



Friday 19th September

## Roundhill - Thank You:



The Lake Tekapo School Board of Trustees, Staff, and Tamariki would like to genuinely thank Charlie Rieder and the Roundhill team for yet another hugely successful EOTC programme at Roundhill this year. This programme remains a highlight for our school calendar and the value that it extends to our tamariki is immeasurable. The children gain so much through this winter initiative and the results of our pre-season consultation have supported the parent feedback around what it means to Lake Tekapo School. The children, staff

and parents value this programme and the skills and dispositions the children learn while at the mountain. Thank you Roundhill for allowing this to happen and for the generosity and support of our small school.

## A Poem of Thanks – Tuk Tuk Lunches

On Fridays the playground hums with delight,  
Menus in hand, eyes shining bright.  
From burgers and fries to donburi bowls,  
Peppers Bluewater has nourished our souls.

The smell of pizza, the crunch of the chips,  
Spaghetti twirled around eager lips.  
Each dish prepared with generous care,  
The taste of Peppers is beyond compare.

Simon Tocker and your wonderful team,  
You've turned a school lunch into more than a dream.  
Not just food, but with kindness too,  
With proceeds gifted to our school crew.

Families elation, parents find ease,  
After 6 long ski weeks, such moments please.  
Children's requests, laughter takes flight,  
Friday lunches make our week feel just right.

So here's to Peppers Bluewater, with gratitude true,  
For feeding our children and supporting us too.  
Sprinkled with flavour, seasoned with fun,  
Your Tuk Tuk lunches are second to none.



## Sprout Presentation - Thank You Cannington School

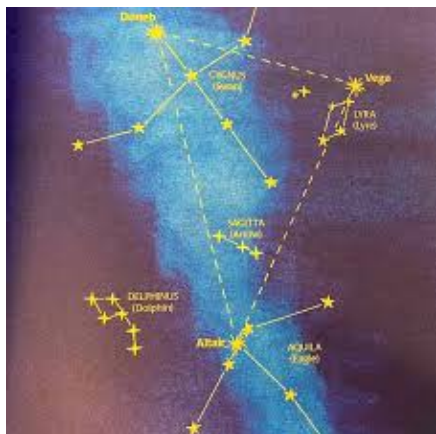


A big thank you to the response to our “call out” to get the children down to Cannington to present the “Sprout Presentation” that has been on the burner for some time. The children presented their “pitch” to Cannington School and heard from them and the work that they are achieving with their planting programme. Both Cannington School and Lake Tekapo School see huge value in this collaboration and with the work of Ruud Kleinpaste, Geoff Brunsdon and the Bee investigation, Sharon Binns and the literacy focus and the opportunity to incorporate the wellbeing models of the 5 Ways to Wellbeing and Te Whare Tapa Rima as adding value to our changing curriculum. As mentioned with Roundhill, the staff would like to say thank you to our parent community for supporting these

programmes, as they do allow our tamariki real opportunities to be both inside and outside the classroom. We are looking forward to working with Jasmine and the Lake Tekapo Kindergarten staff on the re-establishment of the Community garden and bringing Sprout to the forefront. This is a fantastic transition opportunity and another positive step in making links for our children.



## Tanabata Festival



On Friday 29th August 2025, a group of excited students and their whanau shared an amazing day at Lake Tekapo School. In the weeks leading up to this day, the students had been busy folding origami Birds and two Japanese characters who helped tell the story of Tanabata. Those characters are Orihime (the weaving princess) and Hikoboshi (the cowherder), they are parted sweethearts who only get together one day every year, through a bridge built in the sky by birds. This legend transcends in both Chinese and Japanese culture, at a particular time in the Lunar Calendar when Vega (Orihime) and Altair (Hikoboshi) are the closest on either side of the Milky Way (Amanogawa).

We placed a bridge the students had created at Godley Hotel Reception throughout the week. The public were

invited to place wishes on the birds the tamariki had made and attach these to the bridge. The birds were picked up at The Tekapo Four Square, Petronella's Bookshop, Dark Sky Project, and Challenge Petrol Station. This was a great exercise to involve our wider community, thank you.

We started our day with Three Stations making Sushi, Dumplings and Calligraphy (Sho-dō). The students took part in all three activities in the morning, this highlighted the valuable learning with a cultural lens and the idea of creating something for the team. Thank you for the wonderful support





from the various members of our community, this included staff from Dark Sky Project, Kohan, and GoTekapo.



