

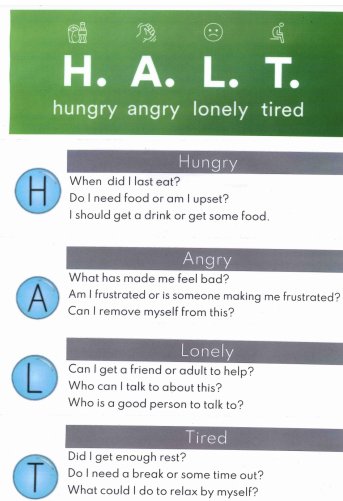


Monday 30th May

Dear Parents / Caregivers,

It continues to be a disjointed year with date changes and COVID interruptions dominating any planning attempts or continuity. Thank you for your continued patience, commonsense and support to working in with the school and hopefully come mid June we can step out of the confusion and enter the Green Alert

Level. This fortunately has not stopped our kids from enjoying a plethora of opportunities, and whilst there has been a steady flow of sickness and fatigue, the children have continued on regardless. As a school we are very aware that Term Two is an incredibly busy term with the start of winter sports and families settling in for the winter months. We do ask that if your child(ren) are feeling unwell or tired that it is better to keep them home rather than push the children too hard. We are noticing that small things do become larger than necessary, and this can be put down to tiredness and feeling a little under the weather. The school does work through a simple HALT strategy for the children that enables them to think through how they are coping and reacting to how they feel themselves.



Dark Sky Project



We are so privileged to have the staff from The Dark Sky Project coming to school consistently to work with our children. It is even better having the staff turn up randomly during our break times to enjoy the company of our children and play games. This is why we teach and watching the relationships build

between school and business providers is enormously rewarding. Adrien, Yanina, Tu and Jen worked with the children on the cultural background of space and made manu tukutuku (kites). We look forward to our next session in a couple of weeks time.

Brad Morton - Community Police - Road Safety



The children have had a visit by our local constable, Mr Brad Morton to work through and ask questions regarding Road Safety in our town. Again, it is so good observing the relationship building between Police and School with Brad known by many of the children, but being seen reinforcing his important role for our town. As always the children made some illuminating statements and intriguing questions.

Year 6 Leaders Day:

Recently our Year 6 students attended a Leadership Day for the students from all the Mackenzie Schools including Albury, Cannington, Lake Tekapo, Fairlie Primary and St. Joseph's Fairlie. Thank you to Fairlie Primary School for hosting this event. The students heard from inspirational speaker, Josh South and he spoke to them about his journey as a young person battling cancer, losing a leg and then going on to represent New Zealand in swimming. A big part of Josh's message to the students was about having the right attitude and being resilient. Mackenzie College's head students and a deputy head student spoke to the students in a question and answer session and then talked about their roles in the school and how they achieved their own Leadership goals. This is another great opportunity for our students transitioning to Mackenzie to get to know both other students and staff from the different schools.



Sand Pit All Go: Thank You to the Simpson Family



The outdoor space is coming along nicely and the school would like to thank the Simpson family for their donation of sand for the sandpit. The kids have absolutely loved the opportunity to get their hands dirty and build and create during their school breaks. It is another example of simple being great and a demonstration that ultimately children just enjoy getting in amongst it. The school is now in the process of purchasing a cover for the sandpit, but we would like to again acknowledge Foodstuffs, Lions Tekapo and Genesis in allowing this part of the outdoor area to happen.

Rippa Rugby Tournament



The children again punched above their weight at the South Canterbury Rippa Rugby Tournament held in Timaru last week. The feedback about our side was hugely positive and the composition of the Year 4-6 boys and girls, in Year 5-6 Tournament meant our kids really excelled on the day. Thank you to Dan Morrow, Tim Story and Odette Tocker for transport on the day and supervision and it is so good when the talent you see on the field at lunchtimes everyday, is translated to the larger stage. Well done kids.

Teacher Only Day - School Closed

Please remember that Friday 3rd June has been scheduled as a Teacher Only Day here at School. There has been some questions as to what this day will be used for. We can reassure you that staff will be working with the Lake Tekapo Kindergarten around the transition of our tamariki in the morning and then working through the Professional Development goals in both the Better Start Literacy and Local Curriculum delivery plan. Please enjoy the opportunity to have a long weekend with Monday also a public holiday, Queen's Birthday.

