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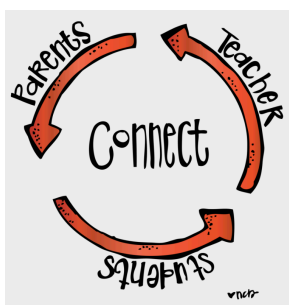
### Amazing Result - Thank You:

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The children are cranking at the moment and much of this is due to the support and encouragement that we are feeling as a group of kids, staff and a Board of Trustees. The recent 4 Wheel Drive fundraiser has been collated with the total fund raising of \$9100.00 being presented to the Bright Stars and Lake Tekapo School. This is truly amazing and we would again like to thank the many contributors that made this event happen. Over the next few weeks the children will be reaching out to thank our sponsors, but in the immediate, we would like to again recognise Amy, Michaela, Charlotte, Emma, Todd, Geoff, Hayden and Henry for driving this fundraiser to fruition. To the Lake Tekapo Lions, Casey and Jason and the 4 Square, the Simpson / Berge clan and Glenmore Station and Godley Peaks, this glimpse into the back blocks of our own backyard was incredible. Thank you.

### Board of Trustees Blurb - Parent Interviews - Thank You



Parent Interviews are an incredibly valuable time for staff as it allows time for feedback and most importantly uninterrupted time to talk and discuss your child(ren's) learning. Thank you for the turn-out last week and for the information shared about school, progress and feelings that both you and your child(ren) are encountering at school. We were delighted to see many parents bring their child(ren) to the interviews and hearing directly from the kids what is working well and what, from their perspective, can be improved. As with every year, we would like to reinforce the idea of not waiting for formal parent interviews, but popping in at a time convenient if you have an inkling, concern or something positive to share. As staff we value the open door and acknowledge that lives are incredibly busy, so making a convenient time is always beneficial so that we respond, rather than react.

### Thank you to the Lions:



We are on the way to getting our sports shirts with the design reaching the final draft. The delay has been on the supply of the coloured T-Shirt, and we will endeavour to get these made pronto. The Blue is to represent the lake and sky, with the brown fitting in with the school statement tangata whenuatanga, the land. Thanks kids and thank you to the Lions for their continued contribution to our school.

## 2024 Annual Improvement Plan - Draft

MOE 3406



Lake Takapō School Vision and Values and Curriculum Framework - Reviewed 2023

In line with the school's Strategy Plan the Board of Trustees have reviewed our strategic goals, school wide data and prepared the new Annual Improvement Plan for the Ministry of Education. This review has noted the need for the school to continue to build on its reporting processes through Educa for stakeholders, while working at moderating school wide learning progressions, with the Kahui Ako cluster of schools, that align to the refreshed New Zealand curriculum.

This work has tied in well with the school wide target and implementation of a "structured

literacy" programme, known as "ideal", that staff have been evaluating throughout term one. This programme will begin to take shape next term school wide and focus on Phonology and Phonological Awareness, Phonics, Fluency, Vocabulary, Comprehension, and Syntax. This will form part of our literacy target.



## Mackenzie A&P Show - Grand Parade Easter Monday - A Taster.



Nini



Mollie



Meara

## Some Recent Writing

### The Majestic Dive

I just love completing a sublime dive.  
 The feeling of hitting the water and holding your breath.  
 From the edge of the pool, ready to dive.  
 The fear of falling from the diving board.  
 I get ready.  
 The gravity pulls me to the water.  
 A 20 second downward fall, the smooth dive making you relax.  
 The feeling of hitting the water and holding your breath.  
 The warm water around you.  
 No weight.  
 By Johnny Monk

