



Lake Tekapo School

Tuesday 3rd May

Dear Parents / Caregivers,

The outdoor spaces are beginning to take shape for our local learners with plenty of activity during the holidays getting started. This area is really beginning to develop with the ideas and concepts coming together and tremendous links being made between the Lake Tekapo Kindergarten and School. As said in previous newsletters, with the insides of our buildings near completion, the priority now has moved to ensuring that the outdoor spaces we have are being used to their full potential. The Lake Tekapo Board of Trustees have prioritised this to sit as part of our 5 Year Property Plan, so that the Professional Development in Localising the Curriculum is able to come to fruition. The school is wanting to maximise its learning spaces by ensuring real life, authentic contexts are being taught and exposed to our children. These spaces include an environmental area for our sustainability character "Sprout", natural landscaping, sandpit, a possible sensory garden and natural objects for our children to climb and explore. In essence, these spaces are where the children's 5 senses are promoted and a space for them to learn, play, enjoy and grow.



New Sandpit



Sprout Area

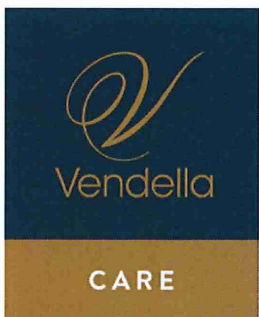


New Fence



Kindergarten Rock Garden

The Lake Tekapo School would also like to thank Riki Edmonds from the Ministry of Education, who has initiated and supported our school's Property works throughout the School build and for ensuring that the completion of the fencing was in place, along with the new heat pump in the Macaulay room.



Thank You to Vendella Hospitality and Peppers Bluewater Resort

Thank you to Marty Brodie from Vendella Hospitality Specialist, and Simon Tocker from Peppers Bluewater Resort, for the incredibly generous donation of a bed for the School Sick Bay and Bedding. This is the final frontier for the teaching block and it will mean that this space can be finally set up. The school is hugely appreciative of this with the incidental costs associated with the school build always adding to the budgeting restraints of a small school. Thank you.



Transport Required: (Monday 16th, 30th May, 13th, 27th June)

The children are absolutely loving the opportunity to be a part of the Kahui Ako led Kapa Haka initiative. This happens fortnightly in Fairlie with our cluster of Primary Schools and College. We are looking for a

transport commitment however in order to make this happen. Currently we have 2 staff away from school site on these mornings and it would be great if we could maintain staffing at school, rather than

committing an extra staff member on these days. This is for our Year 5/6 children who will teach the school in the weeks between.

Whole School Assembly - Friday 13th May - 2:30pm - 3:00pm.

The staff are hoping to hold a whole school assembly for the missed opportunity last term. This will be to celebrate those children that did not receive the Presentation Cup or G.F.C (Growth Mindset, Five Ways to Wellbeing, Competency) Cup for their efforts in Term One. This will happen at the end of the day between 2:30pm-3:00pm to hopefully capture the parents picking up the children at the end of the day. Everyone is welcome.

Dates and Planning for Term Two:

Staff are beginning to consider some important dates for this term and are planning accordingly. Please be aware that these events will require student participation and parental support to enable these to happen. We have sent out the known dates and as more information becomes known we will let you know the details. Please calendarise these dates and if you are able to help, we would be hugely grateful. Staff are beginning to plan our Skiing at Roundhill for Term 3 and as these dates are confirmed we will let you know. We will continue with the Thursday.

- **Thursday 5th May** Dark Sky School Visit
- **Friday 6th May** Leadership Day - **Transport required**
- **Monday 9th May** Brake Road Safety / Wonder Project (Macaulay)
- **Friday 3rd June** Teacher Only Day - **School Closed**
- **Monday 6th June** Queens Birthday - **School Closed**
- **Friday 24th June** - Matariki Celebration - **School Closed**

To be confirmed:

- Mackenzie Schools Cross Country
- Roundhill Skiing Dates.



Swimming Pool Closed - Thank You Nigel

We have had an exceptional season swimming last term with the children able to utilise the pool all the way through until April. The Lake Tekapo Board of Trustees and staff would like to thank again, Nigel Frost, for the tireless and unseen hours put into the maintenance and checking of levels over the swimming season.



First Aid Training - Invitation

The staff will be updating their first aid certificates in July and we are putting out an invitation to anyone who requires this as well. This will be for refreshers as well as a comprehensive, which will be all day. Thank you to those that have responded to date.

Communication:

The staff are incredibly aware that the last few months have been difficult for everyone with regards to being on site at school and losing the ability to have the morning and afternoon conversation. A lot is achieved through this and we are really looking forward to getting back to the good, old days when this is allowed. If you have messages for the school, could you please use the School Phone number **027 374 8734** rather than staff's personal phones as these sometimes don't get picked up during school or staff are away from site.



Drink Bottles Please:

We are still noticing that children are using school cups, rather than their own personal drink bottle. Please ensure that your child(ren) have their own, named drink bottle for class and break time.

Upcoming Events and Music Tuition:



Help Needed



School Fundraiser - Please Support



Music lessons at school on Thursday - guitar, piano, ukulele. Other instruments considered. Rhythm lessons available - group of 3 max. Cost is for tuition, any books are extra though inexpensive. Students need to have their own instruments to practise on at home so lessons are able to progress.

Contact Dale Davey by text 021 159 4276, or email

quaver@snap.net.nz

Music Tuition

LET'S PARTY!

It's time to get together and have a

GOOD night

with

GOOD music

When: 7pm May 27

Where: Mackenzie Room, Peppers Bluewater Resort, Lake Tekapo

Price: \$40 plus booking fee, Includes a light snack and house drink on arrival

**Purchase your ticket now from [Eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com), search "The GOOD Party"
Bar available to purchase drinks throughout the night**

All the money made from the evening will go towards completing our fundraising budget target for an outdoor learning space for our children.

Event is strictly 18+

Contact: Casey 027 230 9150