

20 Tapanui School Newsletter

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Kia ora, Kumasta, Namaste, Āyubōwan, Talofa, Satasrī akāla, Halo, Hallo, G'day and Greetings to all those represented at Tapanui School! ★

We have had another busy couple of weeks of learning and growing. I had the privilege of teaching in the Year ¾ class this week and witnessed some fabulous conversations about perseverance and doing things that are tricky. This was reinforced by the chapter book they were reading, the NED resilience show and also by a fabulous image on their wall representing different zones of learning. As parents this image could be really useful as we teach and train our young ones to not just settle for the easy road. There's very little growth in regularly doing easy things. We also don't grow well when we feel overwhelm when things are chaotic, way out of our ability or create huge amounts of fear/anxiety. We can cope with this for a little bit but it's not good to stay in that state for long periods. We want to try and encourage our children into the "Stretch Zone" as often as we can. What does this look like...

- not doing things for our children that they are capable of - raising the bar of expectation and having consequences that are clear and consistent when they choose to settle for the easy,
- challenging them with tasks where they're not just consumers but creators - creating involves a lot more thinking than consuming,
- involving them in the mundane and monotonous chores - this builds resilience and perseverance when it comes to having to practice tasks that are tricky.

Well done to Mckenzie, Portia and Talita who braved the weather last Saturday at Southland Athletics. You represented Eastern well!

This week we received some new hi vis vests that have been purchased and printed through sponsorship from Earnslaw One to a value of \$1050. Health and Safety is important to them in the forest and they also recognise the importance of Health and Safety for our children travelling to and from school. This is not just a good idea - it's part of our Health and Safety policy at Tapanui School. Please ensure your children make this a priority every day. A massive thank you to Earnslaw One for this generous donation. Thanks also to Sassy Advertising for getting them printed so quickly! Have a great week.

Jane

IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM 1

WEEK 9

2 April - Sports Activator

3 April - Board Meeting

WEEK 10

8 April - GRIP Leadership Day (Year 6)

9 April - Farm Safety Day (whole school)

10 April - Whole School Assembly

- End of Term 1

11 April - Teacher Only Day

SCHOOL CLOSED

TERM 2

28 April - TERM 2 STARTS

- Mihi whakatau

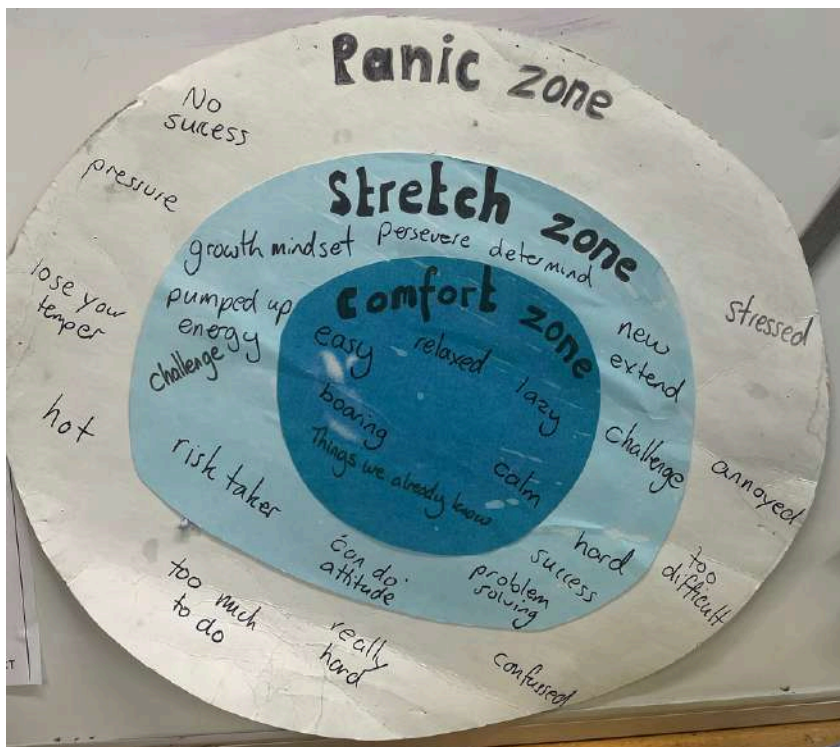
- Playground Opening!

STUDENT GOALS

TEAM TALK
KORERO WHĀNAU

Thanks for coming to these last week. We hope you found these as valuable as the teachers. Your child's goals are currently being uploaded onto Hero so we can post pictures, videos, and updates as to how they are progressing towards them through the year. Please know that you can make a time with your child's teacher at any stage through the year for an adult conversation but also with your child if that's what you would prefer. More whole school scheduled Team Talks will happen early Term 3 when the mid year reports come home.

