



Monday 11th September.

Dear Parents / Caregivers,

Roundhill - Thank You:



The school has had a magnificent 6 weeks of skiing with all 6 sessions planned happening this year. It certainly makes a huge difference when the skies are blue and the snow falls a couple of days ahead of time. The staff and Board of Trustees would firstly like to thank Charlie Rieder and the Roundhill team for supporting us with the skiing programme and ensuring that our children receive the best possible experience when running this school wide initiative. It is sometimes easy to gloss over the importance that this EOTC experience delivers with the extremes between our learners and expert skiers being so wide, yet each year, the progress of those that are learning for the first time and those that continue to challenge their skills, reinforces authentically the true meaning of words such as resilience, tuakana teina, and competitive choice. Thank you to Maria, Angela and Jane who each week ensured transport and safety were covered and also to our Parent group who offered transport and supervision on the hill. This is a big undertaking over the 6 weeks and it is only really possible through the support and value awarded by everyone.

**ROUND
HILL** SKI AREA
TEKAPO
783 METRES OF VERTICAL

Thank you



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PRINCIPALS' ASSOCIATION

Te Manahuna
Kāhui Ako

It has been a hugely busy time in the Education space with election promises and yet more talk of changes to Teachers and Principals ability to get on with the act of teaching. From a small school's perspective this distraction weighs heavy, with each announcement or addition to curriculum bringing with it a sense of disquiet. Over the last few weeks I have been fortunate enough to have visited Christchurch for the Blueprint Korero through the Ministry of Education. This workshop focused specifically on the pressures for isolated, rural schools with feedback given across each region. Last week I attended the South Canterbury Principals Association's conference at Aoraki Mt Cook where we heard from the New

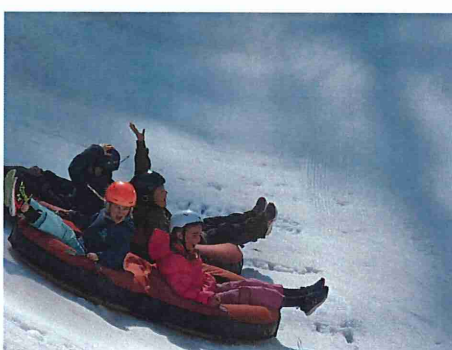
Zealand Principals Federation on the current state of Education and the Ministry led speaker, Jason Williams, on Trauma Informed Practice. Both these workshops have reinforced the continuing work through the Te Manahuna Kahui Ako with the threads of these days linking closely to the Achievement Challenges of Wellbeing, Coherent Pathways and Digital Fluency. While there are still many people focussed on making a difference for all our very different Tamariki, the messaging does appear to be lost in translation at the moment.

Tekapo Springs - Thank YOU



The children were given the opportunity to visit Tekapo Springs last week to go Tubing before this was closed down for the season. This is another great example of the support and goodwill the school feels by our local businesses and we would like to thank Eleni, Amy, Billy and the Tekapo Springs staff for making this impromptu visit happen. Thank you also for the transport provided

by Tekapo Springs and the fun filled morning offered to our kids.



Ki o Rahi



Greg Newton from the South Canterbury Health Board, WAVE division, visited us last week to follow up the work we did around the traditional Maori game of Kī o Rahi. Greg reinforced the learning, the history and the skills required to make this game successful. Kī o Rahi is an upbeat game that crosses over many of the skills of rippa, throwing, catching, evading and looking for space. The 2 teams swap after 20 mins meaning that everyone gets a turn and perform their role. It is a game we would like to promote across the different Kura in the Mackenzie as it brings with it a sense of tradition and tikanga.



Timaru Speeches - Well done Elijah Wilson

The school would like to congratulate Elijah Wilson for attending and representing Lake Tekapo School at the Timaru Lions Speech Competition. In true Elijah form, he met this challenge head on and we are so pleased for him to have had this opportunity. Well done Elijah.

School Camp: Tuesday 7th November - Friday 10th November



Fundraising Opportunity:

As we prepare for our camp next term we would like to offer the opportunity for parents to fundraise money towards their child/ren's costs. This fundraiser was hugely successful a couple of years back with children raising enough money to attend camp for minimal cost. The quality of these oils is sublime and they make for very good gift packs or can be broken down as individual christmas gifts. For every gift pack you sell \$5.00 of that will go towards paying camp fees - See Information attached.

Information regarding camp will start to go out prior to the end of term and if you are considering coming, please make sure you diarise the dates of Tuesday 7th November - Friday 10th November. For our new parents, one of the questions raised is around the "whole school experience" and we would reassure you that this is one of the small school luxuries that has proven to be hugely beneficial to the growth and confidence in our younger tamariki. We do try to ensure that all those parents wishing to come are accommodated for. Over the next few weeks we will pull together a programme with the senior children's input. More information will follow in the near future. <https://livingsprings.co.nz/>.

Dobson Ski Racers: Well Done.



We had a small group from School representing us at the Mt Dobson Ski Race on Friday 8th September. Well done kids for competing well and to Quinn Jeffries who was placed 3rd. Thank you to Dwayne Bell who acted as Manager on the day.

Peppers Ordering: Payment on Line:



And the choices keep coming! The children are absolutely loving the Peppers Bluewater Resort initiative this term and the option of ordering lunch on a Friday. The lunch option will now last until the end of this term with Jane now moving the payment option to on-line.