### My Persona Writing

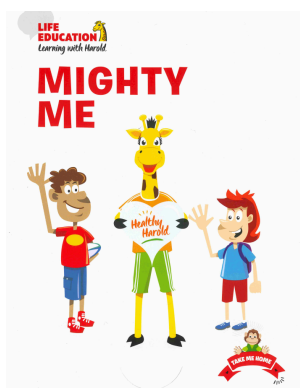
I am active and crazy.  
 I wonder if the planet is just a giant snowball .  
 I hear Ruby playing Fortnite with her friends every night.  
 I see moths in my room, flying around the light in my bedroom.  
 I want more squishmallows, even though I already have had nine. I am silly because Ruby created me and made me silly. She also made me annoying to her.  
 I understand that I can't get a new horse or a phone on my birthday.  
 I say that the world is a snowball, but we are not melting.  
 I dream my cat is attacking me and then she does it. I slept on the floor so my cat wouldn't attack me again.  
 I try to sit and stand up on my horse at a trot with no hands. It is pretty scary.  
 I hope that Ruby moves out of the house one day, so I can have her bedroom, because my room is too small.  
 I am crazy because I got it from Ruby

By Indica

### My Persona

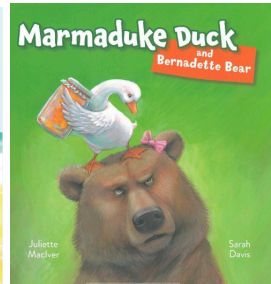
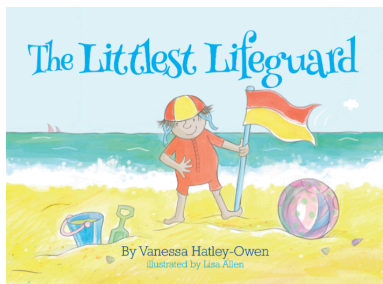
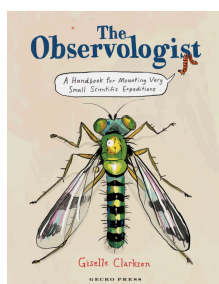
I am cute, hilarious and lazy.  
 I wonder how was the first tree was ever mad and about Motorbikes.  
 I hear my brother fighting my other brother.  
 I see different shapes of clouds like a tree.  
 I want to be a professional ice hockey player in Canada.  
 I pretend I am a superhero when I play with Ellie May .  
 I feel sad when my brothers don't play with me.  
 I worry about my parents dying and I hope they are ok.  
 I cry when I know I have done something wrong  
 I'm good at sport and dropping man's in the pool.  
 I understand you should try and stop a fight.  
 I say " I can't do everything".  
 I dream of having a Bugatti.  
 I try to be good at passing the ball in soccer.  
 I hope I will get a scholarship in canada ice hockey.  
 I am crazy.  
 By Colton

## Visitors to School:

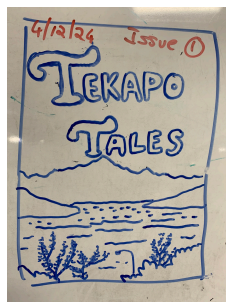


Rudi and the Life Education Bus joined us last week for a classroom in the bus visit. Rudi focussed on the topic of “identity” and the importance of the similarities and difference in people. The children loved this interactive session and thank you to Rudi who has become a familiar face for our children.

## Story Lines Author Visit:



The children were treated to a wonderful session from 4 authors, A.M. Dixon, Giselle Clarkson, Vanessa Hatley-Owen and Juliette MacIver. These authors are part of the Storylines National Tour where four leading authors, illustrators and storytellers visit and talk about their love of literacy, writing and the process of publishing a book.



This was a hugely interactive session, with illustrations rustled up on the fly, singing Marmaduke the Duck, with the accompanying ukulele, and a small planning session that we are hoping to take into Term 2 this year. Like all things school, this session has reignited our plans to focus on Literacy and follow up on the concepts of Book Reviews for Petronella's, Biographies for the website, and a platform to publish our children's their writing. This will be a great focus for the foundation work being laid through the Ideal Structured Literacy programme.

