



Monday 6th May

Good Things Take Time - Thank You Lake Tekapo Lions



The arrival of our school sports shirts has finally come and we would like to thank the Lake Tekapo Lions Club for their donation to the school to make this happen. We will get the chance to show these off for the first time at the Rippa Rugby tournament in Timaru next week. The school is very grateful to the Lions

with their proactive stance in purchasing our high viz vests and now our new sports shirts. Thank you from the kids, staff, Board of Trustees and parent community.

Thank you Genesis Energy:



Last term Genesis Energy approached the school with an offer to donate free STEM learning resources. The school were quick to pick this offer up and we have since been given a Make a Space Trolley Kit that is loaded with activities that promote and engage our children into Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths skills.

The trolley is a storage unit that can be used between classes and includes activities such as building creative mechanical structures using connection, construction pipes and idea cards, circuit activities and coding resources. Genesis have created this resource free for our children with the aim of encouraging creativity and innovation, working together to solve problems and supporting those students who enjoy "hands on", practical activities. Thank you Genesis.

A Fundraising Thank You - Keeping on Track.

As with all organisations, making and sticking to budget is the key to being able to plan accordingly. The school is hugely thankful to the parents, community members and local businesses that support the school through the donation of time, resources expertise and money. The children, staff and Board of trustees genuinely appreciate this. As a Board of Trustees we are responsive to our annual operational grant and fixed costs that fall to a UI primary school. We budget accordingly and endeavour to squeeze our outgoings to meet the needs of the children in our school, at that time. At the end of last year and the beginning of this year we have been incredibly fortunate to have had fundraisers for the school and Kindergarten. These have been the Quiz night, Rogaine Fundraiser, the 4 Wheel drive event, The Tekapo Burns Night, Race Tekapo and most recently, this school holiday, the Mackenzie Race. Thank you.

It is this that keeps us floating above the red and allows our children the opportunity to make use of what is a fantastic facility on the hill. As parents, if you are able to assist with future fundraising events targeted at meeting the



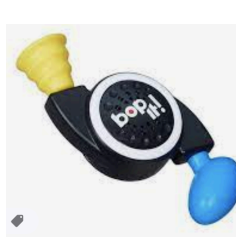
growing needs and programmes operating in our school, the Board of Trustees, Staff and children would be genuinely grateful.



Structured Literacy Programme:

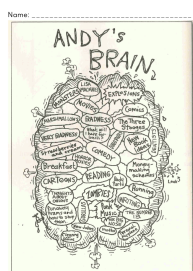
This term the staff are working with the children 4 days a week on the structured Literacy programme, ideal. There has been a huge amount of conversation in the media recently around the delivery and framing up of different literacy programmes across New Zealand's primary schools.

The staff have taken Term One to get to understand this programme and find the links from the Better Start Literacy work undertaken by Angela and Maria last year. ideal has become our chosen programme with it running through the age groups and into Mackenzie College, where it is also being used. As inferred above, this programme does come at a cost to the school, and an example of some of the hidden costs that should be funded through government. This work has tied in well with the school wide target around literacy and writing, with it focussed on the skills of Phonology, Phonological Awareness, Phonics, Fluency, Vocabulary, Comprehension, and Syntax. As a staff we will continue to align this work to the multisensory work already established where the children benefit from having a range of strategies to learn, the use of good exemplars and "hands on" learning opportunities.



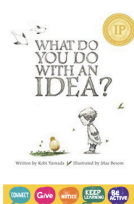
Learning Term 2 - Our Literacy Focus

Over the holidays the staff have been busy making and creating resources to compliment the base programmes running across our classrooms. This term we are hoping to build on the idea of bringing in and celebrating our locals through the children's classroom work and aligning this with their learning. Thank you to Wilma at Petronella's Book store and the Lake Tekapo Lions who are patient with us in making this happen. We made a start at this last year and can see real value if we can get some solid buy in with the kids and parent support. We will underpin this work by focusing on what it is to have a "love for Literacy" and how "thinking" helps build curiosity, knowledge and enjoyment. Further information will come out through Educa as the term progresses.



