



Thursday 27th June

Dear Parents / Caregivers,

Mackenzie Matariki Festival

The School Community should be very proud of the children on Friday for the opening of the Mackenzie Matariki Festival at the Dark Sky Project. Thank you for the commitment shown over this long weekend to allow your children to participate in what has been an exceptional few days celebrating Matariki. The planning and organisation of this inaugural event for our town will only grow and to be a part of the formal proceedings and welcome was a privilege. The children performed both their Haka and Waiata with strength and poise and the feedback from many expressed this. The school maybe small, but the children certainly step up when they are called to do so. Thank you.



Thank You : BBQ Fundraiser

It was an early morning start on Saturday for the School BBQ Fundraiser. A massive thank you to Judith Speck, Penny Wilson, Casey Jeffries for their Bacon Butty creations and to Simon Tocker who organised and set up the Lions BBQ for us on the day. The school would also like to acknowledge and thank Casey and Jason Jeffries from the 4 Square, Craig and Lynley Willis from Challenge and Steve and Vic Howes from LJ Hooker for their tireless support of our children and school. The Fundraiser on Saturday is yet another great example of the generosity of our local businesses for which the school is genuinely appreciative of.

"When a child memorises ten words, the child can only read ten words, whereas if the child learns the sounds of ten letters, the child will be able to read 350 three sound words, 4,320 four sound words and 21,650 five sound words."

Martin Kozloff, 2002

Professional Development at Lake Tekapo School

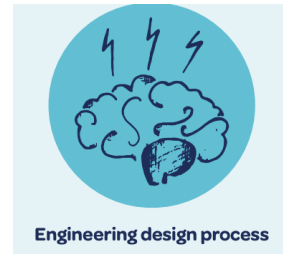
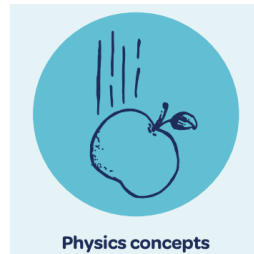
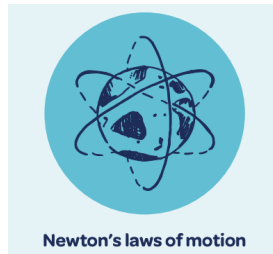
At Lake Tekapo School both Maria and Angela are undertaking Professional Development in Structured Literacy, using the Ministry of Education funded BSLA (Better Start Literacy Approach). This approach focuses on teaching the code of the English language in the first two years at school. Letter-sound knowledge is taught, practised at a word level and then a text will come home. The focus is on segmenting (sounding out a word) and then blending (putting it together). Reading words on a page

is no longer a guessing game, they are developing strategies to decode. This structured literacy approach has been recommended for students with dyslexia and those who are having difficulty with decoding words, as it directly addresses phonological skills, decoding, and spelling. The new texts are sequenced in seven stages to teach children the 44 sounds of the English language and the principles of the alphabetic code. We will continue to focus on phonics, phonemic awareness, building vocabulary and the children's oral language skills to develop equally strong foundations for comprehension and writing.

The Wonder Project : Our New Staff Member



The children are absolutely thriving having Michi Speck visiting us in his role as the Wonder Project Ambassador. It is so good watching and hearing the children being emersed in Science and Technology with Michi demonstrating and explaining the different concepts of Newton's Law and Aerodynamics. The Rocket Challenge programme is designed to scaffold the learning aligned to Level 3 of the New Zealand school curriculum. It has been designed to complete in 6-8 weeks, however with the disruption of weather we will possibly end up completing this next term.



Skiing Term 3 - Getting Organised.

The Skiing Booklet and Google Form have been sent for your information, feedback and plans regarding this year's Skiing Programme. Every year we repeat the messaging that this part of the programme is important, as it allows staff to coordinate transport and supervision on the mountain. It is incredibly helpful if you commit to these arrangements and where possible

try to work through with others in this initial planning, rather than changing travel and supervision on the week of. Please read the information sent and ensure that you have completed and diarised the dates for both transport and days. As with other years a Parent Afternoon will be held on Thursday 28th July, at 3:15pm at School. Thank you for this.

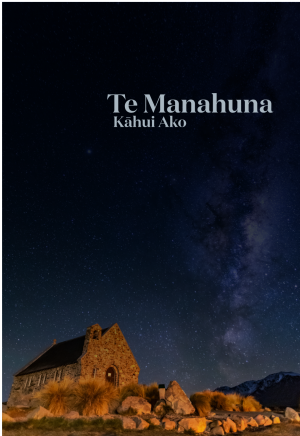
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Takapo Book Exchange

Bron Williams from the Mackenzie Community Library has invited the children to participate with the opening of Takapo Book Exchange at Simpson Lane tomorrow, Tuesday 28th June. Bron has been supporting our school through the donation and contribution of books and reading to our kids. The children will walk from School to Simpson Lane to take part in this wonderful initiative.

Teacher Only Day / Te Manahuna Kahui Ako - Monday 25th July



With so many interruptions this year, the Kahui Ako lead team have planned to hold a Teacher Only Day on the first day of Term 3, Monday 25th July. This will mean our first day back in Term 3 will be Tuesday 26th July. This day had been planned for Term One, however with the environment at the time, it had been decided to hold it later in the year. With our Lead, Jason Reid, now leaving Mackenzie College to take up a position at Kaiapoi High School, it is timely for the group of Mackenzie Schools and Early Childhood Centres to meet together to review and reflect on the current status and thinking around our cluster's achievement challenges of Digital Fluency, Coherent Pathways (Transition) and Hauora (Wellbeing). Thank you for your support of this.



Transport Required for Term 3.

The pick up for transport on Monday for Kapa Haka has been wonderful and as has been stated previously, this is allowing us the opportunity to meet with the other schools in our Mackenzie Kahui Ako to share and promote this incredibly valuable initiative across the area. A massive thanks to Penny Wilson, Tamam Tayem and Odette Tocker who have transported our children down in Term 2. If you are able to assist with transport fortnightly for Kapa Haka, can you please let Jane know in the office. With the Kahui Ako Teacher Only Day happening on day one of Term 3, we will need to confirm dates.

Invitation to View - Thursday 7th July - Dark Sky Project at School.



We are due for our next Dark Sky Project Tutorial on Thursday 7th July. Part of this visit is the staff bringing in and setting up one of their telescopes on the field to allow parents to come in and view the moon with the kids. The idea was to set this up at pick up time to make this accessible to the parent community. It would be wonderful to support this with the Dark Sky Project offering their expertise to our school.

Library Books :

Please look around home for any Library books that need to be returned. We will issue new books for the holidays on the Thursday afternoon. Jane will put a reminder list out next week.

End of Term Assembly: Friday 8th July - 1:30pm - 3:00pm

Dates and Planning for Term 3:

Tuesday 28th June	Takapo Book Exchange 10:00am
Thursday 30th June	Board of Trustees Meeting
Thursday 7th July	Dark Sky Project Viewing - School Field 3:00pm
Friday 8th July	LAST DAY - TERM 2 - End of Term Assembly
Monday 25th July	Teacher Only Day - Kahui Ako - School Closed
Tuesday 26th July	First Day of Term 3.
Thursday 28th July	Parent Information Afternoon - Skiing 2022.

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