



Monday 7th August

Dear Parents / Caregivers,

We are unsure about others, but keeping in time and staying in check with the general busyness of daily routines seems to be the new norm. What used to be achieved with relative ease, now seems to have been replaced by second guessing and adhoc schedule changes. It has been a busy start to the term with Matariki organisation here at school, skiing preparation, reports and term begin planning. It was wonderful having Arowhenua Marae join us here at school for the Matariki workshops and great seeing some of our Tamariki taking advantage of this opportunity. The workshops ranged from the History of the Te Manahuna rohe to Rokoā (Maori natural therapy) and was hugely supported throughout the day. It was great to be able to talk and share future plans in between workshops and to enrich our knowledge and relationship as we broaden our understandings. This day was followed up recently by the good people at the Dark Sky Project and their facilitation of the Japanese Star festival of Tanabata. It was a reminder to the school of this significant day with our annual Tanabata celebration coming to a halt over the past few years. Thank you to Satoshi and the Dark Sky team for inviting us and reminding us of the value these cultural events and the depth of meaning these days signify for our tamariki.



Board of Trustees Appointment Update:

The Lake Tekapo School Board of Trustees has made the decision to put on hold the appointment of our Scale A Junior teaching position at the advice of our Recruitment agency. We received a number of applications which was heartening, however as a sign of the times, many of these candidates secured other positions with the teacher market in short supply. We are lucky to have secured Angela Marshall for the remainder of the year and the Board of Trustees will revisit our employment situation towards the end of the year.

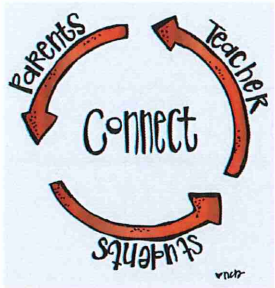
Skiing, EOTC and Notifications:



A huge thank you to the parent community for the support of our Skiing Information Afternoon and the preparation that goes into making this EOTC initiative happen. Information for these days will be sent out each Monday, with a confirmation email sent out the night before. If

you could please let us know of any changes early, this is hugely beneficial to staff and their organisation of the day. We are very aware that the notifications are many, Educa, Facebook, email and text, and this is a response to the feedback from previous years and parent request.

Parent Interviews: Monday 14th August



The staff will be available on Monday 14th August for parent interviews and follow up to the reports sent out in week one. As with previous years, Jane will send out an allotted time for you and your child(ren) to attend. It is good to have an afternoon set to allow staff and parents to catch up and discuss your child(ren). Please do not wait for Parent interviews to talk with staff, as we are very happy to make time.

Attendance Procedures:



As you will be aware, attendance at school is a government priority and a focus to keep children at school. Lake Tekapo School is not immune to these expectations and it is important that we maintain and monitor our attendance expectations with students and their caregivers. Jane records attendance for our student management system each morning and follows up concerns or the reasons for absences. Students are recorded as present or absent using set attendance codes set by the Ministry of Education. An absence may be justified (e.g. for medical reasons) or unjustified e.g. for an unapproved holiday or other unsatisfactory reason. As from the beginning of Term 3, any students who have 5 days unjustified absences in a term now need intervention recorded against them. This information will be sent automatically to the MoE automatically each week. Please make sure that you notify Jane on the School phone by 9:15am, so that we can ensure our records are correct. School Phone: 027 374 8734 / (03) 680 6816

School Jobs : Belated Thank You : Flag Pole / Playground Woodchips



It is great to have our Values Flags flying again with the children deciding and raising these each day. Thank you to JP, Greg Marshall and Barry Green for organising the rethreading of the rope without hassle. The staff would also like to thank Sam, Amanda,

William and Fletcher Simpson for their toil during the school holidays in getting the woodchip organised and spread out for the playground area.

Biography Interviews



Website Biographies:

As part of Term 2's learning we have decided to look at biographies of local people we can put on to our website. Our first Local Legend is Mr Stewie Inch who typifies the meaning of community. Please read the question and answer sessions we have had with Stewie while he has been in the school with his

Lions role and as a valued role model for our tamariki.

