

20 Tapanui School Newsletter

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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.

Sausage Sizzle on Athletics Day. \$3 each. Preorders would be greatly appreciated.

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.

Top Tips for Toothbrushing!

How much Toothpaste?



0-6 years old,
use **a half pea**
sized amount



6+ years old,
use **a small pea**
sized amount

Brush twice a day, in the **morning** and especially at **night before bed**.

Spit out toothpaste but **leave mouth unrinsed** as fluoride left on your child's teeth helps to keep them strong



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Kia ora whānau!

I've had the privilege of teaching in the senior class this week for 3 days and I have really enjoyed my time. It's great to see them stepping up, showing courage in their own learning as they try new things and encouraging each other in their learning. I see an empathy developing which is really exciting and makes me incredibly proud.

We have had our newly appointed PAL's get some training at Heriot on Thursday along with students from Heriot and Waikaka. Read all about it in our newsletter and find out who our PAL's are for 2024.

Thanks to all those who came along to the Whānau Hui. It was great to see Mum's, Dad's, Grandads and siblings come along with our students to connect. Hopefully you all found out a little bit more about our focus for the year and how you can support at home. The tamariki closed the evening with a wonderful rendition of "Copy me Cat" that we've been learning at Sing and Celebrate.

Please make sure you read the information about the Athletics Sports coming up on Thursday.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM 1

WEEK 4

19 Feb - Sports Activator

20 Feb - Board meeting

22 Feb - Athletics Day

WEEK 5

27 Feb - South Otago Swim Champs

1 March - Whole School Assembly

WEEK 6

4 March - Sports Activator

5 March - PALS Training #2

7 March - Eastern Athletics

8 March - Board Training

3 Way Interviews *Date to be confirmed*

Below I have included some information supplied by ERO (Education Review Office) about the work they are doing with us over the next 3 years and the review approach they are using. We are looking forward to having an ERO partner work with us over the next 3 years to help us develop our practice and reach our goals.

The PTA are having their AGM on the 26th so please consider coming to join them or, at the least, support the different fundraising events they run. We really want to see this playground come to life and the funds raised last year are getting us ever closer to seeing it happen. Team work makes the dream work.

Kia pai tō rā whakatā - Have a great weekend.
Jane

Education Review Office Information

Te Ara Huarau is the evaluation approach that the Education Review Office (ERO) is using in our school. This is a developmental approach to evaluation where ERO and our school work together over time rather than one off review that happened previously. Te Ara Huarau is used in most English-medium state and state-integrated schools.

ERO maintains a regular review programme to evaluate and report on the education and care of young people in the schools. Our school worked alongside ERO to write our Profile Report. This type of report will only happen once as part of our initial engagement with Te Ara Huarau. The profile report reflects our strategic goals and a shared evaluation focus on one or more areas that are important to us as we work together to improve outcomes for all our learners. ERO, like us, has a strong focus on equity and excellence. Future reporting will show our progress and achievement towards meeting the goals we have set. Public reports like the Profile Report are published on [ERO's website](#).

A Board Assurance Report that shows how we are meeting regulatory and legislative Requirements has also been published.

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



Thanks to all those who came along on Thursday night. Teachers will be sending out a class newsletter next week to share things you might want to know about the classroom programme, routines and expectation. They might also share how you can help at home.

WHĀNAU HUI



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

Highlight Reel of the Week...



Some awesome collaborative, magical play after some rain...where did the bubbles come from?



One of our young leaders stepping into the imaginary play, inspiring younger students.