In the afternoon we had 2 school challenges, the first was to make origami versions of Orihime and Hikoboshi and the next challenge for the afternoon was the rocket challenge. This happened after students had been working on their rockets as a team for the past week. We voted, and thought Rocket G looked the best, however the laws of Physics had other ideas. Congratulations Rocket C for travelling a wonderful 50 metres.



Thank you to:

Tekapo Four Square, Petronella’s Bookstore, Challenge, Sophie and her team at Jack Rabbit/ The Godley Hotel, Sylvie and her team at Dark Sky Project, Go Tekapo with Ian and Lily, Peppers for the use of your refrigerator, Daiki and Tomoki from Kohan, and of course Kohan Restaurant for the donation of food and help on the day. Thank you all so much for helping to make this such a memorable experience for the students.

Speeches - Thank You



The staff would like to thank the parent community for their support of our school speeches and the turnout on the day. It was a busy afternoon between the Godley poems and the Macaulay speeches. It is so good seeing the oohs and aahs as the kids delivered their oral presentations. Our successful seniors went on to Albury for another successful round. Mollie had the tough job of starting off and she spoke with assurance and poise. We were lucky to have had Meara included in the speeches and she responded to the short notice with pure confidence and nailed her speech. A massive congratulations to Colton who won the overall day and went on to Timaru to represent our small school with aplomb, We were so lucky to have Angela Marshall and Stewie Inch judge us as they brought both professionalism and sensibility to our day, Thank you for your time and expertise. As we said on the day, anyone can win, due not only to our performance, but how the judge sees it.

Godley Poems

- Winner of Poetry - Rei Li
- Second Place - Iris West
- Third Place - Isla Norman

Macaulay Speeches

- Year 3/4 Oral Presentation:** 1st Beauden Tocker  
2nd Equal - Raphy Story / Will Simpson
- Year 5/6**
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| Winner of Speech | Mollie |
| Second Place     | Colton |
| 3rd Place:       | Meara  |



# School Camp 2025

As we work towards our School Camp on Tuesday 18th November to Friday 21st November 2025. We are still working through some possible changes for parents while confirming the programme while we are in Dunedin. Please familiarise yourself with this information and be aware that is very draft and for information purposes only. There will be minimal changes to the programme, but we are aware that families will want advanced information.

**Date:** Tuesday 18th November - Friday 21st November.

Dunedin Holiday Park - <https://dunedinholidaypark.co.nz/>

## Camp 2025 - Background

There will be a number of forms to gain permission and to cover Health and Safety Procedures at the beginning of next term. We will require these before going on camp, so it will be important to complete and have these signed and sent back to school. The composition of the group will be a juggle with the school taking the opportunity to include all of the children and having parents accompany them. This is the privilege of a small school, with often only senior children and a selected parent group being able to join. The school values of Manaakitanga (Kindness), Whanaungatanga (whanau/Family), Ako (Teaching and Learning) and Tuakiri (Identity) do really come to the forefront and it is with this in mind that we try and include and support everyone. The school acknowledges that this brings with it a degree of difficulty for planning and it does rely on the good nature and commonsense of parents to join in with the collective group. We are also conscious that for our smaller children this will mean being sensitive to and accommodating of our younger children while they are on camp. As a small, rural school we would like to promote the encouragement of our Tamariki and we aim for each child to get the most out of this experience. In the past we have seen the true benefits of this, with our children thriving in the unfamiliar and working beside their peers. Please also know that the school values the concept of "challenge by choice" and no one will be made to participate in activities that are too hard.

Simon and Maria will be making an onsite visit to the Dunedin Holiday Camp site to confirm numbers and to look at the configuration of accommodation. Thank you to the parents that have let us know their ideal arrangements and we will do our best to ensure that this can happen.

## School Photographs:

These will be handed out on Friday and please return your order to the school office by Friday 9th October.

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### Dates:

Monday 6th October:	Term 4 Begins
Ideal Structured Literacy	Monday 13th October - Tuesday 14th October (Teacher PLD) - School Open)
Teacher Strike	Proposed date: Thursday 23rd October
Labour Day	Monday 27th October
School Camp	Tuesday 18th November - Friday 21st November
End of Term 4:	Tuesday 16th December



