

20 Tapanui School Newsletter

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Mauri Ora Matariki - Thursday 27 June

All are welcome to come and join this awesome festival celebrating Matariki together with the Poumāhaka Kāhui Ako. Enjoy some kai and performances from schools, preschoolers, and kapahaka groups. Come along to the Community Centre at 11:50am.

Everyone is asked to bring along a plate of food from each family to share for lunch. Savoury is favoured over a whole lot of sweet food please.

Those children involved in Kapahaka will be provided with their kapahaka uniform next week but also need to wear a navy blue or black thermal top and girls can wear black tights under their skirts to keep warm. All other students are to wear the Tapanui School uniform.

Children can go home with parents after the event but we ask that you please let your child's teacher know.

REMINDER THAT FRIDAY IS MATARIKI - PUBLIC HOLIDAY - SCHOOL CLOSED

NEWS

PTA

Mauri Ora Matariki - 27 June

The PTA are again organising the food for the Mauri Ora Matariki festival. However, we do require a few extra helping hands on the day.

Since all families supply food, we just need a few hands to help put food on tables and pack up afterwards.

If you are available from 11.00am till 2pm then please come into the kitchen at the Community Centre and we will find you a job or text Vanessa on 0272042181

Many hands make light work. So even if it is just for half an hour we would greatly appreciate it.

Second Hand Uniform

Just reminder we have lots of second hand uniforms available.

Polar Fleece - Polo Tops - Shorts - Skorts

If you require any please contact the office.

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IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM 2

WEEK 9

26 June - Sports Activator
27 June - Mauri Ora Matariki
28 June - Matariki SCHOOL CLOSED

WEEK 10

2 July - Board Meeting
5 July - Whole School Assembly
Term 2 Ends

Term 3 Starts on Monday 22 July

WEEK 1

25-26 July - Life Education visit

WEEK 2

3 Way Interviews - Days TBC

WEEK 5

5 July - Whole School Assembly

WEEK 6

26 Aug - Mīharo Murihiku Polyfest

WEEK 9

School production performances

Kia ora Whānau!

It's been another busy week with our Whānau Hui on Tuesday, Professional Development for teachers through the day on Wednesday, preparations for our Matariki Celebration next week whilst keeping the solid reading, writing and maths programmes going.

The Whānau Hui was a real highlight this week. I think the best part was the simple act of coming together, sharing, laughing, seeing young and old interact together and gain a richer understanding of where we're heading together. This, I believe, is a picture of community in action. Thanks for being part of our Tapanui School community.

It's coming to that time of the year when the Ministry of Education looks at our roll numbers to start making decisions about staffing for next year. If you know of anyone in our community with preschoolers who would consider sending their child to Tapanui School, please encourage them to fill out a pre-enrolment form as this helps with numbers we can send to the Ministry. The most important thing we can all do is build positive relationships with people in our community and highlight all the great things happening at Tapanui School. This way people are more likely to feel like they already belong before they even arrive!

We absolutely love the community we serve and the people that make up our school community. Hopefully we have built a culture that, if there were any questions, concerns or highlights, you would feel happy to talk to the appropriate people.

It was great to have a couple of positive PTA members come in and chat with me about a disco that is being planned for early next term - watch this space. Thank you to our PTA who are always quietly working away in the background. We appreciate you. 😊

Information will be coming home next week about Team Talks (3 Way Interviews) happening in Week 2 next term on Wed and Thurs. Please ensure you book a time to come in with your child to celebrate the progress towards their goals and look forward to the rest of the year. Reports will be shared then.

Have a restful weekend, Jane

The statue of the son was made from pieces removed from the statue of the father, representing what parents do to build the lives of their children.



WHĀNAU HUI



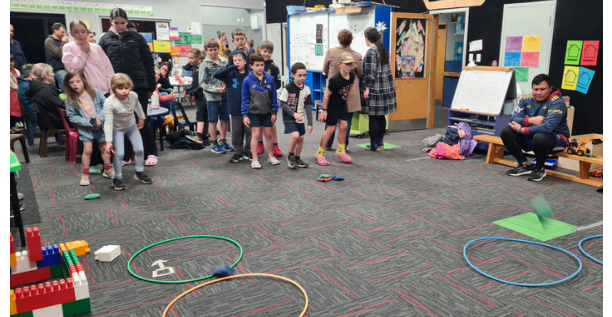
Check out some of the footage of our Whānau Hui this week...

What a fun night we had at our Whānau Hui on Tuesday evening. Thanks to all those who were able to make it and to those who sent their apologies in - totally understand its not always going to suit everyone. Just wanted to let you all know what the three R's are that we looked at that describe the process of working through challenges with other people

- Reflection
- Repair
- Restitution

This describes a Restorative Process that we are going to be developing at Tapanui School. This process supports children to recognise the impact their behaviour has had on other people, thinking about how to repair any damage done and then to bring restitution to any relationships so that we can continue to live and work together positively.

We also unpacked our school values and did a check in to ensure that these are still the most important things to us. We also looked at our Play is the Way Life Rafts and discussed how they support our school values. Playing some of the games that support this learning would have to be one of the highlights! There was a great feeling of community even though we didn't have everyone there - perhaps we can all bring another family with us for the next one!



