

20 Tapanui School Newsletter

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SING AND CELEBRATE AWARDS

Owen Masunu
AJ Mackay
Aiden Charls
Melody Munro
Oniru Kalugamage
Rylie Dissanayake
Ryleigh Harris
Marshall King
Portia Dono
Riley Collard
Annabel Stewart

Tino Pai Koutou!

ROAD SAFETY NOTICE

Please remember that school have issued every child with a Tapanui School **Hi-viz vest** to wear to and from school. It would be great to see more of our senior students being positive role models for our younger students by wearing theirs.

If you or your child is needing to **cross the road outside school**, please do so at the **bulbous curb**. This is particularly important after school when there is more traffic, including buses.

Thank you for your support in our efforts to keep everyone safe.



This terms review is now open.

Log in to your SchoolDocs site using these details:

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

username: tapanui

password: together

Go to "Current Review" and get started.

The Policies and supporting procedures that are being reviewed this term are all in the area of Health and Safety so please have your say.

- Bullying and Harassment
- Behaviour Management
- Searches, Surrender, and Retention of Property.
- Minimising Physical Restraint
- Stand-down, Suspension, and Exclusion
- Staff Wellbeing and Safety.

A message from Whaea Jane...



Kia ora koutou,

Well what a wild week of weather we've all had! We were very grateful for the wonderful adults we had on camp and the fabulous hosts at Camp Columba who looked after everyone so well through the state of emergency, power outages, fallen trees and challenging connection with the outside world. It truly was an adventure camp! There were lots of highlights and wonderful memories made. We know it has also been incredibly challenging particularly for those living more rurally with power out for longer periods, disrupting work and livelihoods for many. We hope that things are returning to a less stressful time and that the supports you need are in place. Please reach out if we can be helpful in any way.

Thank you for your understanding and support during the strike day and then, the day closed due to the impacts of the weather. Hopefully the spring weather calms and we can all enjoy some sunshine and calm over the next few weeks.

We have been really blessed to receive some resources from the Playcentre next door that has now formally closed. The students have really enjoyed the use of a couple more woodwork tables, some ride ons and sandpit toys.

Have a great week - Jane

IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM 4

WEEK 5

- 3 Nov - School counsellor on site
- 5 Nov - Sports Activator
- 6 Nov - BMC (Heather) visiting Y6
- 7 Nov - Whole School Assembly

WEEK 6

- 10 Nov - School counsellor on site
- 13 Nov - International Whānau Hui

WEEK 7

- 17 Nov - School counsellor on site
- 18 Nov - Quadrothon - Waiwera
- 19 Nov - Y6 Transition Day @ BMC

WEEK 8

- 24 Nov - School counsellor on site
- 26-28 Nov - REAP Swimming Lessons

WEEK 9

- 1 Dec - School counsellor on site
- 4-5 Dec - REAP Swimming Lessons

WEEK 10

- 8 Dec - School counsellor on site
- 12 Dec - Prizegiving

WEEK 11

- 17 Dec - Term 4 Ends

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"Learning is a process
not an event."

Elliott Masie



IT'S TIME TO PLAY!

A massive thank you to the PTA, Board and all the many different funding agencies, local businesses, and labourers (young and old) who gave money, time, resource and hard labour to get this project completed. What a fabulous area! The PTA will put something out to our community in the near future thanking specific organisations for their generous contributions along with a date to formally open our new playground. The children are loving it!



Camp '26

Here are some quick reflections from some of the year 5's about a few of their adventurous experiences!

The food was amazing. Even with no power Ashley made some great food. Heating up the lasagne was creative but delicious.

Abseiling was exciting, scary and challenging all at the same time! Some of us got to do it on the cliff face but most of us did it on the high wall.

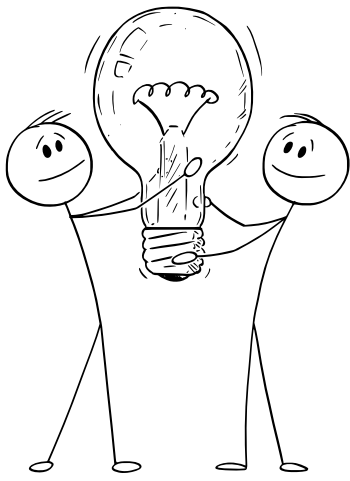
Archery was amazing and our parents picked up the rules around compound bows really fast. They taught us well and some people were lethal archers, getting bullseyes and shooting the deer (on a big poster!)

It was cool watching the wind and seeing the trees crack in the forest. Before we left we helped do a clean up of all the branches on the grass.

The zipline was awesome. I loved how it was fast and fun. The walk back was good exercise.

THANK YOU ASHLEY, ANT, PAUL, BEN, BRADEN, JOHN, AND MONIQUE FOR HELPING AT CAMP! IT WAS AWESOME!





YEAR 5

student led inquiry



At the woodworking benches they are learning the importance of the builder's mantra, "measure twice, cut once!"

Perseverance in action as they sawed through the wood and collaborated and problem solved together. We discussed the impact of friction on different surfaces and some solutions for reducing friction.



A group is exploring the process of playwriting and growing in their knowledge and skills of drama.



Learning about the qualities of clay. Supporting and teaching one another to make a pinch pot. Exploring the use of different tools for models.

Do you have any old wheels at home that could be repurposed for go carts and/or other inventions?



Peer Mediators



*Out to lend
a hand to
those in
need.*



*This great bunch of year
3 and 4 students have
volunteered to give up a
break time to support
their junior peers.*

*They help resolve minor
disputes or disagreements by
having a restorative
conversation with those
in need.*



*They talk about what has
happened, what both sides
are feeling and what the
next steps are.*



*We have been
so impressed with
how responsible
they have been.*

Guidance following increased national risk of measles

The Ministry of Education have asked us to share the following update regarding the increased national risk of measles.

Measles is circulating in NZ and is very contagious. There is now measles in Northland, Auckland, Manawatu, Nelson and Wellington, and further cases are expected across New Zealand.

Watch out for symptoms – fever, cough, runny nose, sore eyes, and a blotchy rash. Anyone with measles symptoms must stay at home and should seek urgent advice by ringing their doctor or Healthline on 0800 611 116.

Anyone who is closely exposed to a measles case must stay at home. Health New Zealand will provide individuals with advice on a case-by-case basis (including when they can leave quarantine at home). Health New Zealand is actively working with the schools that currently have measles cases.

People are considered immune to measles after having two doses of a measles vaccine from 12 months or older, or if you have had measles before. Anyone born between 1969 and 2004 may have only received one vaccine dose and might not be fully protected. It's safe to get extra doses. A free vaccine can be booked online or via the Vaccination Helpline on 0800 28 29 26.

We encourage families and whānau to check your own and your child/childrens' immunisation status.

Young scientists in action at BMC



Today the science club children went to BMC to take part in fun experiments seeing what happens when different materials react with each other. Observations and explosions kept our young scientists on their toes.



INTERNATIONAL

whānau hui



5:30pm

Thursday 13th November

The whole family is welcome!

Bring some food to share that reflects a culture you connect with.

Hopefully some children will be able to come along to share some cultural items. If your family have something special you could share from your culture we'd love this to be a safe space to share also - a song or a dance? Let us know.

***Let's come together to celebrate the year
and the wide range of ethnicities and cultures
we represent.***

