

Tapanui School

Newsletter #37
16 December 2022



MERRY
CHRISTMAS

The term at a glance

Week 20 Dec - Term officially ends!
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Looks like we've made it!!

Kia ora whānau,

What an action packed term of education outside the classroom, musical production, art and craft, working bee, whanau hui, reporting, regional sports events, pet day... and it's all taken the whole team to get on board with an oar and paddle. And paddle hard is what we've done! I'm so incredibly proud of our Tapanui School community for mucking in, answering calls for help and for the positive comments, feedback and support. I am certainly looking forward to collapsing in a chair over the Christmas break, soaking up some sunshine and enjoying some quality time with my friends and family. I hope whatever brings refreshment to you is booked in and organised over the summer for each of you also.

Have a wonderful Christmas and safe holiday time!

Nga mihi - Jane



See Page 2 for information about the recipients of special awards at our end of year assembly.

2023 IMPORTANT DATES

Mon 30 Jan - Teacher Only Day (TOD)

Tue 31 Jan - Kahui Ako TOD @ Tapanui Primary School

Wed 1 Feb - Year 6's: Leadership Day

Thur 2 Feb - Whole School start
Mihi Whakatau at 9am - all welcome

Fri 3 Feb - Waitangi Family Fun Day

Mon 6 Feb - No School Waitangi Day

Tues 7 Feb - Reap Swimming Lessons
begin - Togs needed every day

Celebrating Greatness @ Tapanui

Prizegiving Awards 2022

Congratulations to all our students for another wonderful year at Tapanui School.



Effort and Perseverance Awards

- Year 1 - Luka Halder
- Year 2 - Matilda McCall
- Year 3 - Kate Hartshorne
- Year 4 - Mack Stuart
- Year 5 - Sam Hartshorne
- Year 6 - Declan Roulston

Citizenship Awards

- Year 1 - Tamzin Scott
- Year 2 - McKenzie Wallace
- Year 3 - Annabel Stewart
- Year 4 - Mitchell Stiven
- Year 5 - Heidi Stuart
- Year 6 - Kunaal Ratte

Achievement and Excellence Awards

- Year 4 - Isabel Yandug
- Year 5 - Hannah Stewart
- Year 6 - Kushaan Ratte

Special Awards

Excellence in Sports - Oliver McCall and Hannah Stewart

Excellence in Performing Arts - Bruce Eales and Heidi Stuart

Cultural Leadership - Tayla Masunu and Samuel Stewart

Kapahaka Leadership - Maia Tamakehu and Kushaan Ratte

CUP for Overall contribution to the School - Emma Stiven

E tu tangata - We stand together!

Thanks

TAPANUI FIRE BRIGADE



STAFFING

FAREWELLS..

A fond "see you in a year" farewell to Whaea Rebekah as she takes a years maternity leave and her and Nathan embark on the parenting journey. We will miss you immensely Rebekah but know that you will thoroughly enjoy being a fabulous mum to new baby "Stuart".

All the best Hannah for next year at East Gore. You will make a great junior teacher!

CLASSES FOR 2023

We will have three classes next year.

New Entrants - Year 2 - Whaea Maxine Johnstone

Year 3/4 - Whaea Renee Horne (4 days a week) and Whaea Larissa Cooney-Toogood (1 day a week).

Year 5/6 - Whaea Ellyce Kristel and Whaea Jane Stuart (1 day a fortnight)

We are super excited to have this team on board. It is such a blessing for our tamariki to have such a great variety of wisdom, experience, passion, energy - both youthful and not so youthful, and a wide variety of expertise across the curriculum.

Mihi Whakatau Thursday 2 Feb

All whānau are invited to our mihi whakatau (an informal welcome ceremony) to welcome all of our new children and their whānau to our school.

We would love to see some families who are already part of our school community come along to connect with our new families. The ceremony is about 10mins starting at 9am followed by a brief morning tea.



Adventures from the Gruffalo Forest



Written and
illustrated by
Matilda McCall

Adventures in the Gruffalo Forest

It was the middle of August when all the grass was covered in twinkly glitter, left over from the annual fairy parade that happens every winter season between the Blue Lake stream and the biggest acorn tree in the Gruffalo forest. Hidden under the trunk of a tree in a small burrow lived a happy family of the smartest moles in Guffalo forest. Father mole worked as a wood teacher and Mother mole spent her days looking after the three young mole children.



Check out this author. Part one of a story in process. What would you write next? We look forward to seeing what the amazing Tilly does with the storyline over the holidays! Perhaps other children might like to write their own adventure stories.

They all loved to swim in the blue lake stream and the winter swim festival was in three days. The three mole children were feeling very worried about the festival.

"Mum can we please go down to the stream so we can practise our Octopus swim. Please?"

"Of course you can," said Mum. "But make sure you don't run into those naughty three worm boys."

"I hope we don't see those worm boys! They took my school lunch box and chucked it in the mud pond. They ruined my insect salad!"

The mole children were practising their octopus swimming then the naughty worm boys snuck under water with shark puppets to scare them.

To be continued...

PTA NEWS

Potatoes for Sale



Playground upgrade fundraiser

Locally grown new season potatoes

\$20 for 5kg

Contact Vanessa with any questions 027 2042 181

These will need to be harvested mid January so if you're around, keep an eye on the Tapanui School or PTA Facebook page and you might be able to come and be part of a team to get them out of the ground!

Many hands make light work!

**And thank you to Nathan McPherson
for fixing the BBQ!**

Thank you

The PTA would like to thank these business for their support for pet day

On the Spot Dairy

RB Rural

Hammer Hardware

Farmlands

PGG

FMG

Sassy Creations

ANZ



Need some inspiration for a Christmas treat?

“Me akotahi hei oranga mō te katoa.”

"Together we learn and grow"

Communication is the key!

Check out our School Calendar on the "Key Dates" page of our Tapanui School website.
[Click here](#) and then you can bookmark the page for future reference.

| Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat | Sun |
|-----------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|-----|-----|
| 28 | 29 | 30 | 1 December ... | 2 PET DAY | 3 | 4 |
| 5 Craft Week wi... | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 |
| 12 | 13 | 14 Waterslide -... | 15 | 16 Prizegiving ... | 17 | 18 |
| 19 | 20 End of Term 4 | 21 School Holidays | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| 26 School Holidays | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 1 |

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West Otago Lions Club

are intending to host a

Family Community Fair

February 12th 2023

at the

West Otago A & P Showgrounds

More details early in the New Year