



Newsletter 11 October 2023

Jane Absent:

We would like to let you know that Jane Paton will be absent from School from Monday 16th October until around Monday 20th November. Jane will be having surgery on her knee as she has been waiting on this for some time. We wish Jane all the best for this and a speedy recovery, to allow her to be back on deck. Can we please respect Jane's privacy in the early stages, with phone calls being made to the School phone only (**027 3748734**). Jane will be picking up emails and assisting with the operational side of school during her absence, but staff would appreciate all correspondence, both phone and face to face being directed to School. Please be mindful that this subtle change will mean staff will be teaching and your queries may take a little longer to deal with.

Health Survey: Vision and Values:

The Lake Tekapo School Board of Trustees are interested in your views and comments regarding both the Health Programme and Vision and Values being established at Lake Tekapo School. This information will guide the plans made by our school to implement the health programmes it intends to teach and to reinforce the School's Vision of Tangata Whenuatanga. Can you please complete the survey by **Wednesday 18th October**. We have chosen a quick turnaround to work in with the Camp survey.

Click [HERE](#) for Link to Health Survey

Living Springs Camp Survey – Please return by: **Wednesday 18th October**



We are beginning to make preparations towards our Living Springs Camp in week 5. Maria and I visited Living Springs during the holiday break to meet with Joseph and his team to discuss and plan activities and accommodation. Over the next few weeks we will be sending out information regarding equipment, transport and expectations, but at this initial stage we would like to get an indication of those parents hoping to come to Living Springs and initial student information.

The camp is a user-friendly space that has the Outdoor Mark accreditation for safety with all of its activities. For further information please visit <https://livingsprings.co.nz/> to see what is on offer. The programme has been chosen to balance Physical Activity with Outdoor Living skills. In the past we have been incredibly fortunate to have had many parents attending, with a lot of schools only relying on a balloted few. This allows the relationship building between the parents and children in a different setting away from the norm. It reinforces the collective nature of our small school. Click [HERE](#) for Living Springs Initial Camp Survey

Tuesday 7th November – Friday 10th November 2023

Activities: The main activities have a cost per child,

- Historical Walk in
- Burma Trail
- Animal Ecosystems
- Bush Ecology
- Tree Climbing
- Mountain Boarding
- Breakout Boxes and DIY Karts
- Archery Tag
- Camp Fire.

Meals and Accommodation: These will be included in the overall cost. Living Springs is a fully catered camp and all food is prepared on site. (Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner). Any special dietary requirements will be worked through with Living Springs.

Cost: This will be confirmed once we know parent help and all fundraising has been collected.

Parent Help: We would welcome parents at camp. Please remember you will be required to help out while on site and be expected to have the role of a teacher on all activities. We will be working out bunkrooms over the next few weeks and we will include this with the information to follow. **No preschoolers please as this is a school camp.**

Skiing Invoices:

Jane is preparing the skiing invoices after receiving the final costing from Roundhill. These will be sent out prior to Friday and if you could make a prompt payment, that would be appreciated. Last year we did incur extra costs as a school and we are trying hard to ensure that this EOTC initiative doesn't affect our budgeting bottom line. The school subsidises the lessons over the 6 weeks and allocates free passes to those that have assisted each week.

Upcoming Dates:

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| School Photos | Tuesday 17th October |
| Labour Day - SCHOOL CLOSED | Monday 23rd October |
| School Camp | Tuesday 7th November - Friday 10th November |
| Mackenzie Athletics | Tuesday 14th November (16th postponement day) |
| Year 6 Transition Day | Tuesday 21st November |
| End of Term 4 | Friday 15th December |
| Rogaine Fundraiser | Saturday 16th December - Details to follow |