

#### Matariki Celebrations - School

#### Closed - Friday 28th June







### Matariki

Learning
Those before us
Respecting, sharing
Bringing together family

Yenul

# MATARIKI PEACEFUL. LOOKING AHEAD. LOOKING AFTER YOUR WHANAU. DISCUSSION AND PREPARATION. REFRESH

Meara

## Matariki Crisp Roto Celebration Rejuvenating hope Bringing together family

Colton





Matariki Poem

Warm

Balance

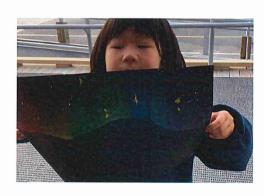
Resilience

People, kaitiaki

Neighbourhood and Community

Whispers

Johnny





Niko

#### Skiing Meeting-Term 3, Week One: Thursday 25th July - Parent information Afternoon



Planning for skiing is underway and the Board of Trustees and Staff are still working through options with regards to transport to and from the mountain this year. As with every year, a google form will be coming out with dates and times and if you can confirm and diarise these, this is helpful. We are looking to fundraise this year to assist with the costs of Skiing and it would be good to get interested parents to help drive and assist with this. We will be holding a Parent Information Afternoon early next term to go over the organisation and changes for this season

and we will aim to have second hand skiing gear available on this day.

#### T- Shirts and High Viz Vests: Thank You to the Lake Tekapo Lions







Along with our new sports shirts, the school and Lions have collaborated in getting the donated high viz jackets printed with our logos. These vests will be invaluable on the mountain and when we are out and about on EOTC activities. Unfortunately the high viz were not ready for when Steve, Andy, Stewie and Ruth visited to present the sports shirts, but we are all geared up now and ready for action. Thank you to the Lake Tekapo Lions for their patience and support.

#### Winter Wonderland Festival - Well done Kids and Thank you Tekapo Springs









The children were given the opportunity to perform at the Winter Festival and we would like to say thank you to the Tekapo Springs team for including us and supporting both the school and tamariki with their raffle. The children performed 3 cultural dances, a Maori waiata, the Fijian song Raude and the Japanese Fisherman's dance. It was a real celebration and with so many of our children playing ice hockey, it was also a chance for them to demonstrate their skills. On Sunday at the Polar Plunge we also held a sausage sizzle

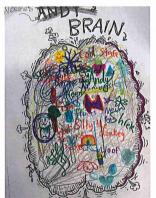


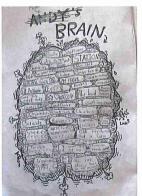


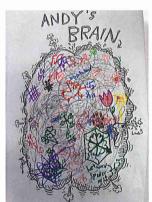
fundraiser and we would like to thank Amy Richardson and Geoff West, along with Jason and Casey Jeffries. It was a hard sell with frozen bodies, but your efforts are genuinely appreciated by staff.

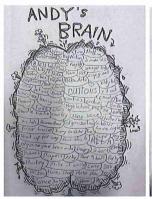
#### Andy's Brain - Levels of Thinking

One of the aims this term has been to get the children thinking about their own thoughts and understanding that it is o.k to be thinking about a multitude of things. We started with a snapshot on how parts of the brain work and then moved this to looking at the 6 levels of thinking, remembering, understanding, applying, analysing, evaluating and creating. This is a big concept, with the children relating these stages to their classroom work and it is supported through our "What to do with an Idea" booklet. Andy's Brain has been used as a prompt for this thinking and it has been really interesting asking and seeing what the children come up with when asked unscripted.











#### Football Goals - Thank you to the LTS BOT and Community Development Officers.



They say good things take time and we have finally secured and have in place the community soccer goals on the school sports field. This has been a collaborative effort between the Community Development team in Tekapo over successive years and Lake Tekapo School. We would like to thank both the Genesis Township Grant through the MDC, and the Community Trust of Mid- South Canterbury for their funding contributions. The Lake Tekapo School Board has prioritised topping up the kitty to ensure the goals are NZ certified for longevity. The School's Board has invested heavily in the field through

levelling the ground and irrigation, and it is really exciting to see the plans discussed for Futsal / Soccer and field coming to fruition.

#### Matariki Dinner - End of Term Get Together:







#### Matariki Dinner

Welcome to our shared Matariki Celebration with Lake Tekapo Kindergarten and Lake Tekapo School. This evening will take the place of the Lake Tekapo School End of Term Assembly this term.

When:

Tuesday 2nd July, 4:00 - 6:30ish

Where:

Lake Tekapo School Community Library

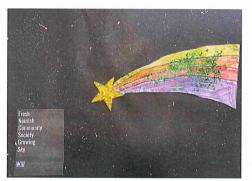
Please bring a potluck dish to share your culture with our families.

This will be a fun catch up to celebrate Matariki in our community.

There will be a couple of waiata (songs) performed by both kura (schools), then we will enjoy our kai together.

Term Work will be placed out for parents' caregivers to view.

The tamariki will then be treated to a movie, while the adults mix and mingle in the Community Room.



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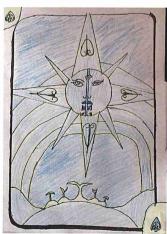
Raphy



Mollie



Mila



Ratu



Chris

#### Ruth Low - Oral Historian - Background to Biographies

We haven't given up on our local biography idea and part of this has been introducing the knowledge that sits behind why we celebrate people's lives. Ruth Low, an oral historian, visited the school after running a workshop through Petronella's that Maria attended one Saturday morning. Ruth has a wealth of knowledge and experience with her ideas on "capturing the living past" sitting well with the School's idea of celebrating the local legends that we have in our small town. Ruth's analogy of history being the skeletons found as facts and figures in books, the bare bones, and oral history adding the flesh and colour is one we would like to pursue as sits nicely along aside the understanding of Tangata Whenuatanga.





#### Go Tekapo - Thank You Tu and Megan.

Last week we were lucky to have Tu and Megan visit us from Go Tekapo to talk with us about the zodiac constellations and Matariki. This was hugely informative and we absolutely loved Tu and Megan's energy and knowledge. As staff, we absolutely love these specialised lessons, with the kids naturally following up their learning over the past few days, drawing and discussing the different zodiac. Thank you also to Go Tekapo who presented us with a \$200 dollar donation for the school from a client and to the Breathe Tekapo

Committee for their donation to the school for the use of the building during their successful event.

#### What Now - Waiting for the Final Cut



We are still waiting on the What Now final cut and once this is through we will you know. The children did incredibly well and played along with the Principal Prank, with the Godley children teaching for the morning in true Tuakana Teina fashion, adding a pirate hat to the school uniform and emptying out the lake to assist with an upcoming weather event. At the end of the day the children had a great laugh and had a taste of TV celebrity.

#### Dates:

- Friday 28 June Matariki SCHOOL CLOSED
- Tuesday 2nd July Matariki 4:00 pm 6:30 pm Replacing End of Term Assembly.
- Friday 5 July Last Day Term 2
- Saturday 6th July First Aid
- Monday 22 July First Day Term 3 School Reports handed out week one followed by Parent Interviews.
- Thursday 25th July Skiing Information Afternoon.