

20 Tapanui School Newsletter

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TEACHING TEAM

2024

We are delighted to share with you some news about our teaching team for 2024. Many of you will know that Whaea Rebekah Stuart has been on maternity leave for 2023. At Rebekah's request, the Board have granted Rebekah extended leave for another year as she invests her time into being a fabulous mum to her little one. She may pop in from time to time but we continue to support her in pursuing her vital role as Mum and hold her position open at Tapanui School for another year.

An appointments committee have been busy working through a rigorous process to fill this fixed term position and also fill two permanent teaching positions that are available for 2024.

It is with absolute pleasure that I share with you that the Board have offered the permanent positions to Kaitlyn Roughan and Renee Horne and the fixed term position to Ellyce Kristel. These young women will join Maxine to form the key teaching team across four classrooms next year. Information about who will be in which classroom will be published at the end of the year.

It is great to have some consistency in our staff and we're excited about planning collaboratively and creating exciting learning spaces and programmes for your tamariki.

Please join us in congratulating these young women.



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IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM 4

Week 5: 6 - 10 November

Wed - Animal Mufti Day!

- House Challenge

Thur - Y6 mtg with Lindy and Heather from BMC

Friday - Whole School Assembly

Week 6: 13 - 17 November

Monday - Sports Activator

Thursday - Orientation Day @ BMC

Week 7: 20 - 24 November

Monday: TOD - NO SCHOOL

Thur/Fri: Craft Days

Week 8: 27 - 1 December

Wed - Sports Activator

- International Extravaganza!

Thur/Fri: Craft Days

Week 9: 4 - 8 December

Mon - Fri - REAP Swimming lessons

Week 10: 11 - 15 December

Mon - Thu - REAP Swimming lessons

Friday - End of Year Prize Giving

Monday 18 Dec final tidy up day

Kia ora whānau!

Well I don't know where this term is disappearing to but I feel like I've blinked and we're almost half way through the term! I'm so grateful for people in my world who remind me to stop and keep the most important things, the most important things.

it's exciting to hear that the community swimming pool is now open! Be sure to head to the Public Library to get your own key for the summer. Normally we do our formal swimming lessons with REAP at the start of the year but we have asked to do them at the end this year. Although the end of the year is always busy we are hoping this will help teachers get into routines at the start of the year with greater ease. It also makes more sense to learn about water safety before children enjoy a summer holiday around water! This is a compulsory part of our curriculum so please ensure your children have togs every day for these lessons in the last 2 weeks of school.

Ngā mihi, Jane

Thank you

Thanks to Justin Cronin for coming to the rescue with a foam gun when the new windows were getting installed at the School House! You saved the job getting delayed!

**WHAT A FABULOUS
COMMUNITY WE LIVE IN!**



Huge thanks to Tessa and James from our local 4 Square for partnering with us to provide some basic food for lunches for those children who just need a little bit extra! There is a Tapanui School Lunch account set up at the 4 Square now so if anyone wants to donate a few dollars into it as they're doing their shopping they can. This will go towards buying spreads, bread, butter etc to ensure all our children have healthy lunch options. The fruit the 4 Square Team are donating is getting devoured! Thank you.

Who reached 100mins on Steps Web this week?

Bella J, Brian, Clara, Harper O,
Jay, Hugo, Kate, Leanna,
Leiana, Liam, Luka, Marshall,
Mathew, McKenzie, Natalia,
Sebastian, Siddartha, Sophie,
Talita, Tilly M, Tom M, Zeb

Tino pai korua!

Student Leaders in the community

On Monday a group of student leaders from the Community Kapahaka Roopu (including our very own Bruce and Bonnie) went to Alexandra to share their knowledge with ngā tamariki I raro I te kōrowai o Dunstan Kāhui Ako.

The group ran 3 different workshops for 2 hours with 20 tamariki.

The workshops included The Patere 'Ka haere te ata', and two different Māori games called 'Kei a wai' (Who has it?)

Whaea Jaki was super impressed with her whole team of leaders. It was an awesome day with loads of learning and some great sharing from each of the leaders.

Ka pai koutou!



JAR OF AWESOME

Spot the children who have been noticed going above and beyond this week. Tino pai - What a great start to the term!



CRAFT DAYS

Tapanui School Craft Days

- Thur/Fri 23/24 Nov

- Thur/Fri 30 Nov/1 Dec

Help needed



Do you have any of these things which are needed for Craft activities with Tapanui and Heriot school children during November.

Please drop them into Idealprint.

If you would like to be involved, for a day or part of a day, we would love to hear from you. It will run smoothly if we can get 24 helpers each day. Craft days are held over 8 days spread throughout November - 4 days in Heriot and 4 days in Tapanui For more info, contact Gloria 0272 355 165 Thank you

Things needed

- Jars - 1 litre capacity, with lids. Glass or plastic.
- Boxes with detachable lids, like shoe boxes. Need box AND lid. Any size.
- Jigsaw puzzles you no longer want. Can have pieces missing.(Gluing them to balloons)
- Cardboard cylinders (inners of paper towels, toilet rolls etc) Any length or diameter.
- Old sheets that can be cut into long strips.

ANIMAL MUFTI DAY

Dress up as your favourite animal

Wednesday 8 Nov

Each family is asked to bring some pet food as a donation to the SPCA



PTA NEWS



Help fill me up!

Please drop items for the Christmas wheelbarrow to the school office by Thursday 16th November. Any non perishable items are welcome, no alcohol please.

We've got an exciting fundraiser in the pipeline. A huge thanks to Lochiel Trailers, West Otago on Farm Servicing, Dwains Service Centre, Blue Mountain Nurseries, Ant Wallace Building and Campbell Dairy Ltd for their support with this.

9th Dec

We've got a bake sale in Gore - donations gratefully received.

6th Dec

Baking working bee to prepare items for bake sale.



SchoolDocs

Policies and Procedures

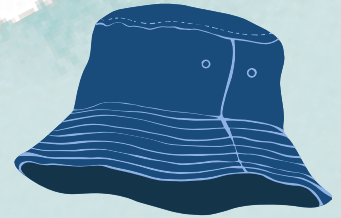
We invite you to visit the site at
<https://tapanui.schooldocs.co.nz>.

Our username is "tapanui" and password "together".

Go to the Current Review tab and take part in this term's review.

If you don't have access or can't use the online review platform please make contact with Robyn and she can provide paper copies.

Be involved in this term's review...



reminders



All library books to be returned by the end of next week please for a stock take

Great to see so many children remembering to wear their sunhat everyday!!



Rainbow Run

11 NOVEMBER, 2023 | 11AM START
BALCLUTHA | CENTENNIAL PARK

5KM FUN RUN/WALK
SPOT PRIZES



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