Tuk Tuk Lunch Friday



The school is exceptionally lucky to have been approached by Peppers Bluewater to bring back the Tuk Tuk School Lunch options for each Friday over the winter months. This last ran back in 2019 and was a massive hit with the children and for the parents with this end of the week solution to lunches. Peppers have again shown their support of the school by keeping the costs low, \$7:00, and allowing this to be donated back to the school, for which we are incredibly grateful. Thank you to Simon Tocker and his team for allowing this very cool initiative to happen. The selection on the menu is:

- A Southern Chicken Style Cheese Burger & Fries
- Chicken Donburi (Crumbed chicken, Sushi rice, Mayo)
- Spaghetti Bolognese
- Pizza – Margarita (vegetarian). 6" size
- Pizza – Hawaiian 6" size
- Fish 'n' chips (Hoki, Fries, Tartare sauce)

An order form like the one attached to this newsletter will be sent out on Thursday and all orders must be in cash and in a sealed envelope. Please have the correct change.



Fundraiser: Race Tekapo

The Lake Tekapo Brightstars and the Lake Tekapo School are looking for support from our parent community to help us with the Race Tekapo event on 16th September, 2023. This would involve assisting at the water stations during the day and helping out at the "After

Party" after the day's events. This is our only large fundraiser planned for this year and it would be great if we could rely on numbers to ensure that this is successful. If you are able to help, please contact Odette Tocker or Casey Jeffries for more information.

Upcoming Dates:

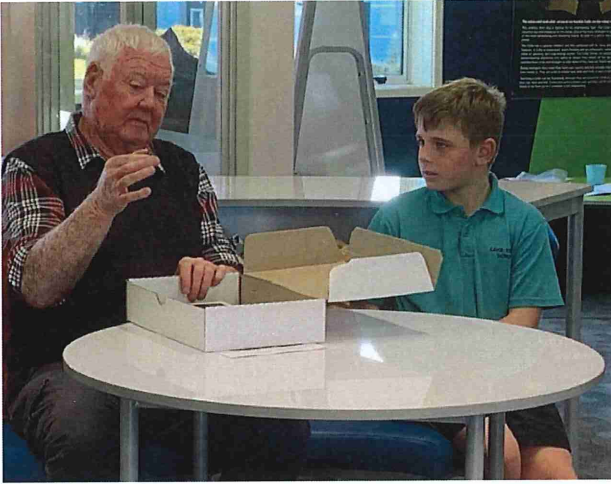
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| • Parent Interviews | Monday 14th August |
| • School Speech Competition | Friday 18th August |
| • Albury Speech Competition | Monday 21st August |
| • Race Tekapo Race Packs | Wednesday 16th September |
| • End of Term | Friday 22nd September. |

Ski Dates:

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

Stewie Inch - Our Local Legend

In Term 2, 2023, the students were given the privilege of interviewing Stewie Inch as part of their Biography unit. Stewie is a valued member of our school and his tireless work with the Lions and for the community sets an incredible example for our tamariki.



Q. Did you like living on a sheep farm as a kid?

A. I loved it, but I didn't like sheep, because I thought they were dumb. As soon as I left home I went to work on dairy farms.

Q. What was your favourite sheep on the farm when you were a kid and what was its name?

A. We only had pet lambs and we never named them because later on we sold them for pocket money or we sometimes ate them. Sometimes we went to the dead sheep and plucked its wool and we sold that too.

Q. What rank were you when you were a Policeman?

A. I got to be a senior constable after 14 years of service. One of my roles was a youth aid officer.

Q. What was your favourite school and why?

A. I didn't have a favourite school, because they were all pretty good and each school had its own character.

Q. Would you rather stay in Tekapo for the rest of your life or travel to other places and never come back to Tekapo.

A. I would like to stay in Tekapo but probably I will go to Dunedin because there is limited help for older folk here, and I have family down there.

Q. What do you like to do in your free time?

A. I like spending time with my grandchildren because they are much more fun than my children.

Q. Do you have a hot tub?

A. No, but I have a bath and a shower.

Q. Have you ever been out of the country and where?

A. Yes Australia 4-5 times, England, France, Belgium, Italy, Ireland, Prague, Vienna and Budapest, Canada, Chicago-America and New Caledonia. Budapest is two cities, one is Buda the other is Pest divided by a river.



