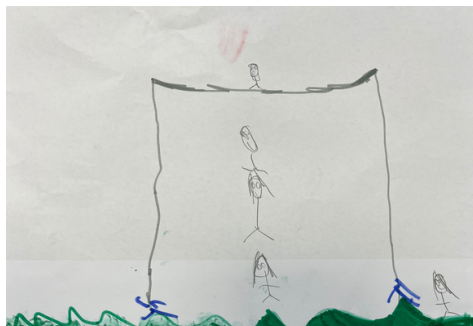
I loved running. I won both of the running races.

Clara



I liked jumping over the pole because I liked landing on the mat.

Kaius



I loved jumping over the high jump.

Ella



I liked the race because I was really fast.

Zari



I liked the high jump because I landed on the soft mat.

Grayson

BY MATAI HUB



# Waka Rererangi House Challenge

We had a whole lot of fun today creating paper planes in our house groups. Twenty minutes to make, 5 minutes to test and find the best 2 for each house to take to Sing and Celebrate for a “Fly Off”!!



There were some great designs, some awesome tuakana teina (little people getting supported by the bigger people) and some fabulous sportsmanship throughout the competition.



And the winning house was....

**RED - WHERO**

Thanks to Duncan Wagenaar for coming up with the idea and sharing it.