

Tapanui School

Newsletter #9 - 1 April 2022

What's coming up?

- 6 April - BOT meeting
- 7 April - Sports Activator
PTA AGM meeting 7pm
- 14 April - Whole School Assembly
Term 1 ends (Thursday)
- 19 April - Dental Bus starts
work in Tapanui
- 2 May - Term 2 starts
PTA Quiz 7:30pm

Kia ora whanau,

This week has seen a slow return of many students with now only 10 active student/staff cases. The number of students having to isolate as household contacts are lessening now which is awesome. We continue to maintain our hygiene practices and appreciate your support. Even if your child has had COVID it is important for them to also continue these practices eg mask wearing (for year 4 and up) and hand washing, as there are still many who have not had it. The school now has a supply of RAT tests supplied by the MOE for the purposes of our school community. Please let us know if you need one.

I have been so impressed with the Student Council as we have discussed different aspects of their vision of making Tapanui School great. They are really taking their responsibility seriously as they seek to influence playground behaviour with organising games at lunchtimes and are motivated to do something positive with the senior playground – especially the fort which has been standing for over 40 years. This is a huge project and vision in the making, If you've ever been to the school playground, you would agree, parts of it look very tired. If you can think of something you could do to support their vision please contact the school and we will pass this on to the Student Council.

It's great to see so many young people out and about after school on bikes and scooters utilising the school grounds to be active and outdoors. If your student is one of them please encourage them to treat it with respect, keep it tidy and use the equipment and environment for the purposes it has been created for and encourage others to do the same. We hope that the Critical Capabilities we are growing across our Kahui Ako in home and school would be outworked in our community after school also.

Have a restful weekend. Kia kaha e te whānau.
Noho ora mai – Stay well!

Jane



Parenting Tip #8

**Let children deal with discomfort!
They are not made of china!**

If you want a great, easy to read parenting book, google "Children aren't made of China" by Wilson McCaskill. It's not expensive and has some easy, ready to use ideas. If you can't afford it the school have a few copies available for loan.

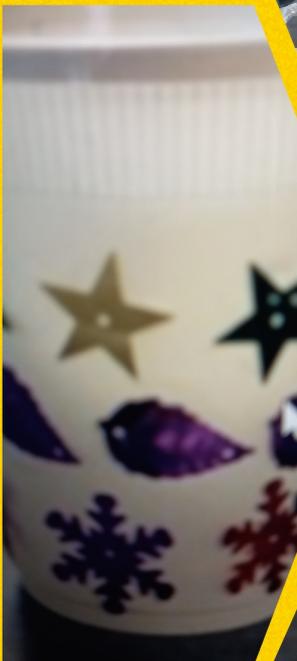
This week in Play is the Way we have been unpacking our third key concept. It teaches us that...

"It takes great strength to be sensible"

This is all about growing character strength over physical strength. We are encouraging children to make strong decisions rather than weak ones. Weak ones are decisions they haven't taken the time to think about or train good habits in. I wonder how you might be able to reinforce this at home?



A mammoth effort this week exploring some algebra in maths. Repeating, sequencing, increasing and decreasing patterns whilst exploring different rules and materials. A whole lot of fun!



PTA NEWS

QUIZ

Come and support the PTA Quiz at the Town and Country Club
Monday 2 May @ 7:30pm
First Day back of Term 2!

The PTA needs you....

We are a small group of parents dedicated to improving our school and fundraising to better serve our children's time at Tapanui Primary School.

Every year the PTA work with the School to enhance our children's time at the school and provide additional support and activities for the kids. Fundraising throughout the year provides much needed financial support in these challenging times and the PTA also brings additional educational and social activities such as Pet Day, School disco and other exciting extras for the kids.

If you have a bit of free time, an exciting idea or any other contribution then you are very welcome to come and join us on this ongoing, rewarding adventure. Small commitments can provide big rewards for our children's education. Take that small step and help make our school community even better.

**See you at the next meeting...
7th April @ 7pm, The Blue Room**

Please have all Hot Cross Bun orders to school by Monday. Thank you.

Tapanui School PTA



STUDENT COUNCIL Update!

Hi Parents and Guardians,
Thank you for supporting our Term 1 Mufti Day for the Food Bank. We got a lot of food! We're really pleased that lots of people in our community will have some of their needs met because of our schools generosity.
Thank you again
Tayla Masunu
Chairperson - Student Council

CRITICAL CAPABILITIES

ACTIVELY INVOLVED

- I know what I'm good at, what others are good at and respect that
- I manage my actions and emotions and begin to take responsibility for them
- I can look after my gear and manage my time
- I can work together in a group and support others
- I stand up for other people; make choices about whether I can help or I need to get extra help

Where do you see your child displaying these capabilities?

Where might they need to practice them?



working together to grow...

confident, connected, actively involved, life long learners