Q. What was your favourite place?

A. Prague because I found the people were very honest, they had been subjected to Russian rule after World War Two.



Q. What is something you're proud of and why?

A. I'm proud of joining the police.

Q. Why are you proud of joining the police?

A. Because of all the opportunities, giving back to people and giving back to the community. Being a policeman doesn't mean just going out and locking people up, it's only a very very small part of it.

Q. Would you rather go back to the past and meet your ancestors or go into the future and meet your great, great, great, great, great - however many greats you want to add on to that- grand children?

A. I would rather go into the future because I have a family tree at home that shows me my ancestors. A tough lot they were. I would like to see a nice lot in the future.

Q. If you had one wish what would it be?

A: No poverty in the world. Everybody has food, also no fighting like all over the world at the moment.

Thank you for your time, insight and honesty Stewie, from the staff and students of LTS.



Meeting people in our community ... Meet Stewie Inch.

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Lake Tekapo has been his home for 23 years. He has 3 children (all living in the South Island), 4 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren.

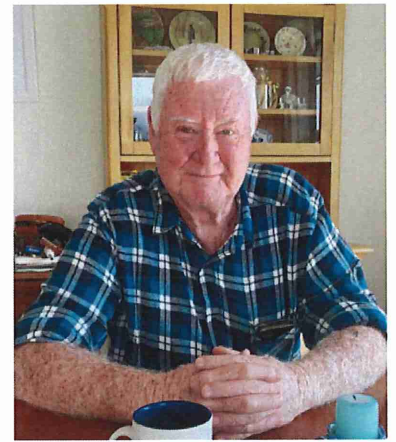
Where were you born?

I grew up in the Te Pirita District near Rakaia, Mid Canterbury. My parents had a sheep farm and my two uncles also farmed nearby.

Please tell us about your journey to joining the NZ Police?

I was 21 (doing farm work at the time) and was walking along the street one day in Timaru, when a chap who I knew through rugby walked towards me in a police uniform. We chatted and he said that he really enjoyed his work. That chance encounter inspired me to apply to join the Police. I retired many years later at age 55.

My job role for the last few years with the Police, was Youth Aid Officer in Timaru. While working for the Police, I enjoyed travelling for relieving work all over South Canterbury. I fell in love with Tekapo and in the late 80's we bought a wee crib on Burnett Place.



You are an active member of our community - what groups do you belong to?

When my late wife, Lorna and I moved permanently to Lake Tekapo, Lorna joined the Lions Club. I joined the Church of the Good Shepherd and that led to a role as a Lay Minister for 8-10 years. Years later, Lorna convinced me to also join Lions. I really enjoy the camaraderie and giving something back to the community. I especially enjoy spending time with the young ones - the kids are the future. It's great that the Lions members are now collaborating on projects with Tekapo School children, like recently painting the school fence together. Playing card games and board games is my favourite pastime. Julie approached me to help set up a group to meet regularly for some fun and 'The Wise Ones' evolved. It's not just about playing games - it's getting out of the house for a couple of hours (particularly during the winter months when people can become housebound), connecting with others in the community, enjoying a coffee together and chewing the fat. .

What do you love about living in Lake Tekapo?

I absolutely love the different nationalities and the interactions with people - Everyone is so friendly. I'm a morning person - so every day before breakfast, I walk to the shops to get my mail and buy a newspaper from the Four Square. If I didn't turn up for my paper for a couple of days - I'm sure the wonderful staff would come looking for me!



Lunch Time Menu - Friday

\$7.00 - PER ITEM

Thursday Order form FOR FRIDAY LUNCH

Due Thursday morning - Sealed envelope with **CASH ONLY**

Student Name:

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	Number	Cost
Southern Chicken Style Cheese Burger & Fries		

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Chicken Donburi (Crumbed chicken, Sushi rice, Mayo)		

	Number	Cost
Spaghetti Bolognaise		

	Number	Cost
Pizza 1 - Margarita (Vegetarian)		

	Number	Cost
Pizza 2 - Hawaiian		

	Number	Cost
Fish 'n' Chips (Hoki, Fries, Tartare sauce)		

Total		
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