



Monday 4th March

4 Wheel Drive Fundraiser - Thank You.



The Lake Tekapo School and the Bright Stars Trust would like to give a massive show of appreciation to Amy, Michaela, Charlotte, Emma, Todd, Geoff, Hayden and Henry for their foresight and drive in making Saturday's 4WD fundraiser happen on Glenmore Station and Godley Peaks. We were treated to a sensational day of sharing and exploring our own backyard through the generosity of Glenmore and Godley Peaks stations. This was only possible through the hard work of many, whether that be the clearance of tracks, the cooking and preparation of the food and the sharing of the local history, as we forged our way around some of the most majestic scenery. A massive thank you to the many sponsors (attached), to the Lake Tekapo Lions, Casey and Jason and the 4 Square and to the Simpson / Berge clan for their efforts toward and on the day. With so many to thank, please scan our list of contributors and know that the School and Kindergarten are so grateful on behalf of our tamariki and parent community.

THANK YOU!

AND Godley Peaks Station & Neil Walker Contracting & Linton Distributors.



Student / Parent Interview

As part of the reporting schedule, interviews for Term One have been set for **Monday 18th March**. These interviews will be to allow for a short, focused discussion about your child(ren)'s progress and goals for the first half of the year. As we mention every year, please do not wait for the interviews to air concerns/issues/feedback, as often these can be nipped in the bud early and alleviate any undue worry.

The interviews are set to:

- A set time to discuss your child.
- Teachers to share information about classroom expectations and observations of your child(ren)- Academic and Social (including Key Competencies)
- To set individual plans/goals to support your child(ren)'s learning

A list of set times will be sent out to parents and if the time chosen does not suit, please contact the classroom teacher concerned and an alternative time can be made.

Transition Goals - Lake Tekapo School and The Lake Tekapo Kindergarten.



Sitting within our "Plan on a Page" one of our aims is to continue to advance and grow our transition with Jasmine and her team across

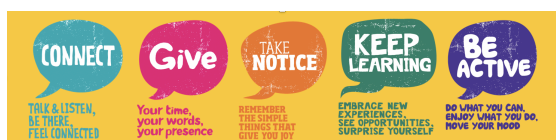
the road. This on the surface seems obvious, but as with most things, rules, regulations, and sector differences sometimes get in the way. As you will be also aware staffing and consistency of staffing is pivotal in making plans and ideas happen also. We are so lucky to have the staff in both our Kura, passionate about aligning our aims and aspirations for our local tamariki and already we are taking steps to ensure that what we talk about is happening at the chalk face. Last week Jasmine began running Reading workshops to encourage reading at home and in the coming weeks we will be meeting to discuss how we can align both the physical transition along with the Vision and Values we both share. Over the weekend, the combined parent group demonstrated with the 4WD fundraiser, the value that can be shared when pulling together our resources for our children. This is exciting work as it really does bring home the importance of putting our children at the centre and ensuring that "change" is seen as a normal progression, rather than one to be hesitant about. Tomorrow we will be sending out a combined letter that is aimed at celebrating both the diversity and expertise that is on offer here in Tekapo. This information will help us utilise the many skills and different cultures we have to allow us to build our local curriculum.

Kahui Ako - Regional Response Fund - Year 6 Transition Day:



As part of the Kahui Ako Leadership role, this year we have applied for and received an extra round of funding to sit alongside our Regional Response Funding One, set up in 2023. This funding was delivered through the use of cultural mentoring and with the support of a registered counsellor across our 7 kura, to enable easy access to services. With this second round of funding it has been decided to focus on our Year 6 transitioning students to High School. Transition to school is important to our Early Childhood children, so too is the milestone of students graduating from Primary school into Mackenzie College. The Kahui Ako has broadened our scope and included the skills of Active Engagement with our Year Six students, to help with and assist with the transition of our students to Mackenzie College. This programme will put an emphasis on supporting the leadership skills and cohesion, as these students move on. These days will be run over the term where we will engage with Te Aitaraiki Marae, Sport Canterbury, Wave, The District Health Board, our RTLB service, Emergency Services and speakers that will support

this initiative. The days will be underpinned by the 5 Ways to Wellbeing and Te Whare Tapa Rima and will be engaging, fun, but designed for real life learning.



Opportunity to Host Students Hosting Families

We have been approached from the Director of Pas Grau Ski Club, Juliet Satherwaite, for families to have the opportunity (paid) to host skiers for three weeks during August 2024. These children are from families are aged between 14-16 years old. Our plan is to ski in New Zealand for 3 weeks during August/ September at Roundhill and Dobson, and visit the region.

The goal is to offer the children a NZ experience of living in an English speaking family, and experiencing the NZ culture. It would be a hosting situation for which we would compensate the host families (remuneration) for the care. The total time period would be 3.5 weeks and families would be reimbursed for this. This reimbursement would need to cover: lodgings with family and 3 meals a day (breakfast, lunch to take to the mountain and dinner). The daily routine would be that children would be collected at 7.30am, they would be with Juliet (and their coaches) all day until drop off at approx 4-5pm. One day per week rest from skiing, during which we would also take the children to visit the area.

The children can speak 4 languages, (French, Spanish, Catalan fluently) and also have a medium level of English. The goal of the trip is to ski every day possible, and Juliet would be responsible for the transport every day, collecting and delivering the children from a meeting point or their homes. Living with a family would give them a "NZ experience" which would strengthen their English, and be a great cultural opportunity.

If you think you are interested in hosting a family or for further details, please contact : Juliet Satterthwaite Email: julietskinz@gmail.com

Library Books

A reminder that we have Library most Friday afternoons, and that library books can be dropped off at the library at morning breaks, lunches etc during the week by the students. Parents/caregivers should be receiving emails about the books your child/children are reading and any reminders about overdue books. Please check these emails, as we currently have a number of library books overdue already, so please take the time to look around and get your child to return these. Jane

Upcoming Dates:

4-8 March	Kathy Pui Chi Chan - Teaching Observation Placement
7 March	Reading Workshop Wk 2
8 March	SCPSSA Triathlon
11 March	Life Education Visit
12 March	Mackenzie Swimming Sports - more information to follow
14 March	Reading Workshop Wk 3
18 March	Parent Goal Setting Interviews - Times will be sent out later
19 March	Storylines School Visit- 1.30pm
22 March	School Triathlon
28 March	TEACHER ONLY DAY - SCHOOL CLOSED
29 March	2 April - Easter - SCHOOL CLOSED
10 April	Wednesday - End of Term Assembly
12 April	Last Day of Term

