



Thank You: Living Springs Camp



It seems like an age since our camp at Living Springs with end of year pressing. We have commented as a staff that the opportunity to celebrate and slow down seems like a "that's what we did in the old days". We would like to however recognise and thank the parent helpers on camp and the support we received when visiting Living Springs. The feedback has been extremely positive from both the children and parents and we thank you again for the support of this EOTC initiative.

South Canterbury Athletic Sports



We had a successful day at Fairlie Primary with the athletics with a good sized team representing us at the South Canterbury Athletics in Timaru. Rainan Nand, Lincoln Tocker, Colton Tocker, Lucy Monk, Elijah Wilson and Elijah Wilton represented our school fantastically with their placings all putting them in the mix. A special congratulations to Colton Tocker who was placed 2nd in the softball throw, a great effort.

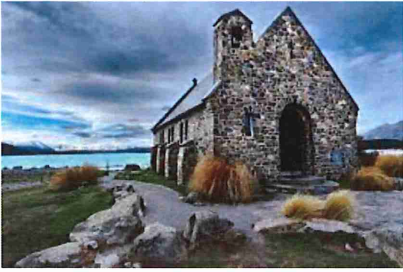
End of Year Formalities and Dates - Thanks for the support.

Lake Tekapo Community Christmas Market: Wednesday 6th December 4:00pm -7:00pm



The children have been invited to be a part of the Christmas Evening on Wednesday 6th December. As with last year the local businesses will stay open for extended hours, so that the community can come together. Tekapo Promotions have organised a treasure hunt for the children and the children will sing a variety of traditional Christmas Carols along with the organised entertainment.

- Brad Staley will play til 6.15pm
- Father Christmas will make an appearance at 6.15pm
- School Singing 6.30pm
- Prizes drawn at 7pm.



Church of the Good Shepherd / School Picnic

- Monday 11th December - 5:00pm Church
- Back to School for a swim and BBQ.

We have been invited to sing in the Church of the Good Shepherd. This year we have chosen to focus our songs on celebrating “home” and being around family and friends. The Staff and Board would also like to reflect on feedback from Parent Information Night, and invite families and children back to school for a family picnic, swim and possible school game of spotlight.

Thank you for the Installation: Hubbards Plumbing and Gas



The Lake Tekapo children, Staff and Board of Trustees would like to thank Hubbard Plumbing and Gas for the recent installation of the drinking fountain. This work was completed free of charge and

the benefits of having the drinking fountain in the playground and with the summer heat is hugely beneficial. Thank you to the Hubbard Plumbing and Gas team for making this happen.



It has been a busy time administratively with the Education Review Office visiting as part of their new partnership model and the annual Audit well underway as we work towards the end of the year. The school recently put a call out for the school accounts to be finalised and we are conscious that with both these reviews we are wanting to consolidate practices looking towards next year. The school should have a focus solely on curriculum, but we are finding that costs and expectations do have a huge bearing on what we can and cannot do. Both visits have been hugely successful in the feedback given so far, but they are a reminder of what we do on a daily basis. Thank you to the staff, Maria, Angela and Jane and also the Board of Trustees for supporting the direction of the school.

End of Term Assembly: Thursday 14th December (1:30pm - Community Hall)

The Board of Trustees and Staff would like to invite all families to attend the End of Term Assembly and to wish our Year Six graduates all the best as they move on to Mackenzie College. School Reports will be handed out on the last day after our traditional water day.

Quiz Night - Thank You

Thank you!

To our generous sponsors & supportive community.
Together our Quiz Night, Raffles & Auctions have raised a grand total of ...

\$6,672.60

for the Lake Tekapo Bright Stars Kindergarten & Tekapo School

A big thank you to the many community members that joined us for the Quiz night held at Peppers Bluewater. The Lake Tekapo School Board of Trustees, Staff and Lake Tekapo Kindergarten are hugely appreciative of the support and generosity shown on the night. Thank you to Vic Howes, Odette Tocker, the many sponsors and the Peppers Bluewater team for a really good night.

Library Books, Sunhats and Stationery

The school has a number of "recycled" sunhats, but these are now looking pretty tired and some will be discarded at the end of the year. If you have not purchased a sunhat for your child/children and using one of the "recycled hats" you may need to purchase one from NZ Uniforms. Sunhats are a requirement as part of our Sun Protection Policy.

The link to NZ Uniforms to purchase a sunhat is: [LTS Sunhat](#)

- Can all Library books be returned by Friday 8th December.
- Stationery Lists will be sent out with the school reports for parent purchase for next year.

We have noted that costs for the school are increasing and we cannot continue to subsidise the ongoing costs.



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Pubertal Change and Personal Hygiene Presentation:

The Year 5 / 6 students have the opportunity to take part in a pubertal change and personal hygiene workshop being led by our Health Nurse, Stephanie Chapman on **Thursday 7th December at 11:30am.**

This session will cover:

- Basic male anatomy and female anatomy.
- Normal body changes during puberty.
- Personal Hygiene.

Parents are welcome to attend these sessions, so that you can be informed of the information being given and this also provides the opportunity to continue the discussions with your child at home.

If you have any reservations or questions regarding this annual workshop, please feel free to contact Stephanie (022 010 0343) to discuss with her your queries or Simon can liaise with Stephanie on your behalf.

Upcoming Dates:



End of Year Fundraising Opportunity: Saturday 16th / Sunday 17th December

Lake Tekapo School and The Tekapo Bright Stars have a Fundraising Opportunity in support of the 2023 Rogaining Championships. This is a fantastic opportunity to fundraise and will require parental support. This would be a great end to 2023 in replenishing funds to target towards 2024. Please set aside December 16th / 17th and more information will follow shortly.

Thank you. Your support of this Fundraiser would be genuinely appreciated.

Upcoming Dates:

Beginning of Term One, 2024:

Wednesday 31st January

Waitangi Day:

Tuesday 6th February

Teacher Only Day:

Thursday 28th March - School Closed

Easter

Friday 29th March - School Closed

Last Day Term One:

Friday 12th April

Thank You Stewie, Andy and Neville - So Good!

