

20 Tapanui School Newsletter

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MAURI ORA

Matariki

What a fabulous celebration of Matariki, art, kapahaka, community, te reo and te Ao Māori. A massive thank you to the PTA team who worked tirelessly in the kitchen, Whaea Jaki and Whaea Ashlee for your ongoing support with Kapahaka and to all of you who were able to come and enjoy it with us this afternoon. Have a wonderful Matariki Day tomorrow. Head on down to Waimumu for the Matariki celebrations if you're free.



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Kia ora whānau!

IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM 2

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
 26 July - Y5/6 movie with Harold
 26 July - School disco 5:30pm

WEEK 2

31 July - 1 Aug - Team Talks

WEEK 5

5 July - Whole School Assembly

WEEK 6

26 Aug - Mīharo Murihiku Polyfest

WEEK 9

School production performances TBC

Student absences

In New Zealand, learners are expected to attend school every day school is open. The Ministry of Education has established targets for school attendance and they have divided attendance rates into four categories. The 2024 target for schools is to have at least 70% of their students attending 90%+ of the time. Tapanui School currently has 63.4% of students attending 90%+ of the time for the year to date. We understand that this term has seen many children get numerous illnesses and we appreciate your support in keeping them home over these times so things have less chance of spreading. I did just want to draw your attention to the time that children miss for other reasons eg holidays, shopping days etc. The little chart at the bottom of this page might help to see the amount of school learning that can be missed if regular absence becomes an issue for your child. The following excerpt comes out of our school procedures...

"If there is a justified reason for absence (e.g. due to illness, a funeral or tangihanga, or other approved reason at the discretion of the school), the principal may allow a student to be absent from school for up to five days (Education and Training Act 2020, s 45). In the case of planned absences, requests must be made to the principal at least one week before the planned event. The principal has discretion to approve or deny requests, based on criteria including:

- the benefit to education for the student (including qualifications and experience of course providers as relevant)
- the length of time away from regular school programmes that the activity will require."

This isn't about wanting to be heavy handed...it's simply an act of courtesy to the school as we seek to provide the best learning for your child that we can, but it's also a requirement from the Ministry of Education.

Thanks to everyone who made the Mauri Ora Matariki event. I am feeling super proud of our tamariki.

Have a restful weekend,
 Jane

ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

Every Day Counts

1 or 2 days a week doesn't seem like much but ...

If your child misses ...	That equals...	Which is...	And over 13 years of schooling that's...
1 day every 2 weeks	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1.5 years of learning
1 day per week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2.5 years of learning
2 days per week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years of learning
3 days per week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years of learning

Celebrating Community Contribution



These two wonderful Tapanui School girls, Harper and Mckenzie, got noticed in our community helping the Fire Brigade over the weekend with their Food Bank run, collecting cans from people's letter boxes then packing them into boxes to support the local foodbank. They both have parents in the fire brigade so are growing up with a fabulous appreciation and awareness of what it means to contribute to their community.



We're looking forward to having Harold and Pip visit from the Life Education Trust in Week 1 next term. Our main focus across the school will be around nutrition and eating to fuel our bodies.

The Year 5 and 6's also have a very special treat on the Friday afternoon (July 26). Mack Stuart won a movie in the bus with Harold and his class at the Wanaka Show earlier in the year.



This means the Year 5 and 6's have been invited to a movie (yet to be decided) with Harold in his bus after school on July 26! As you will see on the next page, the PTA are organising a disco for that evening so it's set to be an exciting day! Please make sure you keep the date free!

More information about times and movie title will be coming out to the Year 5 and 6's as it comes to hand.

Magic Moves

DISCO

TAPANUI PTA
WARMLY INVITES
TAPANUI STUDENTS & PARENTS,

**DRESS UP AS YOUR FAVOURITE
CHARACTER**

FRIDAY 26TH JULY 2024

BMC HALL

5:30PM-7:30PM

\$3 ENTRY

(light meal & drinks + glowsticks provided)

Prizes to be
won!





On Monday, Tui Class did some science with a visitor named Mrs Burke. The experiment was making rockets with plastic bottles. We used baking soda and vinegar and when these are mixed together it makes a big chemical gas reaction. Of course, we could not mix them immediately because of the quick reaction so we had to wrap the baking soda in a thin paper towel and tie it up with string. Then we put 200mls of vinegar in the bottle. Finally we lowered the baking soda into the bottle keeping a little bit of string on the outside. Then it was time to put the rubber bung in (I got Mrs Burke to do mine). Now it was time for take off so I turned it upside down and shook it a few times and in a few seconds it was off. Mine flew off to the side and covered everyone in vinegar!

Tilly T

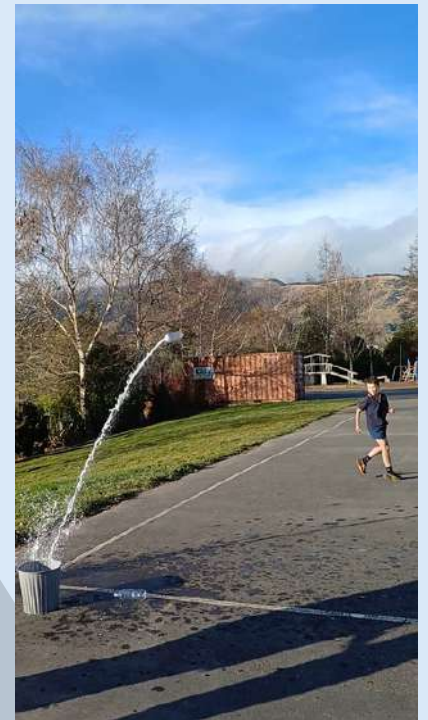


ROCKET SCIENCE IN TUI CLASS

A huge thank you to Mrs Burke for coming in and sharing her science knowledge with us!

On Monday the 24 of June, Mrs Burke came in from BMC to do a science experiment with Tui class to make a rocket. We used a plastic bottle, string, vinegar, baking soda and a very thin paper towel. We first put the baking soda onto a paper towel then rolled it up like a sausage and tied each end with the string. We went down to the courts and we put 200 ml of vinegar into a plastic bottle. We lowered the baking soda sausage into the bottle, held the string with our finger so the baking soda wouldn't touch the vinegar then we put a cork in as a stopper. The string had to be outside the bottle. We shook the bottle for eight seconds so the chemicals would react with each other. We put it into the rocket launcher that was made out of a cone and an ice cream pottle. It launched off into the bright blue sky.

Bella J



On Monday the 24th, Mrs Burke came to Tapanui school and worked on a science experiment with the Tui class. We made rockets! The main ingredients were vinegar and baking soda. The chemical reaction between the baking soda and the vinegar made a gas which caused the pressure inside the bottle to build up, causing the bottle to explode.

How to make one yourself.

First you get a paper towel then get some baking soda and put it on the paper towel and roll it up like a sausage. Next get a piece of string, tie each end of the sausage. Afterwards get a coke bottle and pour 150mls of vinegar into the bottle. Next put one end of the baking soda sausage into the bottle and hold the string, put the other end in holding half of the string out. Put a corkscrew on, don't force it, twist it. Use a flat cone and put the cone in an ice cream container. Shake the bottle hard eight times then put it upside down on the launcher and wait till bubbles form. The baking soda and the vinegar makes the gas. Then pop! It's gone, try and catch it.

Mitchell S



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:



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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