A Thinking Journal
Capturing Thinking

Picture Book Study



Sophisticated Picture
Book Study

Literacy Thinking Booklet



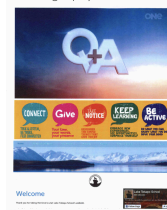
Making Meaning
Thinking

Building Vocabulary

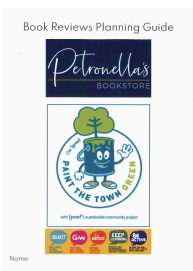


Building Vocabulary

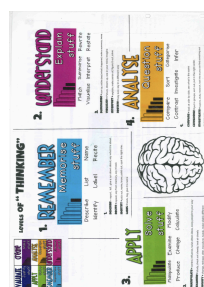
Biography Interviews



Local Biographies



Book Reviews



Thinking about Thinking

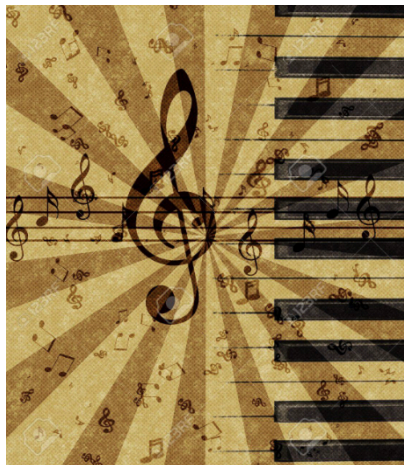


Sprout and Cannington School



Matariki and Tanabata

Music Tuition: Available to Adults.



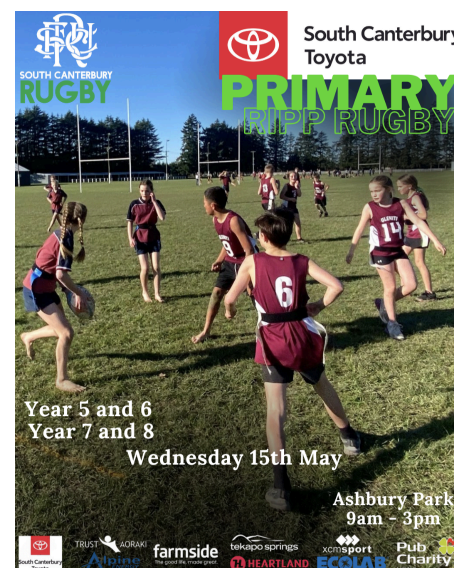
Dale Davey visits us each Friday to take children for Music tuition. This includes guitar, piano or ukulele. This programme adds value to our school and allows our children to be taught music by a hugely experienced and passionate educator. To make Dale's trip here from Timaru viable, Dale is opening these sessions up to any adults that would like to learn music. If you are wanting to have music lessons, please contact Dale directly and she will make arrangements for the Friday. Thank you.

Dale Davey, Manager Aoraki/Hakatere
New Zealand Modern School of Music
021 159 4276: email: quaver@snap.net.nz

Rippa Rugby Tournament: Wednesday 15th May

The children have the opportunity to participate in the South Canterbury Rippa Rugby competition. Lake Tekapo School has entered a Year 5/6 team of 10 students, 5 girls and 5 boys. Danielle Tippet, the South Canterbury Rugby Development Officer will be visiting the children on Monday 13th May, to go over the rules and to put our kids through their paces.

We are still looking for transport for Wednesday 15th May and if you are able to help transport and support the kids throughout the day, this would be appreciated.



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: julietskinz@gmail.com

Administration:



Second Hand Uniform - Polo Shirts

We are currently experiencing a high demand for second hand uniforms. If you have any second hand polo shirts or items of uniform that are no longer in use, can you please drop these off at the school office. We are also noticing students not in full

uniform or being asked to find unnamed items of clothing for children. Please make sure that your child(ren)'s uniform is named, as this does speed up the time of finding these.

School Hours - Children Arriving Late:

A reminder that school begins for instruction at 9am, with children welcome to be at school from 8.30am each day. School finishes at 3pm for children to be picked up. Staff would appreciate children being at school on time, as there was a noticeable increase in students being late to school last term. This does cause disruptions to the start of the daily programme. The school is very aware that with winter sports and travel for practices, the end of the day can be an issue. Please let the school know your arrangements or text the school office on 027-374 8734. **Please remember, if there are changes to your arrangements or where your child is going home to, please ensure the school knows.** Staff are duty bound to ensure the safety of your child until they are with their guardian/caregiver/parent after school.



Office Hours

The office is manned from: 8am to 9.30am, and 2pm-3.30pm daily. During the school holidays Jane is not working, but does clear emails on a semi-regular basis.



Absences and Unjustified Absences

Please text absences to Jane at the school office on 027-374 8734. If your child is away for the day, please give a brief reason, and if it is for longer than a day, an email giving us the reason would be appreciated.

The Ministry of Education has now made it compulsory for schools to be sending out intervention emails to families, if your child(ren) have had five days of unjustified absences during a term.

Unjustified absences are: Going to town for family appointments or the day, holidays during term time and days when no reason is given for the absence. If you have any queries in relation to this, please contact Jane in the office.

Dates:

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| • Monday / Tuesday 13-14th May | Marae visit - