

# 20 Tapanui School Newsletter

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## TAPANUI SCHOOL

**Look who turned up at Tapanui School this week!**

Not only did we get to visit Harold in his truck and have him and Pip teach us all about food that fuels us, but Harold got out and about and even came to our school disco! Apparently he even visited the local 4 Square to pick up a yummy nutritious lunch!

Thanks so much to Rural Women NZ Moa Flat Branch for funding this programme to come to our school every year.



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Kia ora whānau!

Welcome to Term 3! It was lovely to be able to formally welcome some of our news students and their whānau from last term on Monday. We have since had one new student starting on Tuesday - welcome to Binisha and her family from Nepal. We hope you enjoy your connection with Tapanui School.

In the newsletter this week you can read an update about how show rehearsals have started...it's very exciting for everyone! We realise that we are coming into a busy season for farmers and understand that when we ask for help with things, work commitments will be a barrier. We do have lots of families who aren't involved in farming so hopefully as a community we'll be able to come together and put on a fabulous show. The greatest commitment from all parents will be to ensure their children are at the performances on the evenings of 11 and 12 September. Please try and make arrangements for these two evenings. Hopefully you'll all be able to free up at least one of those nights to come along yourselves - it's going to be great!

The teachers are looking forward to having our Team Talk conversations with you and your children next week. If you haven't already booked, there are still some spaces left. You can either book on Skool Loop or ring the school office early next week.

The teachers were busy over the holidays not only preparing programmes for the up and coming term but also attending some Professional Development in teaching Writing. This continues to build on the programmes already being delivered and develop consistency of language across the school.

Thanks to Jason Stuart for the work he and his family put in over the holidays to install 3 second hand whiteboard cupboards into the Rimu Hub. There have also been some busy members of the PTA working behind the scenes to put on the disco for our tamariki last night. What a fabulous evening! It's awesome to have some skilled and committed people willing to give up their time to help our school.

Have a great week - Jane

## IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM 2

### WEEK 2

31 July - 1 Aug - Team Talks

### WEEK 3

7 August - Sports Activator

### WEEK 5

20 Aug - Board Meeting

23 Aug - Whole School Assembly

### WEEK 6

26 Aug - Mīharo Murihiku Polyfest

28 Aug - Sports Activator

### WEEK 8

11 - 12 Sept - School Production

### WEEK 10

25 Sept - Sports Activator  
- Board Meeting

## The Paris 2024 Olympics are underway!

The teachers have some learning activities planned around the Olympics so children might be interested to keep up to date with different sports, medals won, good news stories that come out of it but also the geography of the different countries.





# UPDATES

We have hit the ground running with rehearsals this week and have Scene 1 (the longest scene) roughly set! The senior students who have had their scripts for the holidays have risen to the expectations of having many of their lines learnt which is testament to their work ethic, leadership and demonstration of our critical capabilities. Everyone is super excited as they learn more about their roles.

The Kereru class (Whaea Kaitlyn's class) have been learning about their role as apprentices to Lady Yoga..."Yes Ma'am, no ma'am, three bags full ma'am!"

Piwakawaka have been learning about their role as Diddly Squits from planet Oxy Moron! This has included some 'tediously wonderul' learning about what an oxy moron is. The Mohua team (Whaea Ellyce's class) are becoming familiar with their role as Racketeers and Trekkies...Let's just say you can't have Racketeers without talking about Wimbledon and you can't talk about Wimbledon without learning about the Wombles!

The seniors are enjoying growing their understanding of some of the comedy behind some of the lines they say - the links to Star Wars, Shakespeare, and the play on words used in some of their lines.

The teachers are starting to think about props and costumes so to the right is a preliminary list of some things we're looking for. If you think you might be able to help with providing any of these things or helping to make anything please let us know.

Steering Wheel

Feather Duster

Crystals

Old fashioned Drs medical bag

Fluffy dice

Large water gun

Giant tennis ball

Lightsabers

Are you a keen sewer who might have some time to offer to do some sewing for costumes? Ring the office and let us know!

**KEEP THIS DATE FREE!**  
**11 - 12 SEPTEMBER**



# LIFE EDUCATION

## Learning with Harold



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Kereu have been learning about healthy food with Harold. We loved going in the bus and meeting Harold for the first time. We thought he was so funny!

Here is some of our writing about Harold.



Harold popped up from his bed. - Djason

Harold popped up from his bedroom. - Jonty

I saw Harold and I liked when he was silly. - Ayla

I went to see Harold in the bus. I put grain on the wall. - Ivey

Harold could not put the fruit and veggies away by himself. I had to help him put the fruit and veggies away. - Pixie



Harold is funny! - Penelope

I went to see Harold. - Harper

Harold is eating his healthy lunch. - Xyrone

We also had a lesson with Piwakawaka. Here are some of the things we learnt together...



We learnt about some inside body parts with Harold and Pip.

We took an x-ray of Ayla's body so we could see the body parts inside us so we can learn about them. We could see Ayla's heart beat faster when she ran.

When you eat there is a wee thingy (oesophagus) that your food goes down into your stomach. Our food goes through the food factory (the intestines or as Harold calls it - the faece factory) and then it goes to the 'dump'. Our food also goes into our blood. We found out that if we could measure the length of Ayla's blood vessels it would be long enough to go around the world two and a half times!

We learnt about the healthy food we should eat every day. We got to look in the pantry to see food that we can eat sometimes. We learnt about different types of meat and fish. This is called protein. Protein is good for you. There are other types of food too like fruit, vege, grains and milky products. We got to stick different little plastic foods on the wall to sort them into different pantries. At the end we got to pack a healthy lunch for Jocko the monkey. We sang a song with Harold. It said "Get fit, stay healthy!" It was the best time ever!