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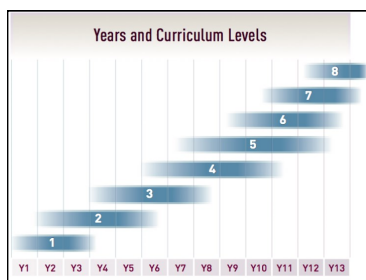
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For the last seven years schools have been mandated to report to parents, twice a year, against the government's National Standards. These standards assumed that children learn to read, write and do math in a similar pattern. Evidence has shown that learning does not happen in a straight line on a graph. It is a mixture of peaks, plateaux and troughs. For some children they will make great leaps forward, going back temporarily then making leaps forwards again. Some children will appear to sit at a given level for a very long time and then make rapid leaps forward. Others will steadily plod forwards in their learning, while some leap ahead. Learning happens at different speeds for different children.

The change of government last year has removed the National Standards. In its place is the requirement of reporting both achievement and progress in relation to the New Zealand Curriculum Levels. Teachers and schools are returning to reporting on a child's progress, using formative assessment (observation, discussion, class work) and some summative (testing) results to form an overall teacher judgement (OTJ).

At the time of its inception, the curriculum was highly regarded throughout the world because it allowed communities to drive a content relevant to their children, their needs and interests. Levels



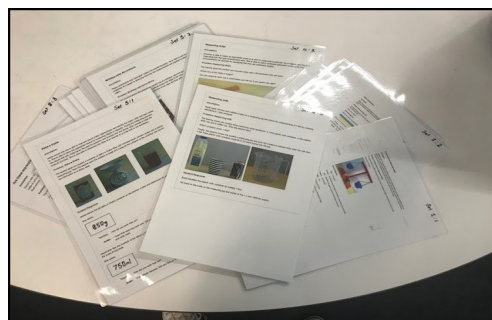
flowed across several year ranges. Level 2 - is seen in learners from Year 2 to Year 6 but is typically children in Years 3 and 4. Although we are no longer reporting against the National Standards, using the New Zealand Curriculum, we will continue to assess and monitor your child's progress, identifying students who need additional support to extend or support their learning.

Your child's report will focus on what they have achieved and what they need to do next.

Supporting this emphasis is the continued development of Learning Progressions by the Ministry of Education. These first emerged for literacy in 2007. Currently progressions have been developed in Reading, Writing and Mathematics with plans announced to include current areas of government interest - science and digital literacy.

Tapanui Staff are designing a new report format for use this year. We are now required to report on all curriculum areas twice a year. It is possible that the format will include more written commentary than previously.

Consultation with a representative sample of parents over the report format will take place and it is likely that some tweaking will occur after the reports due in July.



The Learning Progressions for Measurement.

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UPCOMING EVENTS



Fri 23 Mar	School Swimming Carnival
Mon 26 Mar	Otago Anniversary—school closed
Tue-Thur 27-29 Mar	Rimu Camp
Fri 30 Mar	Good Friday—School Closed
Mon & Tues 2 & 3 Apr	Easter Monday & Tuesday- School Closed
Sat 7 Apr	Southland Athletics and Otago Swimming Champs
Wed 11 Apr	Whanau Hui 7.30pm
Fri 13 Apr	Whole School Assembly, End of Term 1

EASTERN SOUTHLAND ATHLETIC RESULTS Congratulations to everyone that competed on the day. Notices will be sent home next week to those students that have qualified to compete at the Southland Athletics. **Can all sports tops and tracksuits please be returned to school, unwashed on Monday.**

7 Yr Boys—Alex Kean 60m 3rd, 100m 2nd

8 Yr Girls- Emily Perry 100m 1st

8 Yr Boys—Harrison Ward 100m 4th

9 Yr Girls- Lily Turner 800m 3rd

9 Yr Boys- Jake Lindale Shot Put 3rd, Discus 3rd

10 Yr Girls—Leila Hill Shot Put 2nd, Discus 3rd



CYBER SAFETY FORMS YEAR 3 STUDENTS / NATIONAL YOUNG LEADERS DAY YEAR 6 STUDENTS Please return completed forms to the school office next week.

TAPANUI DAIRY LUNCH ORDERS Please notify the school if you order lunch for your child directly with the dairy and not via the order box at the school office. We can then let the lunch monitors know an order needs collected.

TAPANUI SCHOOL SWIMMING CARNIVAL FRIDAY 23 MARCH

Timetable

10am—11am Small Pool Programme starts
Sharing of basic skills and confidence in water, followed by novelty races.

11am-12pm Big Pool Swimming Programme starts.
(Students are in the big pool if their swimming lessons have been in the big pool)
Freestyle, backstroke and breaststroke 25m and width races followed by novelty races

PTA

AGM—Wednesday 23 March 7.30pm, Tapanui School Blue Meeting Room. Everyone welcome. It would be great to see some new faces.

FUNDRAISING

WRAP/FOIL/BAKING PAPER Order forms have been sent home today and close on Monday 9 April. Please send orders with money into the school office. Cheques to be written out to the Tapanui School PTA.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS Information will be sent home next week.

MERINO TOP

A Merino Jersey Top has been added to the school uniform as an OPTIONAL item.

Samples for sizing are now available at the school office.

Cost is \$80 and they will have the school monogram as per the current polar fleece and polo shirt.

This will be the only order, ordering is not available throughout the year.

Please order and pay at the school office.



West Otago Club Soccer Registration

Registration and fun soccer days to be held on March 29th and April 5th. To be held at the Blue Mountain College Grounds in Tapanui from 3.30 - 4.30.



All registrations need to be in by 5pm on April 5th as this is when I have to enter teams into the competition

Any queries or early registrations to please contact Angela on 2076880 or 0272764105

THE SKOOL LOOP APP

We have made some changes to the Skool Loop App

When you next take a look at your school app it will ask you to download the new version.

If you have an opportunity please also let your school parents know to download the new version.

Any issues you have at all please phone us and we can help immediately!

0800 238 379



Eastern Southland Football Have a go Day!!

Get in to Football!!

We are nearing the start of the football season so come along and have some fun and even sign up for the season if you haven't already done so!

Come along to Hyde Park on Thursday the 22nd of March from 4:00pm-5:15pm for some great Football fun.

We will be bringing our Inflatable Dart board and Inflatable pitch along with some other great activities!

Register your interest now or just turn up on the day!!

DAY / TIME: Thursday 22nd of March, 4:00pm

LOCATION: Hyde Park, Gore

WHO: Children aged 4-10 Years old

