

Monday 3rd July

Dear Parents / Caregivers,

End of Term Parent Information Evening - Thank You



The Board of Trustees and Staff would like to thank the parent group for both support and participation Thursday 29th June at our Parent Information Night. As a school and staff we do appreciate your involvement and feedback, with the night allowing us to share our work in the "big picture" and associated challenges that sit alongside our schools at a national level. It was really healthy having the parent group work through the Values activity planned and this will now sit beside the children's voice as part of our Vision and Values refresh. The engagement,

conversation and observations will help us as a Board of Trustees review the priorities that we want for our Tamariki. The feedback on Friday was hugely positive with recommendations supporting more nights like this, where parents can meet and talk together, knowing that the children are being catered for. The night also allowed us to gauge our culture, with our new parents offering comparison and ideas to support and build on looking ahead.



Whanaungatanga

Relationships / Sense of Family Connection/ Shared Experiences/Sense of belonging.



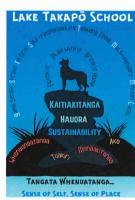
Manaakitanga

Hospitality/Kindness, Generosity/ Support/Respect/Care



Ako

To Learn, Study, Instruct, Teach, Advise/Tuakana Teina.



Tuakiri

Person / Personality/ Identity/ Mana / Whakapapa

Winter Market Donation - Thank You



The Lake Tekapo School and Kindergarten would like to thank Billy Kerr and the Tekapo Springs staff for the recent donation made to both our kura. As has been stated on a number of occasions, the School and Kindergarten are humbled by the support it receives from our local community and businesses, and the fact that this was unexpected means a lot to both staff and our students. Thank you for thinking of us here on the hill.

Appointment Update:

The school is still working through the appointment process for the Junior room. We are lucky to have secured Angela Marshall for this role in the immediate future and this has meant that we are in a good place to secure the best candidate for this important position. The school is very aware of keeping continuity for the children and their best interests. More information will follow once we have confirmed and consulted with our Recruitment agency.

Wellbeing Workshop - Year 5/6 Student Voice - Kahui Ako Feedback



As part of our Te Manahuna Kahui Ako we are wanting to capture how students feel about school and their own wellbeing. This is really interesting work with children across the Mackenzie schools sharing and talking openly about school and how they feel supported. Children have a great gift at summarising their understanding and putting this

into their own words. We as a group of schools will collate this information and work at making sure we respond in kind.

A sample of Lake Tekapo School's Student Voice:

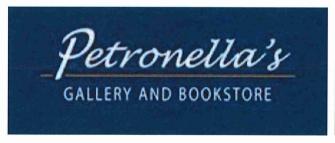
- "Everyone is a part of it".
- "The people at this school make everything fun, including Maths"
- "We get involved with the community"
- "If you need help, people will help and listen to you"
- "We take the time to calm down"
- "Gives us opportunities and lets us be us"
- "Having teachers that care about our learning"
- "No matter how different you are, you fit in"
- "People encouraging new students"
- "The pretty cool vibe at the school in Tekapo"
- "Cares and treats everyone equally"



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Bronwyn, the Bookathon and Petronella's





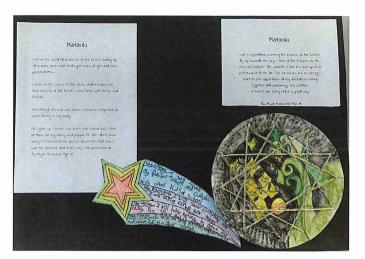
Thank you to Bronwyn Williams from the Mackenzie College Community Library for calling in and sharing and donating more books to our school library. The kids love the shared reading and the character that you bring.

This term the children have been writing book reviews for Wilma at Petronella's Bookstore. We are endeavouring to make this a regular activity for the children and currently we have Fletcher Berge and Lucy Monk's on display in the store. This fits all nicely with the current Bookathon for the next 3 months and the staff would love parents to encourage and support this reading activity, especially over the winter months. Congratulations to Lucy and Johnny Monk who were the recipients of our Petronella vouchers for June.

Matariki and The Dark Sky Project:



Tutepourangi and Mikey from The Dark Sky Project visited school last Friday to introduce and explain the meaning of the different Whetu of Matariki. The children have followed up this mahi with work of their own where they have created stick stars and made wishes, plate stars and written about the importance of this time. The main theme of Matariki being remembrance, celebrating the present and looking to the future. This years Matariki celebrations and workshops can be found at https://matarikimackenzie.co.nz/pages/festival-programme-2023









Ski Forms - Term 3 - Transport and Supervision:



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Forms have been sent out for Term 3's Skiing and we would ask that you complete these thoroughly and diarise dates accordingly. Staff are currently reviewing the EOTC Policies and Procedures for the school with this being a huge undertaking over the 6 weeks. As with every year we will be requiring transport for these days and we would ask that when you make yourself available, that you commit to these days. This is important, with changes often causing a lot of disruption to this initiative.

Ski Dates:

- Thursday 3rd August
- Wednesday 9th August
- Thursday 17th August
- Thursday 24th August
- Thursday 31st August (Mackenzie Race Day)
- Thursday 7th September

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Jane has sent out the Google form for transportation, and other details for the six weeks. A reminder to **SUBMIT** the form - upon submitting the form, the following pop-up will appear (with the appropriate form name for the event), and an email will be sent. Please talk to Jane in the office if you need any help with completing the form or if you think you may need financial assistance with our ski programme.

School Reports

The staff will be writing school reports during the holiday break and these will go out in the first week back. These reports will form the basis of discussion for Parent Interviews later in Term 3.

Last Few Days - A Nice Positive End to Term 2:



It always happens with the end of the term looming, that children feel relaxed, focussed and ironically demonstrating independence. We are absolutely loving having Jasmine and Emma from the Lake Tekapo Kindergarten sharing the joy and the Gymnastics initiative organised through Natasha Boyd has been brilliant. It is great seeing the Kindergarten children on site with Lucile who has been teaching gymnastics for all the ages. We are looking forward to working closely with the Lake Tekapo Kindergarten during Term 3 as we work towards further alignment towards our local kura.

We've had plenty of support and enjoyment over the term and we would like to thank all of those that have contributed to the learning that has happened throughout the term. Thank you to Jane, Maria and Angela throughout the term and to Stewie Inch who is fast becoming our 5th Wheel on staff. Keep keeping us honest.





Stewie and The Lions



The Kids in fine form.



Our Muffin Makers and Jane



Our Apple Crumble Makers



Chris W keeping the beat.



Our Choral Performance

Race Tekapo - Saturday 16th September.



"Join us in Lake Tekapo on the 16th of September for Race Tekapo. There is a 10% discount for Mackenzie District locals who wish to enter. You can contact support@scenicsports.net to request the discount code. If anyone has already entered they can contact us and we will refund them the difference in entry price. We hope you come and join in on the fun this spring!"

Upcoming Dates:

Monday 17th July Tuesday 18th July

First Day Term 3
Public Health Nurse Visit