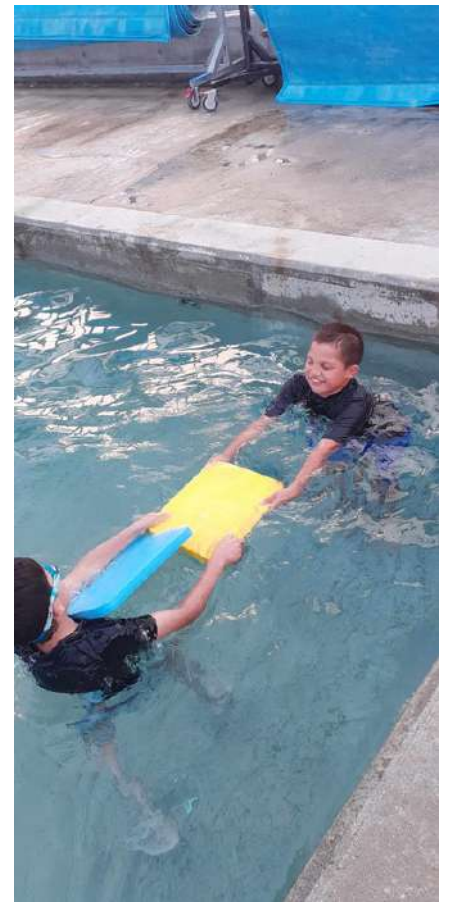
Under a tree on a rainy day building a fire with not a match in sight...It's amazing what you can imagine with a bit of dust!



A few of our newly trained PAL's putting some of their training into action adapting a game to include a younger student in a senior game.

The teachers reliving some athletics days of their own and learning some new skills along the way with expert athletics coach Chris Knight.





Children showing bravery in the water and building confidence every day.



We are super excited to have Whaea Jaki and Whaea Ashlee supporting the teachers in developing our te reo Māori programme on Tuesday's that started this week along with Kapahaka. It was great to see so many seniors taking up this opportunity.



Spot the leaders who see a need, and with genuine empathy, humility and respect they step in. Building relationship, showing value to others and putting others before themselves.



Working with Juniors

Tuakana Teina

Today the seniors went down to the juniors to help them gather some data about how the seniors get to school. The juniors used this data to compare with the data they had collected about their own class earlier in the week.

We found out that the juniors mostly come to school by car and the seniors mostly come to school by bus. We thought this might be because more seniors live out in the country and more of the juniors might live in town.

This sounds like another statistical investigation!



Here are some reflections from the seniors after working with the juniors. This was part of our writing practice as we talked about complete and incomplete sentences, compound sentences and conjunctions ‘because, but, so’.

Working with juniors is fun **but** sometimes it is a little bit frustrating. Leiana

Working with juniors is hard **so** you have to be patient and slow. Eliza

Working with juniors is fun **because** I help them work. David

Working with juniors is amazing **because** they can be really creative. Isabel

Working with juniors is fun **so** I hope we do it again. Mack

Working with juniors is easy **because** we get to play games together. Riley

Working with juniors is fun **because** we work together. Leanna

Working with juniors is very cool **but** some of them can be annoying. Mathew

Working with juniors is hard **so** I find solutions like getting help to make it easier.

Novak

NEWLY ELECTED... PALS FOR 2024

Asha, Koby, Mack, Josh, Kate, Leiana, Bella,
Tilly, Isabel, Annabel, Charlie, Bonnie, Riley

PALS TRAINING DAY



On Thursday we went to Heriot with Waikaka and Heriot. Together we learnt about games that we can teach to our peers at school. We also learnt about adapting and modifying games so they can be more inclusive. We had lots of fun and are excited to bring these games back to school.



‘We played heaps of games and learnt how to run a successful pals game at school’ -
Asha

‘We learnt how to help people with disabilities and how to change the game so they have a fair chance’ - Bella

‘It was amazing because we played and learnt new games to bring back to school’ -
Isabel

‘It was fun because we got to play heaps of games’ - Mack



SPORT



Touch Rugby - we are super excited to be able to offer a Touch team for all those children who registered. We have done this by combining forces with Heriot, Waikaka, Pukerau and Te Tipua! A notice will come home early next week with details!

Athletics - See all the information you need on the next page! All children involved - happening on Thursday down at the Blue Mountain College Grounds.

Swimming



The Tapanui School Swim Team at the West Otago Swimming Sports

Well done to those children who challenged themselves to have a go at our West Otago Swimming Sports.

Keep an eye out for this event next year as we look to adapt it to include younger students with some width races as well!