## Swimming Results Lake Tekapo School 2024

### Morning - 1 width Freestyle:

#### Boys 7 years

Will Simpson 2nd  
Niko McKenzie 2nd  
Raphael Story 3rd

#### Boys 8 years

Asher Nand 1st

#### Boys 9 years

Carter Marsh 2nd

#### Girls 9 years

Alexia Joyce 1st

### Afternoon - 1 Length Freestyle

#### Boys 7 years

Chris Wilton 3rd 31.87

#### Girls 7 years

Amelia Berge 1st 30.71

#### Boys 8 years

Johnny Monk 3rd 33.66

#### Girls 8 years

Quinn Jeffries 2nd 26.65

#### Boys 9 years

Ratu Cavalevu 3rd 27.28

## 2 widths any stroke

### Boys 7 years

Raphael Story 1st

Beauden Tocker 2nd

Niko McKenzie 3rd

### Girls 8 years

Ayla Frewen 1st

### Girls 9 years

Alexia Joyce 1st

## 1 Width Kickboard

### Girls 7 years

Indica Nathan 2nd

### Girls 9 years

Nini Xiao 1st

### Boys 9 years

Carter Marsh 1st

## 1 length Backstroke (non competitive)

### Boys 7 years

Beauden Tocker 1st

## Open events - 2 lengths Free

Colton Tocker 3rd 56.81

## 2 Lengths Breaststroke

Ratu Cavalevu 2nd 1.22.72

## Girls 9 years

Mollie Nagaoka 3rd 28.4

## 1 Length Backstroke

Boys 7 years

Chris Wilton 3rd 38.03

## Girls 8 years

Heleen Speck 38.59

## Boys 9 years

Colton Tocker 31.41

## Girls 9 years

Lucy Monk 28.50

## 1 Length Breaststroke

## Boys 7 years

Chris Wilton 1st 40.72

## Girls 8 years

Quinn Jeffries 1st 39.25

## Boys 9 years

Ratu Cavalevu 1st 36

Elijah Wilton 3rd 38.17

## Girls 9 years

Meara Tayem 2nd 41.44

**Relay Race Both** - LTS came 3rd in their heat.

## School Triathlon 2024



As said at the beginning of this newsletter, the children are absolutely cranking at the moment and this was really on show at Friday's Triathlon. All the kids gave the 3 disciplines of running, cycling and swimming a decent crack, with no complaints and plenty of encouragement for each other. A massive thank you from the staff for the parent turnout on Friday afternoon, and for creating an environment where every competitor felt supported and urged to do their best. The staff absolutely loved the relaxed feeling on the day and the interaction between adults and children. It was a great day and a nice way to finish the swimming season. Thank you to Nigel Frost for the season and for ensuring the pool was in perfect condition for the day.



## Godley - Persona Writing

I am happy, I am Fijian  
 I wonder what my mum is doing?  
 I hear a helicopter  
 I see you  
 I want a new swimming bag  
 I am able to run fast, I am good at doing work  
 I pretend I am a pirate in space. Picking up moon rocks from the moon. I went up in a rocketship with Raphy, Johnny and Ratu.  
 I feel like that I want a fast car  
 I worry that my mum wont let me go to the hot pools  
 I cry when I am not old enough to go on a ride  
 I am too busy for my work  
 I understand what I am doing  
 I say lets go to the park  
 I dream about living in a different place  
 I try to be brave and go down the slide  
 I hope that easter comes faster  
 I am to busy for my letters  
 I am Ezekiel  
 Ezekiel Vucago

I am good at looking after my dog and I am good at math.  
 I wonder about the future and about Raphy  
 I hear a jet boat out on the lake.  
 I see the kindy across the road.  
 I want a fast lamborghini .  
 I am good at scootering and soccer because I have a powerful leg  
 I feel hungry because I didn't have breakfast  
 I cry when I cut onions because they hurt my eyes  
 I am fast because I am good  
 I say their name because we have the best mates  
 I dream I am playing fetch because I have a machine  
 I try to be a good reader  
 I hope for a lamborghini  
 I am Beauden

