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Tapanui School Newsletter

Newsletter #29 - 1 November 2024

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Working Bee Wednesday 13 Nov



Digging sandpits
Moving soil and sand
Putting up shade sails



Weeding
Pruning
Garden edging
Water blasting
Fixing benches
clearing low gutters



Whānau Hui with a difference!

When everyone in the family pitches in, the jobs get done quickly and its heaps more fun! Come along any time from 4pm armed with anything you think might be useful! Sausage sizzle and hot chips to finish up!

Feel free to bring some kai to add to the table if you wish.

Tapanui School

Newsletter #28 - 18 October 2024

Kia ora whānau!

IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM 4

WEEK 4

- 5 Nov - Year 6 Wetlands Hui group
- Board Meeting
- 6 Nov - Mufti Day - Wheels Wednesday

WEEK 5

- 13 Nov - Sports Activator
- 14 Nov - Whole School Assembly
- 15 Nov - Teacher Only Day

WEEK 6

- 21 Nov - Y6 BMC Transition Day

WEEK 7

- 26 Nov - Launchpad Break up
- 28-29 Nov - Craft Days

WEEK 8

- 3 Dec - Pet Day
- 4 Dec - Sports Activator
- 5-6 Dec - Craft Days
- 5 Dec - Board Meeting

WEEK 9

- 9 - 12 Dec - REAP Swimming lessons
- 13 Dec - End of Year Prizegiving

WEEK 10

- 17 Dec - Final day of school

It was fabulous to be part of our Year 5/6 camp last week to Queenstown. The weather co-operated for the most part and the children (and adults) got to have some amazing experiences. The highlight for me was seeing the joy, amazement, satisfaction on children's faces when they experienced something new, completed something challenging but also just seeing them interact with the public in such respectful ways. Some of the children have put together a page for the newsletter with some of their highlights so be sure to check that out.

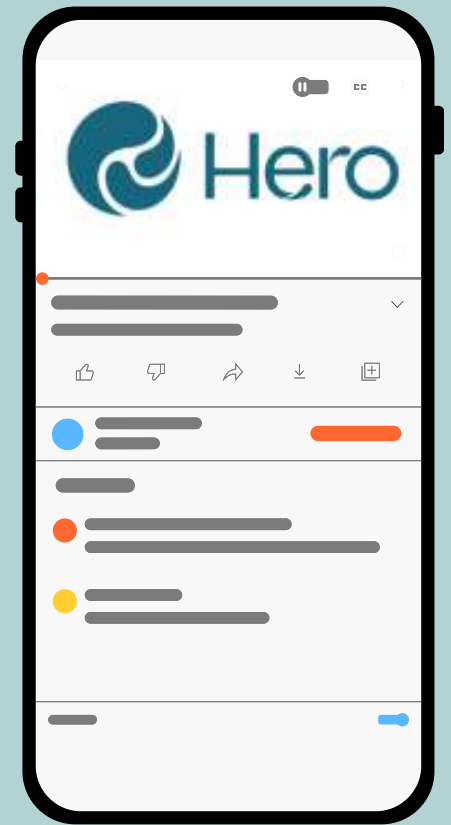
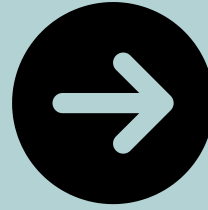
Over the last few weeks we have been researching into 4 different maths programmes that the Ministry of Education has nominated to fund for schools to use for the next 2 years. All of these programmes have been (or are currently being) aligned with the new curriculums for English and Maths that have just been finalised and sent out to schools on Thursday this week. It feels a little bit like the ship is built as its sailing along but we are doing due diligence to try and find the best programme for us here at Tapanui School. There are lots of things to consider but we are excited about what our maths programmes could look like for next year as we spend significant time now, and on our Teacher Only Day coming up diving deeper into the new curriculum to ensure your children get the very best education.

As it's Aotearoa Teacher Appreciation Day today we celebrate the amazing work our teachers do - their heart, passion, energy, and dedication to their work. It's been a challenging year with a lot of changes from the changing government that have been unsettling and, at times overwhelming. Our teachers have been steadfast through it all and remained positive and energised. Thank you team Jane



Have you downloaded the Hero app yet?

Do it NOW!



Download the Hero by LINC-ED app from the app store/play store.

Note: use the keywords Hero LINC-ED when searching for the app.

Remember to use the email address you have given the school when you log in

Well done to all those parents who have commented, liked or used the app already for putting in an absence!



CRAFT DAY HELPERS NEEDED

We have got some super cool craft and baking activities planned to do on the 28, 29 of Nov and 6 December. We have members of the community who are going to come and help but we'll still need some parents to help out too.

Please let us know if you think you could support a small group of children to make some awesome creations. We like to have at least 2 adults at each station so you won't be on your own! Members of the PTA are going to put on a morning tea and lunch for all the helpers. You don't have to think of the ideas or provide anything except your time and energy. Even if you can only help on one of the days...team work makes the dream work. Just let Robyn know if you can help and we'll be in touch.



SCHOOL PHOTOS



Access photos here: (this link was emailed to you on 16 October)

<https://natwick.queensberryworkspace.com/checkaccess/galleryslide/ZGVjZGxmAwpjLmqyAGxmLJMwZt%3D%3D/list>

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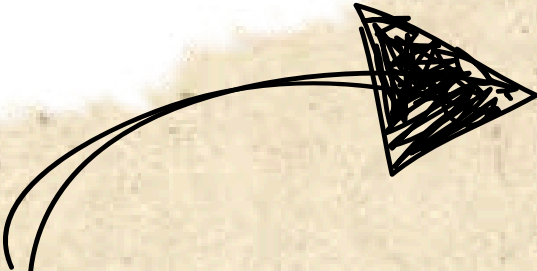
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Your password is the student's first name and surname with no spaces or special characters however it is case sensitive so please use capitals for the beginning of each name e.g.

