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We live in a busy world where often both parents are employed in work outside the home on a full time basis. As parents and teachers we understand this, however, there are some routines that are important to maintain in order to provide a solid foundation for the learning of our children.

Reading with our children is one of these and ten minutes a day can have an amazing impact on their future learning. This can be spent reading to the children, listening to them read or reading with them - taking turns at reading parts of the text. Young children do this well when they remember and repeat familiar parts of the text e.g. "Little Pig, Little Pig, let me come in".

Help your child become a reader. Reading with them fosters a love of reading and helps them to develop their literacy skills. Books contain words and exposure to these words builds their knowledge and understanding of language. Reading allows them to exercise their imagination by stimulating it and expanding their understanding of the world. It particularly stimulates the part of the brain that allows them to understand language. The children develop their own language as a result and have a greater understanding of the written word. Reading also allows children to develop empathy with characters and understand and relate to the emotions that the characters show in the story line.

Create a reading culture at home. If children are read to, they read more. Ensure that they have access to books. We have a well stocked library at school which the children borrow material from usually on a weekly basis. They are free to bring these books home. Tapanui has a well resourced Public Library which has free membership for local residents. Very young children can have their own library card with which to borrow books. Let your child see the adults around them reading, showing that reading is part of everyday life. If you have a second language in the home, this is equally beneficial to be used with reading material.

The educational benefits of reading with your child were highlighted in a paper presented by the UK Educational Standards Research Team in 2012. They say that reading attainment and writing ability are higher in children who have been read to. They also state that these children have a better text comprehension and understanding of grammar. Their breadth of vocab is wider and this builds self confidence in the child. All in all the child gets a positive attitude to reading and builds a pleasure in reading that will remain in later life.

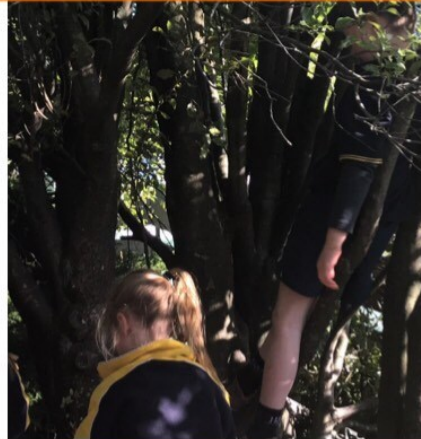
As a final thought, the OECD reported in 2002 that 'reading for enjoyment is more important for a child's educational success than the socio-economic advantages of a family.' Are you reading to your child today?

Jill Crow
Deputy Principal

This term in Matai...



Building a house



Dramatic play



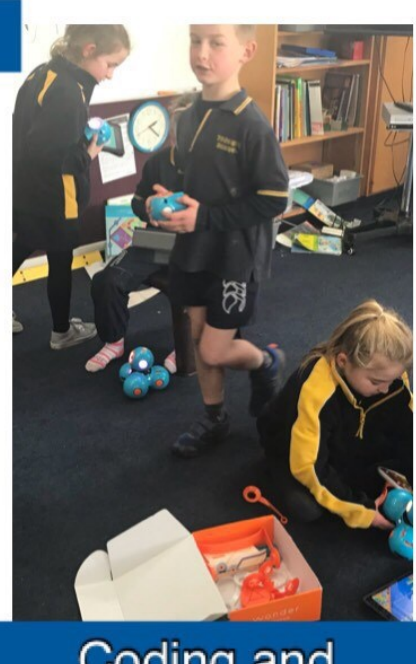
Being scientists.



Building and playing instruments



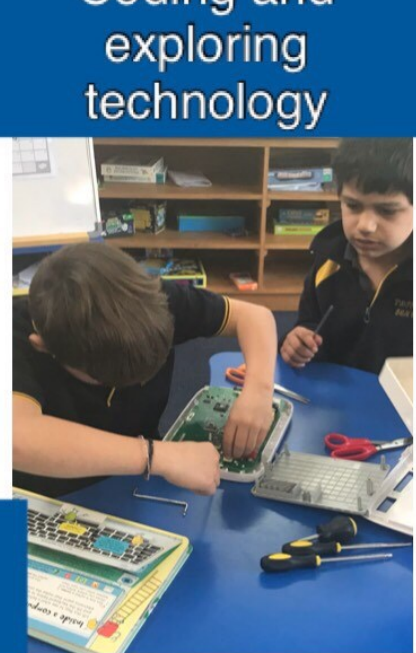
Fractions and time



Coding and exploring technology



Discovering friction and surface resistance



NZEI TE RIU ROA TEACHER STRIKE ACTION - Wednesday 15th August 2018

ABSENTEES You can advise the school in several ways if your child will be absent from school. Phone—2048614, Email—office@tapanui.school.nz or in the School App there is an absentee page that has school contact details and you can phone, text or email via this app.

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

BUS LISTS please ensure the bus list is updated with current after school activity. If you collect your child after school please ensure this is noted on the bus list as PU.

MESSAGES if there has been a change of plans for your child after school and/or a message needs to be given to your child you can do this in the following ways:

Up to 12.30pm email or phone,

After 12.30 pm phone only. Sonia is not in the office every afternoon and therefore emails or text may not be received after this time. Please leave a message on the phone when the answer machine clicks in. Messages are cleared each afternoon at the end of the school day.

SCHOLASTIC BOOKCLUB Issue 5 Orders close on Monday 13 August. If paying by cheque, please make out to Tapanui School.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wed 14 Aug	ICAS Maths
Wed 22 Aug	SO Cross Country
Fri 24 Aug	Whole School Assembly
Wed/Thur 19&20 Sept	School Production
Wed/Thur 26&27 Sept	Life Education Visit
Thurs 27 Sept	PTA Disco
Fri 28 Sept	Whole School Assembly
	Last Day of Term 3

<http://www.tapanuischool.nz>

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TOILET PAPER FUNDRAISER

48 rolls (400sheets per roll) for \$45. Individually wrapped, 2ply.
 Order forms have been sent home today. Orders close 20 August, please send order form and money into the school office.



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