



Dear Parents / Caregivers,

It has been a massively interesting beginning of the Term with our Winter Wonderland children settling into their new environment, skiing organisation, snow disruption and the ongoing attendance issues schools are facing. It has been brilliant having new faces here on site for both the kids and for us as teachers. The priority for the staff has been the successful introduction of the Winter Wonderland children, and our new children and current school children have responded amazingly. The term is busy and we are also conscious that with skiing, ice hockey and sporting commitments, this will mean that our children are tired. We have planned accordingly, but already changes to our programme mean that we will reassess our term's priorities. A big thank you to our parent group for the skiing transport to and from the mountain. The days so far at Roundhill have been sensational and the feedback has been hugely positive regarding this fantastic initiative. The staff have appreciated the support on the mountain and the assistance that they have been given.



Board of Trustees Election

Thank you for the interest in the Board of Trustees nomination process. I would like to say a special thank you to Isaac Wilson, who is stepping down from his role as Board of Trustees Chairperson. Isaac has made an invaluable contribution and steered the school through some unprecedented times for which I am incredibly grateful. We will acknowledge Isaac's contribution in full once the new Board has settled in and are established.

Parent Election Results Declaration (no voting required)

At the close of nominations, as the number of valid nominations was equal to the the number of vacancies required to be filled in accordance with the Lake Tekapo Schools' Constitution, I hereby declare the following duly elected:

- Simpson, Amanda
- Speck, Judith
- Tocker, Simon
- Angela Marshall - Staff Representative.

Jane Paton

Returning Officer

Lake Tekapo School

Macaulay Class - Speeches



Firstly, Maria and I apologise for the short timeframe as we head into speeches this term. With the planning and preparation looking slightly different for this term, we had intended to integrate our speech topic into the planned work, however it does seem that the children would like the opportunity to choose their topics from the list of topics given by the Timaru Lions.

These topics are:

- The World will be a better place if
- What my Pet is thinking - A day in the life of my (pets name)
- Pros and cons of being the “youngest, middle, oldest’ child (choose one)
- What it means to be a good friend.
- What happens at Nana and Grandad’s, stays at Nana and Grandad’s!

The children will have the opportunity to work on their topics independently with the support here at school. We would however sincerely appreciate help from home on these speeches with the timeframe being short for the Albury Speech dates. **This date is Tuesday 23rd August.** We will hold our school speeches on **Friday 19th August.** The help from home will be genuinely appreciated. The children have worked through the topics and chosen from the list above. This work will be given as Home-Learning for the above reasons.

Kids Funding Application - Lake Tekapo Lions



In line with the Sprout Presentation shown at our End of Term Assembly last Term, the children have pulled together a Funding Grant that has been sent to the Lions for further funding of our Outdoor Learning Space. Part of this Application is the children presenting to the Lions their “pitch” as to why and how Sprout can benefit both the school and wider community. This has allowed the staff and children an authentic opportunity for the children to present and reinforce the skills we are hoping to strengthen through the speeches. With the changes to the programme we will revisit the Presentation, so that the children are well and truly prepared with their

endeavour to assist the school with Funding. The idea being the students representing their ideas in their own voice. This presentation will be on Tuesday 6th September at School, with it being presented also to Binns Property Works on Wednesday 31st August. Fingers Crossed the kids can persuade our supporters with this worthwhile Presentation that will enable us to purchase a cover for the sandpit.

Education Review Office:

The school has been notified that we will begin our Partnership with the Education Review Office. This is a new approach and I will be meeting with my ERO Partner on Monday to introduce the school and work through the Board of Trustees Priorities. This relationship will be built over 3 years, as opposed to the old 3 day visit.

Parent Interviews

To follow up School Reports we will hold Parent Interviews on **Monday 29th August**. Jane will send out times for you for this day. We hope the time made will suit and look forward to touching base regarding your child(ren).

Mackenzie Race Day Entries:

A google form has been sent out last week for entries for the Mackenzie Ski Race day on **Thursday 1st September**. If you are wishing to enter your child, please ensure you have completed the form as soon as possible. Please contact the office if you require further information.



Ski Dates 2022

Wednesday

17th August

Thursday

25th August

Thursday

1st Sept (Race Day)

Thursday

8th Sept

Transport Required for Term 3.



The pick up for transport on Monday for Kapa Haka has been wonderful and as has been stated previously, this is allowing us the opportunity to meet with the other schools in our Mackenzie Kahui Ako to share and promote this incredibly valuable initiative across the area. If you are able to assist with transport fortnightly for Kapa Haka, can you please let Jane

know in the office. **We will need Transport for this Monday** and if you have offered last term, can you please confirm with Jane before Friday, 3:00pm.

Library Books :

Please look around home for any Library books that need to be returned.

Dates and Planning for Term 3:

Monday 15th August	Kapa Haka / ERO Visit
Wednesday 17th August	Skiing
Friday 19th August	School Speeches
Wednesday 23rd	Albury Speeches
Thursday 25th August	Skiing
Monday 29th August	Parent Interviews / Kapa Haka
Tuesday 30th August	Winter Wonderland Parent Interviews.
Wednesday 31st August	Binns Property Works Sprout Presentation
Thursday 1st September	Skiing / Mackenzie Race Day.
Tuesday 6th September	Lake Tekapo Lions Sprout Presentation