Wonder Project. Thank You to our Wonder Project Ambassador Michi Speck



The senior children had their first Wonder Project workshop with our local expert Michi Speck who is our School Ambassador. The children absolutely loved hearing about Michi's own

background, made all the more special with Michi being a local lad, who himself went to Lake Tekapo School. This is an outstanding programme to be a part of as it involves project-based, hands-on learning that knit seamlessly into the New Zealand school curriculum. The activities are designed to spark wonder in young Kiwis from Year 5-13, our learning experiences make STEM super fun and engaging, and get students excited about a future STEM career. (S=Science / T=Technology / E=Engineering / M=Maths)

Mackenzie Library Visit.



Thank you to Bronwyn Williams for visiting us to read with the children and for her donation of the book "Celia the Seagull and the Plastic Sea". Bronwyn had heard about our little character "Sprout" and felt that this book would support our learning. During Bronwyn's last visit she read "Papatuanuku" to our tamariki which was also donated kindly to our school library



Transport Required: (Monday 13th June ,Monday 27th June)

The children are absolutely loving the opportunity to be a part of the Kahui Ako led Kapa Haka initiative. This happens fortnightly in Fairlie with our cluster of Primary Schools and College. We are looking for a transport commitment however in order to make this happen. Currently we have 2 staff away from school site on these mornings and it would be great if we could maintain staffing at school, rather than committing an extra staff member on these days. This is for our Year 5/6 children who will teach the school in the weeks between. Thank you to Penny and Kerryn for helping to date.

Cross Country - Cannington - Wednesday 1st June

-(Postponement Thursday 2nd June)

The children have been training each day in preparation for the Cross Country. They have also written some writing in preparation for the day. Here are some snippets:

It requires commitment and self control. You will need to peak at your best performance. You will need to agree to try your best. It will be painful and requires sacrifices. And I promise you when you reach that goal "it's worth it". Ruby

It will hurt. It will take incredible resilience and grit. It will require my full effort. It requires serious dedication. Zeana

You will need to push yourself to make it through. Some times there will be ups and downs. You will need to push your body to the max. Lincoln

It will hurt. When you step up to that line, the nerves suddenly kick in. Your brain slides into a fixed mindset. "I can't do this, I can't do this." It's like an invisible force sucking all the energy out of you. Your pulse thumping like a drum. Starting to second guess myself. "It's just this race". Munro

Don't give up even when your body says so. Push yourself beyond your limits. Try to use as much willpower as you can. Push yourself to the maximum. Miyah

Transport on the Day

Thank you for all the offers of transport to the Cross Country at Cannington School on Wednesday. In future can we please ask that the Google Form is completed by the due date, as Jane has needed to follow up several families today to get this out on time. A new transport list will be sent out if we need to use the cancellation day (Thursday 2nd June). A reminder to parents of younger children to please bring their car seat for their car - thank you. Please remember to bring something for our Shared morning tea.

Leaving LTS at 8:50am, for a combined morning tea at Cannington

Judith

Heleen
Eva
Meara
Zeana

Fiona

James
Aarnav
Lincoln

Casey

Mila
Quinn
Edan

Sarah Simpson

Will
Beauden
Colton

Tania

Munro
Alex

Ems

Ben
Khuno
Sapphire
Mackenzie

Penny

Elijah
Ruby - picking up on
way
Indy

Staff

Jane
Maria
Simon
Angela

Matt

Oscar
Ollie

Steve & Amanda

Fletcher
Amelia

Kevin & Karen

Kaija

The course information will be sent out separately.

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Dates and Planning for Term Two:

We have sent out the known dates and as more information becomes known we will let you know the details. Please calendarise these dates and if you are able to help, we would be hugely grateful. Staff are beginning to plan our Skiing at Roundhill for Term 3. These dates are confirmed as below,

- Tuesday 31st May Rippa Rugby Training - Lake Tekapo School
- Wednesday 1st June Cannington Cross Country (postponement Thursday 2nd June)
- Friday 3rd June Teacher Only Day - **School Closed**
- Monday 6th June Queens Birthday - **School Closed**
- Monday 13th June Kapa Haka - **Transport Required**
- Tuesday 14th June South Canterbury Cross Country (Only Qualifiers)
- Friday 24th June Matariki Celebration (School Closed - Possible Workshop for Matariki at School)

Roundhill Skiing Dates for Term 3:

- Thursday 4th August
- Wednesday *10th August*
- Thursday 18th August
- Thursday 25th August
- Thursday 1st September
- Thursday 8th September (Race Day)
- Thursday 15th September (Race Day Postponement Day)

First Aid Training Invitation



We are Looking for 3 more participants to hold this in Tekapo.

The staff will be updating their first aid certificates in July and we are putting out an invitation to anyone who requires this as well. This will be for refreshers as well as a comprehensive, which will be all day. Thank you to those that have responded to date.