Congratulations to the children who made it into the South Otago Swimming Champs.

Mitchell, Novak, Charlie, Harper, Asha, Koby and McKenzie

Cricket - we all enjoyed a cricket session with Jack today. It's not too late to register if your child is interested.



ORGANISATION FOR WEST OTAGO ATHLETIC SPORTS

Thursday 22 February 2024

This year there will be a combined Junior and Senior athletics programme.

Postponement Friday 23 February or next fine day.

Venue Blue Mountain College Sports Grounds. Children go straight to the grounds - don't come to school first. Buses will drop children off at BMC and they can walk around the College grounds by the tennis courts to the assembly point on the main field.

Students Assemble 8.30 am for students competing in the 1500m event. 9.00am for all other students. All events start at 9.20am.

Events 9 & 10 year olds take part in 2 Sprints, long jump, high jump, shot put, nerf throw and discus. 9 & 10 year olds may choose whether they take part in the 1500m and 800m races at 8:30am and 10:50am respectively.

Events 7 & 8 year olds take part in 2 Sprints, nerf throw, long jump, high jump, shot put and discus.

Events 5 & 6 year olds take part in long jump, high jump, shot put, nerf throw, discus, 60m sprint and fun runs if time allows (sack, egg and spoon).

Ages as at 31 December 2023.

Controllers Colin McHutchon

Lunch Break Lunch will be between 12.40 and 1.15pm approx. If children are not back in time for the next event they will miss out.

Barbecue Lunch Tapanui PTA will be running a BBQ Lunch this year, Sausages \$3. A pre-order form will be coming home soon to help the PTA with catering. Coffee Can will be on site throughout the day.

Weather Conditions If the weather is doubtful parents will need to listen to 'Hokonui Gold' radio on Thursday morning to hear a cancellation. We will also publish on Skool Loop and Facebook.

General

- Children must remain at each event until the hooter sounds for them to go to the next station.
- Remember the day could be sunny or cold. Please ensure your child has their sunhat, sunblock and a full drink bottle with their nutritious lunch etc.
- Following the last of their events children will be free to go home with parents if they are at the sports or will return to their school after athletics with a teacher and wait at school until 3pm. 5 & 6 year old events finish at lunch so they have the choice to go home with parents at this time.
- High Jump - scissor technique to be used unless the Fosbury Flop has been coached by trained personnel ie Gore Athletics Club - in this case a signed note to be supplied.

(These are the same rules used at Eastern Athletics) If a note is received the thick mat will be arranged. Please send this to school if this relates to your child.

- Please remember that the grounds are smoke and vape free, complaints to be addressed to the Principals, not people running each event.

ORDER OF EVENTS Times are only approximate and may well change on the day.

Age	8.30	9.00	9.20	9.50	10.20	10.50	11.10	11.40	12.10	12.40	1.15
5			Nerf Throw	Shot Put	Long Jump	BREAK	High Jump	Discus	Sprints 60m		
6			Shot Put	Long Jump	High Jump	BREAK	Discus	Sprints 60m	Nerf Throw		
7		A S S E M B L E	Long Jump	High Jump	Discus	BREAK	Sprints 60/100m	Nerf Throw	Shot Put	L U N C H	Sprint Finals
8	High Jump		Discus	Sprints 60/100m	BREAK	Nerf Throw	Shot Put	Long Jump	Sprint Finals		
9	1500m		Discus	Sprints 100/200m	Nerf Throw	800m	Shot Put	Long Jump	High Jump		Sprint Finals
10	1500m		Sprints 100/200m	Nerf Throw	Shot Put	800m	Long Jump	High Jump	Discus		Sprint Finals

ORDER OF SPRINT FINALS

200m 10 & 9 Yrs
60m 8 & 7 Yrs
100m 9, 8, 7, 10 Yrs

If you're watching your child at an event, please offer to help either measure, collect the shot/discus once thrown or rake the bit. You may not be needed but the offer of help is really appreciated all the same.

The aim of the day is to encourage each child to participate and compete to the best of their ability.