



## Newsletter No 22

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Tena koutou katoa,

Welcome back to school after the COVID Lockdown. We are now at Level 2 which means extra attention to cleanliness and the routines of washing our hands, using sanitizer, face masks for visitors and social distancing where we can. Thank you for working with us with these imposed routines and changes. Students were generally very pleased and excited to be back at school yesterday for the first time in just over 3 weeks. No doubt all of you at home are also grateful of some more normal routines as well. We especially welcome Owen and Luka to Tapanui School.

In the last newsletter, nearly a month ago now, I shared our graduate profile and what we're aiming for in terms of the growth and development of your children. I was reading a short excerpt from 'Creative by Nature' and the authors have five character strengths that they say are most likely to lead to a satisfying life. I thought about families in lockdown, how we respond to change and then about our Graduate Profile. Here are the five strengths. I think they are complementary to our goals for student growth:

**Hope** - expecting the best in the future and working to achieve it

**Zest** - approaching life with optimism and energy; feeling alive and motivated

**Gratitude** - being aware of and thankful for the good things that happen

**Love** - valuing close relations with others, in particular those in which sharing and caring are reciprocated

**Curiosity** - taking an interest in ongoing experiences for its own sake; exploring and discovering.

(Park, Peterson & Seligman, 2004).

It seems that virtues of the heart are more closely associated with life satisfaction than the virtues of the head.

Have a great weekend and if you're off skiing, have a wonderful time!

Nga mihi.

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## Writing Samples from Tui Caregroup (written before Lockdown)

### Persuasive Writing à 'Should everyone move to NZ', by Samuel.

Everyone should not move to New Zealand. I am going to talk to you about habitats, because if everyone moved to New Zealand there would be no space for trees and farms. If there were no farms, there would be no food. Can you imagine a few billion people living here instead of a few million? New Zealand would be such a crowded place!

Another factor is COVID-19. New Zealand would have far too many COVID cases and many people would probably die. Is this the place you'd want to live in?

Finally, there is the issue of pollution. I have already proved to you that too many people would not be good for New Zealand. Our country would become extremely polluted if everyone moved to New Zealand!

In summary, let's keep some space for New Zealand habitats and farms. Let's keep COVID out and let's reduce the potential for more pollution. Everyone should NOT move to New Zealand.



### Persuasive Writing à 'Should everyone move to NZ', by Kushaan.

Everyone should not move to New Zealand!

Firstly, if everyone moved to New Zealand, COVID-19 cases would rise and the so called 'COVID free land' would be the centre of the pandemic!

If everyone moved to New Zealand pollution would be a major problem, which in turn would ruin our pristine environment. This would have a massive impact on us all. New Zealand would become over-populated if everyone moved here. There would be no land to grow vegetables or space to grow farm animals.

Finally, crime would increase and no one feels sure, or safe in a country full of crime!

In conclusion everyone should not move to New Zealand. We don't need COVID. We don't need any more pollution and we sure don't need any more crime!

**MINIBALL** start delayed to Term 4 due to Covid 19 Level 2 requirements

**BUS LIST** if your child's regular after school activity has been affected by Level 2 requirements please advise the school office so the bus list can be updated.  
If you collect your child after school please ensure this is noted on the bus list as PU.

**PTA FUNDRAISER—MAKIKIHI FRIES**

Order forms have been sent home today. Orders close Friday 24th September for a 30 September delivery. Please send order forms to the school office.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

|            |                              |
|------------|------------------------------|
| Wed 28 Sep | BOT Meeting 5.30pm           |
| Fri 1 Oct  | School Photos                |
|            | Whole School Assembly 2.15PM |
|            | Last Day of Term 3           |

**MacBook Airs and Mini Ipads  
for sale**

Tapanui School has the following second hand devices for sale. Please contact the school office  
If interested in purchasing.

Ipad Mini 32 gb 4 for sale - 3 years old \$150

**PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE IN THE FIRST INSTANCE FOR THE  
FOLLOWING;**

**ABSENTEES** - Notifying the office can be done in several ways, Phone—2048614, Email—office@tapanui.school.nz or in the School App (skool loop) there is an absentee page that has school contact details and you can phone, text or email via this app. The office will then pass information onto your childs' homeroom teacher.

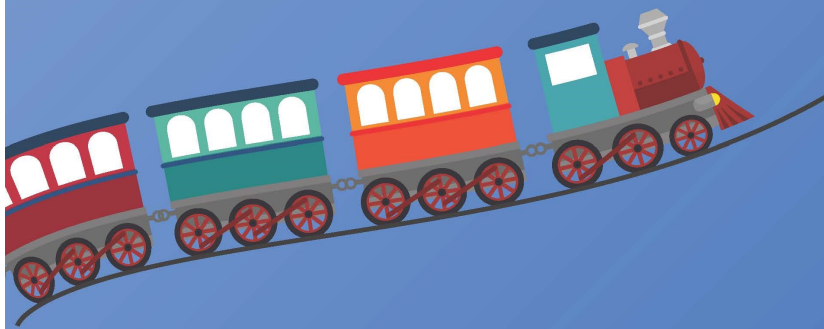
When leaving a message by phone, text or email, please provide the reason for being absent eg sick, doctor, holiday, Kip McGrath, bereavement etc as this information is recorded.

**ARRIVING AT SCHOOL AFTER 9AM** - Please report to us at the office if children arrive at school late so rolls can be updated and we can account for their whereabouts.

# Have you downloaded our school app yet?



Our school app ensures excellent and reliable communication between our school and parents at all times!



## Full Speed Ahead!

### Helpful Features:

- Parent-teacher interviews
- Push-notifications
- Absentee reporting
- Notices
- Calendar
- Permission slips
- Newsletters
- Contact tracing
- School contacts

