



Monday 3rd October

Term 3 - Winter Wonderland



It has been a hugely successful term with plenty of oral language experiences and physical activity throughout. We started with the unknown with our Lake Tekapo Board of Trustees Winter Wonderland initiative bringing in 6 new students to our roll. This pilot, as stated previously, focussed on presenting our small, rural school and town to help promote and amplify all that we consider special about "our place" and our unique environment. This initiative has also allowed us as a staff to reflect on our own

practice and draw feedback from outside eyes as to what we believe is happening and where we as a school can endeavour to improve. Thank you to the Thompson, McKoy and Yang families for taking the plunge and for the value you and your children have added to our term. It has certainly been high tempo with very little settling in time, with Speeches, Skiing, Sprout Presentations and Production all thrown into the pot. Thank you to Angela Marshall, Jane Paton and Maria Roche for their support of this initiative also, with their ability to adapt and build relationships quickly, really reinforcing our "open door" philosophy.

Let All the Children Boogie



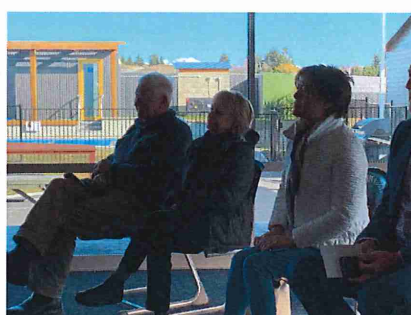
The kids had an absolute blast performing and giving back to community with their execution of "Let the Children Boogie - A Tribute to David Bowie". The feedback from both performances has been wonderful and the children themselves have reflected on and endorsed the learning and fun experienced through the process of putting the show together. While the script was held together by both Bowie songs and lyrics, the deeper meaning of "just being a kid" really shone through with our children embracing the whole concept through dance, drama and song. It was so good watching our juniors work alongside our seniors and run their own stage presence without interruption or help, and all with high energy. As we outlined for you in the programme, the integration of dispositional skills, key competencies, curriculum objectives and wellbeing strategies are the life long skills we as a staff promote and they sit tidily beside those being supported through our 6 weekly skiing programme and school wide initiatives. There is nothing better than witnessing 5 Year olds busting moves with various members of our community. Congratulations to Lincoln Tocker and Meara Tayem for taking out this Term's Presentation Cup and to Zeana Tayem, Ruby Quelch and Quinn Jeffries for the GFC trophy (Growth Mindset, Competency and 5 Ways to Wellbeing).

Race Tekapo Fundraiser - Thank You



On behalf of Lake Tekapo Staff, the Lake Tekapo Board of Trustees and Bright Stars Trust, we would like to sincerely thank Vic Howes, Odette Tocker, Casey Jeffries and Amanda Simpson for the huge effort involved in making the Race Tekapo Fundraising event such a success. The night was hugely enjoyable, made all the more so, through the incredible generosity of Simon Tocker and the Peppers Team, Vic and Steve Howes for their unwavering support and organisation, and to the parent group, staff and community volunteers that ran the bar, served food, looked after children and helped prepare during the day. You know it is a good night when all attending break out in song and give generously in aid of our Kindergarten and School. Thank you.

Lake Tekapo Lions Sprout Grant - Thank You



The children followed up their Sprout Presentation for Binns Property Works with a second presentation for the Lake Tekapo Lions. This presentation was part of their funding application to raise funding for a sandpit cover and the outdoor area. The children were successful in their pursuit with the Lions granting \$2500.00 towards this, having already contributed \$5000.00

towards the construction of this space. The staff and Board of Trustees would like to thank the Lake Tekapo Lions for their ongoing support and generosity towards our small school

Thank You - Another Great Season:



It has been another incredible season for the School with the opportunity to visit the Roundhill Ski field over the 6 weeks of Winter. Like previous years this initiative offers our children the unique experience to learn off site one day a week and to challenge and test themselves in our local environment. This EOTC initiative was best summed up recently in a "Meet the People" article of one of our Winter Wonderland families in the Fairlie Accessible. It noted that, the Skiing programme enabled a goal setting mindset that was being transferred into other areas of school.

This reflection demonstrates no higher praise for the skiing programme and our genuine thanks must go to Charlie Rieder and the Roundhill team for making this opportunity such a seamless and valued experience. Thank you.

The Skiing programme invoices have been sent out via Edge to parents and we still have not received all families payments. Thank you to all the parents that have finalised their accounts. If you require assistance, please contact Jane in the office.

Tekapo Springs - An Awesome Afternoon

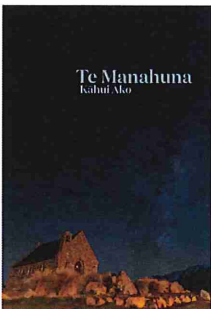
Thank you to Billy Kerr and his team at Tekapo Springs for the offer of an afternoon tubing on Friday 23rd September. This was a fantastic reward for our children after putting in the yards throughout the term. The added bonus of the Tekapo Springs bus was genuinely appreciated as it meant our kids not only had fun in the snow, but they felt like celebrities to boot. Thank you to Tekapo Springs for the initiative and organisation of this.



Leave Taken:

At the end of Term 4, Maria and I have been granted "leave" to travel overseas during the Christmas period with our 2 boys. I would like to thank the Lake Tekapo Board of Trustees for enabling this to happen and for supporting my family in granting this leave. This trip was due to happen during my Sabbatical, but was put to the back burner due to the happenings at this time. Our leave is from Monday 28th November through to Thursday 15th December and I will pass on the arrangements for school, once these have been finalised.

Kapa Haka - School Commitment



As part of our commitment to the local Kahui Ako School Cluster we are very keen to ensure we maintain the Kapa Haka Initiative established in Term 1, 2022. Part of this is getting our children to Fairlie every second Monday morning of the term, so that our children can learn and join in with the other 6 Schools from our Mackenzie Area. If you are able to assist with Transport for our Year 4-6 children, we would be appreciative. If you could let Jane know through the office the days you are available this term, that would be great. Our First day is day one, Monday 17th October and every second Monday after that (see dates)



Our school has been working with SchoolDocs for our policies and procedures. The school works on a subscription basis with SchoolDocs to maintain, update, and review our policies. SchoolDocs provides us with a comprehensive core set of policies, which have been well researched and follow the Ministry of Education National Administration Guidelines. The policies and procedures are tailored to our school, and the school supplies specific information such as our charter, and procedures for behaviour management, reporting to parents, etc. SchoolDocs updates,

modifies, or creates policies in response to changes in legislation or Ministry guidelines, significant events, reviews/requests from schools, and regular reviewing from the SchoolDocs team. We invite you to visit the site at <https://tekapo.schooldocs.co.nz> (note that there's no "www."). Our username is "tekapo" and password "aorangi".

Dates and Planning for Term 4:

Monday 17th October	First Day - Kapa Haka - Dental Van t.b.c
Friday 28th October	Te Aitarakihi Student Day.
Monday 31st October	Kapa Haka
Tuesday 1st November	School Photographs
Tuesday 8th November	Education Review Office Visit.
Friday 11th November	South Canterbury Anniversary - Closed
Monday 14th November	Kapa Haka
Tuesday 22nd November	Mackenzie Athletics Day
Monday 28th November	Kapa Haka - Postponement Athletics / Leave (Simon & Maria)
Monday 12th December	Kapa Haka
Thursday 15th December	Last Day of Term