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Newsletter

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GOOD NEWS

STORIES

This week I have had multiple people come up to me and share wonderful examples of our children out in our community being incredible citizens. I want to share them with you so you can feel as proud of our school as I am.

I was so impressed as I watched a couple of the senior children when they were playing at the park with some younger students. The big boys were being so encouraging and making sure the little ones got a turn and even made it possible for them to score tries. What fantastic leadership.

Who was the person who put that lovely card in my letterbox last term that said "Thank you for being part of our community"? It made my day and I sent it all around the world to my family and friends. It was such a lovely thing to do. It made my day.

**It's
sometimes
the little
things...**

Last term, when I was having a bit of trouble getting my wheelie bin out to the gate, a boy from your school drove past on his bike and then stopped, came back, and offered to help. Whatever you're doing at Tapanui School keep doing it because your students are awesome!

When I was hobbling down the ramp at church on my walking stick a young boy leaving school for the day on his bike stopped and said "Excuse me, would you like some help". It was so kind.

**...that have the biggest
impact.**



Congratulations to these super stars who received awards at Sing and Celebrate on Friday for things like leadership, generosity, kindness, self management, hard work and positivity!

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Kia ora whānau!

IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM 4

WEEK 2

22 Oct - Junior Open Evening @ BMC
23 - 25 Oct - Y5/6 Camp - Queenstown
24 Oct - National Shake Out Day

WEEK 3

28 Oct - Labour Day - NO SCHOOL
30 Oct - Sports Activator
1 Nov - Play Week End - Chalk challenge

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

2 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

How nice to have a week with no rain! Hopefully those of you on farms are seeing some land dry up a little and the grass growing:)

We've had a really great first week back with lots of things happening including our Mihi whakatau, a trip to the park for the 2 junior classes and any y3-6 children who had their sunhats and vests, and cricket with Jack today. The adults have also had some added things on this week with our Teacher Aides attending some literacy professional development around handwriting and working with ESOL learners (English as a Second Oral Language), 3 of our teachers continuing with some online structured literacy learning afterschool, our teachers and some of our TA's attending a webinar around responding appropriately to sexualised play and behaviour through an organisation called STOP and of course we had the PTA meeting on Wednesday night! It truly is evidence that we are a team that learns and grows together as our vision says.

As we start this term we are ensuring all children have their hi viz vest and sunhat so please support us by helping your children get into a simple routine of putting these things in their bag at home so they don't get lost. A number of our seniors especially, have been given another vest, so if you find an extra at home please bring one back:) Here's hoping the sun keeps shining.

Jane

PTA

Huge thanks to the NZMCA (New Zealand Motorhome Caravan Association) for their \$3000 donation to the Playground Fund. The PTA hope to have some exciting playground news for you this term!

We are transferring from Skool Loop to Hero

Here's what you need to know...

Our subscription with Skool Loop ends at the end of this month so we will be starting to put notices, newsletters and celebrating student learning on our new platform called Hero. It's really important that you download the app so you don't miss out on any information as it comes to hand. You may already have received a link over the year to log in to Hero to view your school account. When you have the app, all the information will be in there. The app enables teachers, students, and families to view and share content anytime, anywhere on any device. The software is secure, easy to use and brings together all school-related information in one place.

We are excited about the features that Hero has to offer our families. These include the ability for parents and caregivers to...

- read and comment on posts relating to your child's learning,
- read and comment on school notices sent to the class or groups your child is part of,
- respond to school notices such as surveys and trip permission requests,
- view school term dates,
- view a school calendar of events,
- notify the school if your child is absent or late,
- navigate to other school-related webpages,
- customise your account by adding a profile image
- select how you wish to receive notifications

Over the term, staff and possibly students will also be posting content to our Hero software and we are looking forward to sharing this with you to include you in your child's learning journey.

These learning and celebration posts will develop over next year to also include curriculum information forming an online report designed to build year on year so that over time you will have access to written posts, images, video, work samples, and helpful resources all in one place.

Follow the information below and to the side to download the app. If you need any help contact Jane or your child's teacher.

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.



ENROLMENTS *2025*

We are coming to that end of the term where we are starting to think about classes for next year. It's helpful to know what children are going to be coming along through the year so we don't load up our junior classes too much. So...If you have, or know of, any children who are going to be turning 5 anytime from now until the end of 2025, or are going to be moving into the area through the year, can you please encourage them to go onto our school website and fill out an online enrolment form or pop in and see Robyn at the office. If you have friends who are still thinking about which school to send their children to next year, then be sure to give Tapanui School a positive shout out and encourage them to come and have a look for themselves. I hope you feel as proud of us as we do and have lots of positive things to say!

sunhat season



We're into Term 4 and big yellow in the sky has been out and about so...everyone needs to have their sunhats on during break times! Please ensure your child has a NAMED navy blue brimmed hat for wearing at school. Not caps. School also provides sunscreen but if your child has sensitive skin then please provide something suitable for your child.



SCHOOL PHOTOS



Exciting news, our school photos are now ready for viewing and ordering online. This year Nat has introduced a new system whereby families can view their children's photo with added privacy.

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

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

Your Student Name is:

TapanuiSchool24

Password:

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.**

If anyone needs assistance, please get in touch with me via email or phone. Evenings are best as I am out on shoots most days.

Warm regards,

Nat

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The video of Tapanui School's performance of 'Star Warts - The Umpire Strikes Back' can now be viewed on Youtube using the following link...

https://youtu.be/vH2j5wKUDIE?si=O_KtQbG_M98SD007

It has been set up so only people with the link can view it.

NOW
SHOWING



Have your bulk fuel purchases support our school!

For every 1,000L of bulk fuel you get we receive \$5



Thanks to all those people who support us through Fern Fuel for Schools programme. We have just been able to order 2 Pickle Ball sets and a Ki o Rahi set to the value of 1750 dollars!

We've earned approximately \$500 in 3 months...a great support to our school.

THANKS!

Call Fern on 0800 99 99 89 to start supporting us today!



A NIGHT OUT WITH MATT CHISHOLM

Rural Support Trust Ambassador, Keynote Speaker & authentic, down-to-earth Kiwi

DATE

Friday 1st November

TIME

7pm

LOCATION

West Otago Community Centre, Tapanui.

Cash & Eftpos Bar & Courtesy Coach

\$50 per seat \$500 per table of ten

Live band, Noise Complaint to finish the night

Please email nightoutintapanui@gmail.com for tickets.

A Fundraiser for the Tapanui Playground Upgrade



BLUE MOUNTAIN COLLEGE

JUNIOR OPEN EVENING

**TUESDAY 22ND
OCTOBER, 2024**

AN OPEN INVITATION FOR NEW STUDENTS
AND THEIR FAMILIES TO CONNECT WITH
THE TEACHERS IN THE JUNIOR SCHOOL
TAKE A TOUR, ASK SOME QUESTIONS AND
SHARE SOME KAI.



**5.30 - 7.00PM
BMC SCHOOL HALL**

Any enquiries, please contact Mrs Heather McNaughton, Junior Dean
hmcnaughton@bmc.school.nz

Calvin Community Church

Champions Of Light



31 OCTOBER



AGES 0-10



GOLD COIN ENTRY

4:30 PM

Bouncy Castles / Snacks

Face Painting / Nerf Battles

5:45 PM

Disco Party



PRIZE: Best Dressed Individual & Family

No Scary Costumes Please / All Children Must Be Under Adult Supervision

BOOK HERE: WWW.CALVIN.ORG.NZ