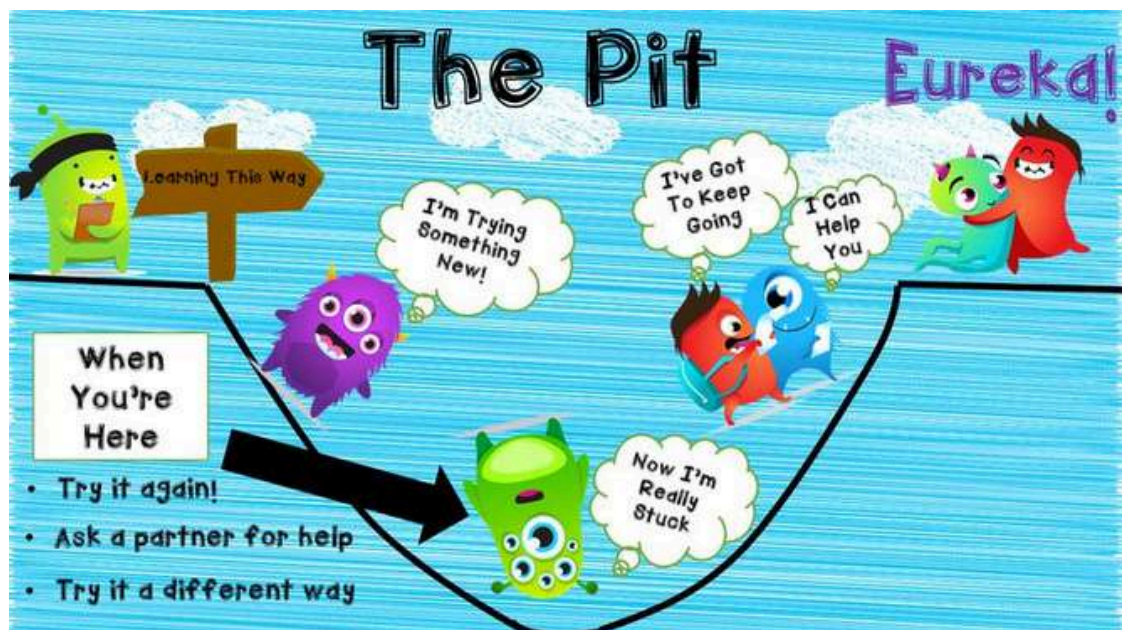
TOGETHER WE LEARN AND GROW!



Let's learn to enjoy the "Stretch Zone" or another way to look at it is "The Learning Pit".

Learning doesn't always happen in a straight line! It's full of ups and downs - times when things feel easy and times when it's hard. To learn something new we need to be willing to move into the pit/stretch zone to reach new heights.

This involves a whole lot of different skills and a mindset/attitude ready for the challenge. When your child is struggling with a goal, it might be a mindset, attitude or a strategy that needs a tweak.



WAKA CHALLENGE THIS WEEK

This week Tilly and Koby, the Red Waka Leaders, organised an Inchworm game as the Waka Challenge. What a great opportunity for tuakana teina (older students helping younger students).

And the winning Waka was...

WHERO WAKA

Special shout out to the Green House for their amazing team work!



CELEBRATING OUR CHAMPIONS THIS WEEK

This week we based our awards on NED's 3 keys for being champions...

- **Never Give Up**
- **Encourage Others**
- **Do Your Best**

Here are the champions we celebrated today...

Arvay Mclean
Rosalie Seed
Eva Woodham
Binuka Kalugamage

Shanarrah Balloch-McFarlane
Brian Montejo
Riley Collard
Annabel Stewart

IMPORTANT NOTIFICATION

There will be a

TEACHER ONLY DAY

FRIDAY 11 APRIL

(last day of Term).

Term 1 will finish for students on Thursday 10 April.

This day has been provided by the Ministry of Education to equip and give teachers time and space to become familiar with the new maths curriculum. This will be a TOD across the Poumahaka Kāhui Ako Schools (Waikaka School, Waikoikoi School, Blue Mountain College and Tapanui School)



Ned's message is:

**Never give up.
Encourage others.
Do your best.**

At the Ned show on Wednesday, we learned some crazy new yoyo tricks. Three of our favourites were: the shooting star, the Eiffel tower and the United Kingdom's flag. Ned taught us about always doing your best and never giving up because if you keep on trying you can get better at the thing you want to get better at. Tons of people have bought yoyo's and are learning to do tricks. In Tui class, many of us have been trying to learn how to do one of the most popular tricks called the DNA. You need a special yoyo to do that one properly.

We think this is a great message and if everyone did this at our school, it would be awesome!

By Zeb, Aarav and Duncan



HEALTH AND SAFETY



Fire Evacuation Drill - Today we had a Fire Drill in the lunch break. The children and teachers were super fast at getting assembled and checked off at the courts (our evacuation point) completing the process in under 2 minutes!

If there was a real emergency - fire, earthquake, serious flooding, etc we would be sending a text alert out via Hero. Please follow the instructions within that text as to the timing or necessity for collecting your children. Hopefully we never had to use it but the earthquake tremor we had earlier this week is a friendly reminder to be prepared!

Reviewing current contact details - Next week we will be asking you to check that your contact details and emergency contact details are correct in case we need to get in touch. Please return this information promptly.



Hefting is seeing what item is lighter or heavier.

- Arawa



A pencil is lighter than me.

-Binisha



An ice cream is lighter than me.

-Dahliah



Kererū Maths



We have been learning about 'hefting'. Do you know what hefting is? Come talk to Kererū to find out!



A chair is heavier than me.

-Arvay

A table is heavier than me.

-Henry



A crayon is lighter than me.

-Sienna



A cow is heavier than me.

-Vader