These meals are both substantial, delicious and affordable at the low cost of \$7:00, which is generously being donated back to our school. A massive thank you to Simon Tocker and the Peppers crew for allowing this to happen.

[Tuk Tuk 150923](#) - Link to Tuk Tik Form

Please have the order form and payment in by the Wednesday of each week. The lunches will still be delivered on a Friday.

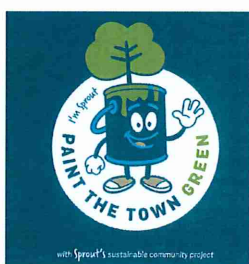
Music Tuition - Still Available



Thank you to the parents that picked up on the opportunity to ensure we maintain our very talented Dale Davey as part of the Lake Tekapo School team. This is a good chance for our musical children to broaden and practise their skills in different instruments. If you are wanting your child(ren) to have music lessons, please contact Dale directly and she will make arrangements for the Friday. Thank you.

Dale Davey, Manager Aoraki/Hakatere
New Zealand Modern School of Music
021 159 4276: email: quaver@snap.net.nz

Sprout Update



One of the great embarrassments of school is how programmes and initiatives often work in fits and starts. Ideas are easy, but the execution of the idea is often reliant on many dots joining together. Tomorrow we have Debbie Eddington coming to join us, to help us reignite Sprout as we move into spring and start to think about Term 4. Now that the skiing programme has finished and the weather is getting better, the staff are beginning to plan for and consider the next steps for Sprout. Debbie facilitates the Enviro-schools programme and we are hoping that we can glean her knowledge and expertise to help us establish Sprout in our School. This idea has been picked up now by Cannington School who want to pursue the idea of "Painting their Town Green" while aligning the values, dispositions and traits of Sprout to their curriculum. The school is applying for funding this term to establish the outside area and with the support of The Lake Tekapo Lions and Binns Property Works. It is hoped we can recreate the momentum and the original idea of creating a character that is student led in our community. Last week the children were donated plants from the Paper for Trees programme and these have been planted outside the School House.



Attendance - New Reporting to the MOE

As from the beginning of Term 3, any students who have 5 days of unjustified absences in a term now need intervention recorded against them. This information will be sent automatically to the MoE each week.



Lollies and Fizzy Drink:

We are noticing more and more that the children are bringing to school lollies and fizzy drinks as part of their packed lunch. These items do not fit with the school's policy of Food and Nutrition and we would ask that you check the lunch boxes and not send these to school.

Our school follows food safety guidelines.

Promoting a healthy food and drink environment

A healthy food and drink environment helps support a young person's wellbeing/hauora, including their immediate physical and mental growth and development. It also helps establish positive behaviours for the future. Good nutrition can positively affect student behaviour, learning, concentration, and energy.

At Lake Tekapo School, we:

- ensure that any food or drink provided by/through the school (e.g. in class or sold at school) aligns with national food and nutrition guidelines, such as **Healthy Food and Drink Guidance – Schools**
- incorporate nutrition education across the curriculum, including the health programme
- encourage staff to model healthy food and drink choices
- provide nutrition messages and food that acknowledges the diversity of our community and considers those with special dietary needs (e.g. allergies and intolerances, and religious, cultural, and ethical food requirements)
- consider our nutrition messages when deciding on food provided by the school (e.g. class rewards and celebrations, student prizes, special events, fundraising activities, and school camp menus)
- actively promote physical activity as the partner of good nutrition
- encourage students taking part in physical activity to drink water for hydration and to refuel with healthy snacks.

Students are required to sit and eat their lunch for ten minutes at the start of lunchtime.

Library

Every Friday afternoon students from both classes go to the library. Can parents/caregivers please ensure that children bring their library books to school on this day.

There have been a number of damaged books returned lately, and the replacement cost will be charged out to families concerned. Emails will now be sent out with overdue library books that students have on a more regular basis. On a positive, it is great to see so many students utilising this great asset to encourage and improve their reading.

Fundraiser: Race Tekapo



Thank you to the parents that have supported the Race Pack afternoon on Wednesday 13th September. The Lake Tekapo Brightstars and the Lake Tekapo School are looking for support from our parent community to help us with the Race Tekapo event on 16th September, 2023. This would involve assisting at the water stations during the day and helping out at the "After Party" after

the day's events. This is our only large fundraiser planned for this year and it would be great if we could rely on numbers to ensure that this is successful. If you are able to help, please contact Odette Tocker or Casey Jeffries for more information.

Upcoming Dates:

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| • Race Tekapo Race Packs | Wednesday 13th September. |
| • End of Term Assembly | Thursday 21st September @ 1:45pm |
| • End of Term 3 | Friday 22nd September. |
| • Start of Term 4 | Monday 9th October |
| • School Photos | Tuesday 17th October |
| • Labour Day - SCHOOL CLOSED | Monday 23rd October |
| • School Camp | Tuesday 7th November - Friday 10th November |
| • Mackenzie Athletics | Tuesday 14th November (16th postponement day) |
| • End of Term 4 | Friday 15th December |
| • Fundraiser | Saturday 16th December |

Mackenzie Country Real Estate
invites all children to add an hour of magic to
their weekend!!

Magic Show

Lake Tekapo
Sunday 17th September 2023 10am - 11am
Mackenzie Room
Peppers Bluewater Resort

Life is about magical moments!

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