Beauden Tocker

I am Helpful and Kind  
 I hear my cat meowing at the door  
 I see the birds in the trees  
 I want a build your own volcano  
 I am five years old  
 I pretend to play on the BBQ  
 I feel scared when I started school  
 I worry when I am going to sleep and Mum and Dad don't close the door and watch the TV.  
 I cry when mum and dad yell at me  
 I understand all the myths of Maui  
 I say that the easter bunny pooped easter eggs into my living room last year  
 I dream about bombing into the pool  
 I try so hard to get my head under the water  
 I hope for a spiderman truck  
 I am Byron

Byron Frewen



Will



Raphy



Florence

## South Canterbury Triathlon:

We had four children complete in the South Canterbury Triathlon. Colton, Elijah, Lucy and Mila. All competed well with Lucy placing 4th in her age group. Well done kids for putting your hand up, with little preparation and for challenging yourselves. (Lucy 4th, Colton 31st, Mila 45th and Elijah 55th)

The image contains three promotional posters. The leftmost poster is blue and white, titled '\*\*\* MACKENZIE/CAVE HOCKEY \*\*\*'. It states that registrations are now open and provides contact information for Aaron McCall at dalzell@ezykonect.co.nz or 027 685 5702. It also mentions the season start and game days. The middle poster is black and white, titled 'MACKENZIE RUGBY CLUB JAB REGISTRATIONS 2024'. It features a QR code and the text 'SCAN TO REGISTER'. The rightmost poster is green and white, titled 'South Canterbury Toyota PRIMARY GIRLS RUGBY'. It shows a group of girls in maroon and green uniforms and includes details for a 'Train to Play' session for Years 5-8 at School Park on Monday 29th April, 6th May, and 13th May.

## Opportunity to Host Students Hosting Families

We have been approached from the Director of Pas Grau Ski Club, Juliet Satherwaite, for families to have the opportunity (paid) to host skiers for three weeks during August 2024. These children are from families are aged between 14-16 years old. Our plan is to ski in New Zealand for 3 weeks during August/ September at Roundhill and Dobson, and visit the region.

The goal is to offer the children a NZ experience of living in an English speaking family, and experiencing the NZ culture. It would be a hosting situation for which we would compensate the host families (remuneration) for the care. The total time period would be 3.5 weeks and families would be reimbursed for this. This reimbursement would need to cover: lodgings with family and 3 meals a day (breakfast, lunch to take to the mountain and dinner). The daily routine would be that children would be collected at 7.30am, they would be with Juliet (and their coaches) all day until drop off at approx 4-5pm. One day per week rest from skiing, during which we would also take the children to visit the area.

The children can speak 4 languages, (French, Spanish, Catalan fluently) and also have a medium level of English. The goal of the trip is to ski every day possible, and Juliet would be responsible for the transport every day, collecting and delivering the children from a meeting point or their homes. Living with a family would give them a "NZ experience" which would strengthen their English, and be a great cultural opportunity.

If you think you are interested in hosting a family or for further details, please contact : Juliet Satterthwaite Email: [julietkinz@gmail.com](mailto:julietkinz@gmail.com)

## Library Books

A reminder that we have Library most Friday afternoons, and that library books can be dropped off at the library at morning breaks, lunches etc during the week by the students. Parents/caregivers should be receiving emails about the books your child/children are reading and any reminders about overdue books. Please check these emails, as we currently have a number of library books overdue already, so please take the time to look around and get your child to return these. Jane

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## Upcoming Dates:

Thursday 28th March: Teacher only Day - **SCHOOL CLOSED**  
Friday 29th March-

Tuesday 2nd April

Easter Break -

**SCHOOL CLOSED**

Friday 5th April

Vision & Hearing Testing / SCPSSA Swimming Sports

Wednesday 10th April:

End of Term Assembly - 1pm, Tekapo Community Hall

Friday 12th April:

Last Day Term 1

Monday 29th April:

First Day Term 2