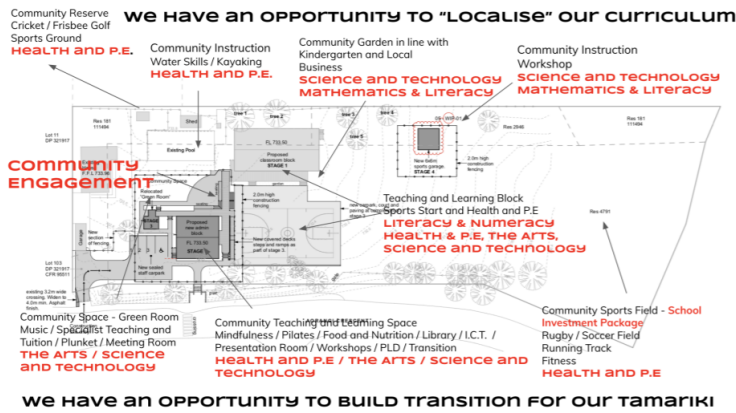




Thursday 3rd March

Dear Parents/ Caregivers,

How fortunate are we?



As Principal I would like to say thank you to the Lake Tekapo Board of Trustees for the support and energy that they are putting in to ensure that Lake Tekapo School continues to improve its environment for our children. In recent weeks we have had notice that the school has received funding application approval from Genesis Energy, the Lake Tekapo Lions and most recently Foodstuffs. This funding is all a part of our Local Curriculum Initiative to include our outdoor spaces as part of our learning, now that we have completed the building work at school. This is a wonderful opportunity for our small school to build on what is already an incredible asset. Work will begin on our sandpit area with the hope to

include the Sprout Initiative at the back of the school with an environmental area and garden. This is hugely exciting and the work achieved by a small number of people needs to be recognised on behalf of our children. Thank you again to Genesis Energy, The Lake Tekapo Lions, Foodstuffs and the Lake Tekapo Community Board for their continued support of our school.



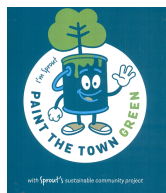
Other opportunities are being planned in line with the Localised Curriculum as well. Last week the children visited the Regional Park as the first of hopefully many, with the focus on Sprout and Paint the Town Green, the nursery and building our appreciation of this fantastic local asset. The children had their first Kapa Haka lesson in Fairlie with the Mackenzie School's which will take place fortnightly and we are hoping to join the Dark Sky Project team soon in partnership for lessons focussed on our sky and space.



Thank you to Nigel Frost for keeping our school pool operational with the kids getting both instructional swimming daily with a little water confidence thrown in. There is nothing better than watching kids grow in their confidence, whether that be putting their head under water or trusting their technique when diving (there has been some outstanding belly flops). Again, as a small school we are incredibly fortunate to have the support we do. Thank you.

Parent Interviews: Monday 7th March

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Spades and Digging Utensils:

Tomorrow (Friday 4th March) we are hoping to plant our flax bushes here at School. If you have or we can borrow spades and forks for this we would be hugely appreciative. Thank you in advance.

The Sprout Team.

Omicron Reminder:

So far, Lake Tekapo School has no reported cases of Covid-19 in our school. This email is to remind us that while this is the case, the school is still ensuring the ongoing health and safety protocols for our children. **The health and wellbeing of our children, staff and community is a top priority.**

Please remember:

- (a) If students or staff are unwell, they are to stay home. If they have symptoms of Covid-19, they should get tested or phone the Healthline on 0800 358 5453.
- (b) If a student tests positive, please contact the school office on 027 3748734 Or email at simon@tekapo.school.nz. Or office@tekapo.school.nz **As always, this information would be treated as highly confidential.**
- (c) Please stay vigilant about the symptoms of COVID 19.

These are:

- A new or worsening cough
- Sneezing and runny nose
- A fever
- Temporary loss of smell or altered sense of taste
- Sore throat
- Shortness of breath

Less common symptoms include diarrhoea, headache, muscle aches, nausea, vomiting, malaise, chest pain, abdominal pain, joint pain, or confusion/irritability.

For more information, go to <https://covid19.govt.nz/health-and-wellbeing/about-covid-19/covid-19-symptoms/>

- (d) When we get a positive case, we will notify parents by an email. Only general information will be included, and names of positive cases will never be mentioned.

Keep well, and we'll update you again shortly. In the meantime, do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

Stationery:

Stationery invoices will be emailed out today to the families / individuals who have purchased them. Prices have unfortunately increased since last year, and if you have any issues with paying for your items, please contact Jane in the office.



**Our St John Visit on
Tuesday 1st March**

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Godley Class

Time	3:10pm	3:20pm	3:30pm	3:40pm	3:50pm	4:00pm	4:10pm	4:20pm
Godley	Sapphire	Beauden	Will	Colton	Kaija	Amelia	Fletcher	

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Ollie M	Quinn	Meara

Macaulay Class

Name	3:10pm	3:20pm	3:30pm	3:40pm	3:50pm	4:00pm	4:10pm	4:20pm
Macaulay	Ruby	Ben	Lincoln	Willow	Ollie B	Munro	Khuno	Oscar

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Mila	Zeana	Elijah	Edan	James	Miyah	Alex	Aarnav