

# 20 Tapanui School Newsletter

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## Connecting with Community

This week we've had some special guests in to share their thoughts about community...Libby Mariu, Kylie King, Rocco Beneke, Margie Rea, and Barbara Hanna. Some of our seniors have also been out and about interviewing some of the locals down the street. Hopefully you have all received a questionnaire from your child's class for them to interview you, a grandparent or a neighbour to grow the information we have.



**Here are some of the key takeaways so far from the Year 5 and 6 class ...**

*"We are really lucky in Tapanui to have such great services like the fire brigade, the swimming pool, the library and so much more - they're all really important."*

*"We grow our community by being friendly and by being positive about it and encouraging people to come."*

*"The most important thing in a community is that we care about each other and love one another."*

*"To volunteer means to give without expecting anything in return, it often involves sacrifice, it's something you choose to do without being told and it's focused on other people not ourselves. People feel really good when they volunteer and can see that it helps and encourages people"*

*"A really simple thing we can do to contribute to our community is smile and say hello to people when we walk down the street."*

*"Lots of people talked about 'giving back to our community'...this means that as we reflect on all that our community has given us, it makes us want to give to others, to make our community even better..."*

*We've started to make a list of ways we can give back to our community*

- community rubbish pick up
- tree planting
- visiting Ribbonwood
- random acts of kindness
- acting with kindness, respect and thoughtfulness in our community
- give a smile and a wave
- thank you and appreciation cards
- singing for the RSA
- mufti day to support different groups

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## IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM 2

### WEEK 8

18 June - Whānau Hui

### WEEK 9

26 June - Sports Activator

27 June - Mauri Ora Matariki

28 June - Matariki SCHOOL CLOSED

### WEEK 10

2 July - Board Meeting

5 July - Whole School Assembly

Term 2 Ends

**Term 3 Starts on Monday 22 July**

### WEEK 1

25-26 July - Life Education visit

### WEEK 2

3 Way Interviews - Days TBC

### WEEK 5

5 July - Whole School Assembly

### WEEK 6

26 Aug - Mīharo Murihiku Polyfest

### WEEK 9

School production performances

## Kia ora Whānau!

This week has been busy not just with a normal routines of reading, writing and maths each day but also with getting out and connecting with our community. You can read more on the front page of the newsletter but also in the Blue Mountain Express next week! It really is pretty special to be part of such an awesome community. We have a great team, working hard to grow amazing citizens who want to contribute to one another's success, not just look out for themselves.

I've had the privilege of doing four days teaching this week - it really is great to be part of the teaching team on occasion.

Many of our staff attended a first aid course this week to keep this qualification up to date. Maxine has also begun working with a literacy specialist from the Ministry of Education on an accelerated literacy programme. Next week we also have an expert from CORE Education coming to work one on one with each teacher through the day. Our teachers are often investing into their own learning to improve our school or their teaching practice.

Looking forward to seeing you all at the whānau hui on Tuesday night...I know these things are just "something else" to put on the calendar, but as we've been learning about community, we've been reminded how important gathering together and building relationship is.

Have a restful weekend.

Jane.

So many wonderful images of Tapanui School being a great community as we set up, ran and enjoyed the cross country/fun run event today! Thanks to everyone - children, parents and staff for being such a great team! Here are some pictures of the fun run!



Save the date...

# WHĀNAU HUI

**Tuesday 18 June @ 5:30pm**



The 3 R's have long been known as what's most important when it comes to schooling - **Reading, wRiting and aRithmetic!**

We're also learning that there are another 3 R's that are really important to be able to live successfully in community?

**Next clue for the 3 R's competition...**

**They are words that describe things we need to do to positively to solve relational problems in our community.**

What's your guess?

Come along and put your guess in the draw to win!

A fun night out with the family with some of our Play is the Way games to play - bring a plate of food to share.

*"Children are not a distraction from the most important work...  
they are the most important work"*

*C. S. Lewis*

**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

*Review* ★  
**OPEN**

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 21 June.**

# Tapanui School CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS

What a fabulous afternoon today at our own Cross Country event. We saw some great perseverance, tuakana teina (older ones encouraging younger ones) and lots of smiles. Thanks to all the parents who came along to support and help with marshalling. Apologies for the muddy clothes but we had a lot of fun!