NatashaOBrien

To be part of the bulk shipment to the school and to avoid paying postage, please place orders prior to 5pm on Friday 1st November 2024.

Teacher Only Day



Friday 15 November School is closed

The Ministry of Education has given all schools one Teacher Only Day this month to support us to become familiar with the new curriculum documents that have been developed and are expected to be implemented at the start of next year. These finalised documents were just released yesterday for Literacy and Maths so there is a lot for our teachers to digest. We appreciate this is not ideal for working families but hope that you will be able to make alternative plans on this day. Thank you.

Y5/6 Queenstown Camp

Last week the Year 5/6 students, along with Whaea Maxine, Whaea Jane, James, Monique, John and Ben embarked on an adventure to Queenstown. Here's part 1 of our 3 day journey written collaboratively by us all!

Fortunately, we got away on time and made it to the Earnslaw with time to spare.

Unfortunately, Mack vomitted in the car - poor Mack.

Fortunately, there were lots of things to distract us like a lady doing yoga in the park.

Unfortunately, we had to wait at the back of the queue to get on the Earnslaw.

Fortunately, we met some really interesting people while we waited and saw a fish!

Unfortunately, Thea left her camera at home.

Fortunately, Mack had his, so when we got on the boat, he got lots of snaps.

Unfortunately, it took a long time to get to Walter Peak Station and the wind was very strong.

Fortunately, it meant Charlie could do a great Titanic impression at the bow of the ship.

Unfortunately, we were all very hungry when we made it to land.

Fortunately, they presented us with a smorgasboard of delightful and delicious finger food....mmmmmm.

Unfortunately, there was a massive dust storm that got in our eyes.

Fortunately, we got into sheltered spots to feed some farm animals.

Unfortunately, the highland bull Dougal, had some unique table manners! Ugggh

Fortunately, Dougal had no top teeth so no-one lost an arm!

Unfortunately, a lamb got out.

Fortunately, Mia, the farm eye dog, was able to demonstrate her skills and the lamb was reunited with its mother.

Unfortunately, she also had a feisty group of sheep to muster for shearing that were difficult to move.





Fortunately, Kevin had some sheep he had prepared earlier in the pen, so his sheep shearing demonstration could still go ahead. **Unfortunately**, time went fast and it was time to go.

Fortunately, they let us take some wool from the shearing so Nixon now has enough for a pillow!

Unfortunately, there was a distinctive lanolin smell in some of the bunk rooms later that night!

Fortunately, we had a fabulous trip back to Queenstown on the Earnslaw even though it was running a bit late.

Unfortunately, Whaea Maxine and Whaea Jane got parking tickets because of this! (On reflection they should have paid for 5 hours rather than 4!)

Fortunately, this didn't stop us from heading to our camp at Lakeland Park.

Unfortunately, the traffic was horrendous - travelling as slow as a sloth!

Fortunately, once we made it past the Frankton roundabout, the traffic flowed smoothly and we were at camp in no time.

Unfortunately, the teachers made us go on a 1.5 hour walk around the peninsula.

Fortunately, the adults encouraged us on, and James and Riley set a great pace together at the front.

Unfortunately, there were 3 students at the back who were nicknamed (willingly) as the sloth, the monkey and the chameleon. The chameleon had a sudden burst of energy when it was mentioned the faster he walked the sooner he would be back at camp. He quickly disappeared into the distance!

Fortunately, no children were lost and we enjoyed some mouthwatering nachos for tea.

Unfortunately, the boys took a while to get to sleep.

Fortunately, the girls went to sleep a lot earlier.

A great first day!!!



Mufti Day and Wheels Wednesday



Bring your wheels to go flying around the course created by the student council.

6th November

Bring a gold coin donation



Don't forget your helmet

Organised by the
Tapanui Student
Council

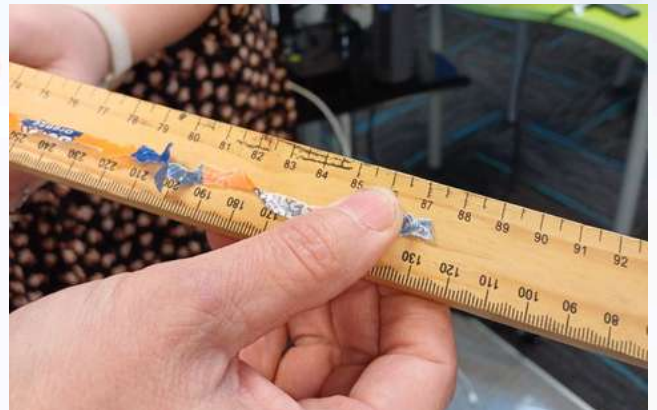
We are fundraising for the
**Westpac Rescue
Helicopters**



Congratulations to these super stars who received awards at Sing and Celebrate on Friday for things like achievement, bravery, kindness, supporting others, and leadership. What fabulous Tapanui School Citizens.

WAKA CHALLENGE

This afternoon Zeb and Bella, leaders of the Green Waka, led the school in a waka challenge. Each person got a lolly that they could eat but they had to try and rip their lolly wrapper into the longest strip.



And the winner was

kakariki waka

Bonnie managed to create a length 87cm long! Can you beat that??