Respect ... Excellence ... Equity ... Perseverance

PAL'S REPORT



We have been playing a lot of different games during morning tea times with the students who come to our games. There has been a great range of ages coming which has been awesome to see. It has been great to see these games being played when it hasn't been organised by the PAL's too.

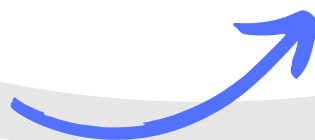


Some of our favourite games so far have been:

- Bench ball
- Paper, scissors, rock tag
- Dodge Ball
- Rob the nest
- Cops and Robbers



Here are your PAL's



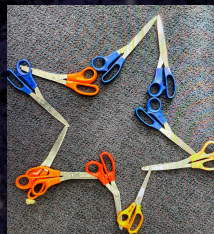
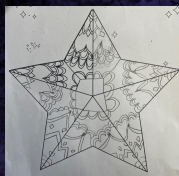
Matariki

LEARNING

This week across the school we have been learning about Matariki and the 9 stars in the cluster. Students have been learning that in Māori culture, each star has their own unique characteristics that are acknowledged and honoured. Students have been learning facts and designing their own stars to celebrate Matariki.



Check out Mataio's awesome Matariki mobile he made after interviewing people in our community about new things or things people were looking forward to. You can see it on display in the Tapanui Library.



Favourite facts:

- All the stars have a meaning.
- Matariki connects to the harvest of food.
- Hiwā-i-te-rangi is the youngest star.
- Pōhutukawa connects to those that have passed.
- Waitā connects to the ocean and all that lives in it.
- The tā in waitā means salt.
- The Matariki star symbolises hope, wellbeing and the gathering of people.





Writing in

Mohua



Over the past few weeks, Mohua has been learning about adjectives and how they can affect their writing and the impact they can have for the reader. This week we used a picture of a dinosaur and a girl to help prompt us with our thoughts and ideas.

The deadly dinosaur is huge and the dinosaur has sharp teeth. It is consuming the girl.

By Riley J

Once there was an abandoned little girl who found a tiny abandoned dinosaur and they grew up together. The brave girl and the dinosaur hunted for meat. They lived in a huge wooden tree house in the damp, dark forest.

By Evie

The wild girl has a pet dinosaur. She is trying to find food and she is riding on its back to keep safe from predators. The dinosaur speedily moves from side to side dodging the large trees.

While they were hunting, they were getting hunted by very sneaky hunters from Jurassic Park. So, they zoomed to their cave.

By Brookie



Once upon a time there was a little girl in the dark forest. She saw a dinosaur. She was scared. The girl went close to the scaly dino and realised the dino was kind. The dino and the girl sat together in the forest, it was actually quite comfy. The dino and the girl became bestfriends. As it was turning into autumn, the dino and the girl made a home somewhere cozy.

By Luka

Sing and Celebrate



Congratulations to these awesome Tapanui School Citizens who got awards today for demonstrating aspects of being “Ready, Respectful and Safe.”

WAKA CHALLENGE

Our Waka Leaders organised another challenge today with an all age variant of Netball!

And the winning waka was... **Kowhai Waka**



BUDDY READING



On Thursday afternoons Tui students are buddied up with someone from Piwakwaka or Kereru for some buddy reading time and to play some other learning games.



"I like buddy reading because I get to hang out my senior buddy."

"I like hanging out with Kereru and Tui because we get to do some learning together"



"I like buddy reading because I get to read my books to a senior and they read to me."

"I like the picture books that the seniors read to us"



"Thursdays are going to be my favourite because we get to show how good we are at reading"

"The senior buddies are really good at reading books to us"



Poumāhaka Kāhui Ako students present

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Mauri Bra Matariki

THURSDAY 27TH JUNE

WEST OTAGO COMMUNITY CENTRE GYM

We invite you to join us for mihi whakatau and shared kai at **11:50am** followed by Kapa Haka performances from 1pm by all of our local schools and early childhood centres.

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NATIVE PLANTING CEREMONY
FRIDAY 28 JUNE 2024 10AM

Waikaka School will lead the Matariki native planting and chair placement at Park Hill Domain. They would love for you to join them.

FRIDAY 28th JUNE 2024

FREE ENTRY

- **LIVE STAGE ENTERTAINMENT**
- **DISPLAYS**
- **FOOD VENDORS AVAILABLE**
- **LASER LIGHT SHOW!!**

**Southern Field Days
site - Waimumu
575 Waimumu Road, Gore**

**Come & experience our
uniquely NZ festival
1:00pm - 7:30pm**

Māruawai

MATAARIKI

CELEBRATION

This event is brought to you by the Matariki Committee, Lower Mataura Valley Community of Learning Kāhui Ako, Pomāhaka Community of Learning Kāhui Ako, Gore and Districts Community of Learning Kāhui Ako.

This event is supported and made possible by the following generous organisations:

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KĀHUI WHETŪ

FREE

THURSDAY
27 JUNE

5:00PM - 9:00PM
GORE GARDENS
Between Ardwick Street & Fairfield Street

Come and enjoy the Matariki festivities!

**LIGHT SHOW ★ FACE PAINTING
FOOD TRUCKS**

*(Kāhui - cluster,
Whetū - stars)*

*Meaning a constellation, Kāhui Whetū
refers to the stars as a gathering of the
people of the land.*

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