## 5 yr old girls

1st Penelope Beamsley

## 6 yr old girls

1st Ayla Aitken

2nd Ashidhi Bogala-Arachchillage

3rd Pixie Swney

## 7 yr old girls

1st Mila Potta

2nd Clara Halder

3rd Zari Beamsley

## 8 yr old girls

1st Talita van Rooyen

2nd Harper Smith

## 9 yr old girls

1st Mckenzie Wallace

2nd Annabel Stewart

3rd Tilly McCall

## 10 yr old girls

1st Charlie Roulston

2nd Tilly Templeton

3rd Kate Hartshorne

## 11 yr old girls

1st Bella Jane

2nd Mckenna Chambers

## 6 yr old boys

1st Jonty McCall

2nd Ethan Campbell

3rd Djason Collard

## 7 yr old boys

1st Hugo Wagenaar

2nd Austin Lavender

3rd Declan Cowie

## 8 yr old boys

1st Owen Masunu

2nd Brookie Templeton

3rd Binuka Kalugamage

## 9 yr old boys

1st Marshall King

2nd Zeb Potts

3rd Fearghas Broome

## 10 yr old boys

1st Koby Joyce

2nd Mitchell Stiven

3rd Riley Collard

## 11 yr old boys

1st Oliver Heiss

2nd Novak Melhuish

3rd David Daianu



Poumāhaka Kāhui Ako students present

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# Mauri Bra Matariki

THURSDAY 27TH JUNE

WEST OTAGO COMMUNITY CENTRE GYM

We invite you to join us for mihi whakatau and shared kai at **11:50am** followed by Kapa Haka performances from 1pm by all of our local schools and early childhood centres.

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NATIVE PLANTING CEREMONY  
**FRIDAY 28 JUNE 2024 10AM**

Waikaka School will lead the Matariki native planting and chair placement at Park Hill Domain. They would love for you to join them.

WEST  
OTAGO  
THEATRICAL  
SOCIETY  
PRODUCTION OF



TICKETS  
AVAILABLE FROM  
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AND IDEAL PRINT

Disney and CAMERON MACKINTOSH:

# MARY POPPINS

THE BROADWAY MUSICAL

A Musical based on the stories of  
P.L. Travers and the Walt Disney Film

29-30 JUNE | 3-6 JULY 2024

*Original Music and Lyrics by*  
Richard M. Sherman and Robert B. Sherman  
*Book by* Julian Fellowes  
*New Songs and Additional Music and Lyrics by*  
George Stiles and Anthony Drewe  
Licensed exclusively by Music Theatre International (Australasia).

Tapanui School got to host some of the production crew from Mary Poppins last weekend as they worked on some 'magic' for the show. Team work makes the dream work!

Be sure to get your tickets to come and see our very own Principal and Board Presiding Member take the stage!

**A great family show.**

**Congratulations to...**  
**Mataio Masunu**  
**Annabel Stewart**  
**Nixon Waitokia**

They have all won free tickets to the Mary Poppins show for them and an adult through their amazing entries in the kite competition!



**FRIDAY 28<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2024**

**FREE ENTRY**

- **LIVE STAGE ENTERTAINMENT**
- **DISPLAYS**
- **FOOD VENDORS AVAILABLE**
- **LASER LIGHT SHOW!!**

**Southern Field Days  
site - Waimumu  
575 Waimumu Road, Gore**

**Come & experience our  
uniquely NZ festival  
1:00pm - 7:30pm**

# Māruawai MATAARIKI CELEBRATION

This event is brought to you by the Matariki Committee, Lower Mataura Valley Community of Learning Kāhui Ako, Pomāhaka Community of Learning Kāhui Ako, Gore and Districts Community of Learning Kāhui Ako.

This event is supported and made possible by the following generous organisations:



# KĀHUI WHETŪ

FREE

THURSDAY  
27 JUNE

5:00PM - 9:00PM  
GORE GARDENS

*Between Ardwick Street & Fairfield Street*

*Come and enjoy the Matariki festivities!*

**LIGHT SHOW ★ FACE PAINTING  
FOOD TRUCKS**

*(Kāhui - cluster,  
Whetū - stars)*

*Meaning a constellation, Kāhui Whetū  
refers to the stars as a gathering of the  
people of the land.*

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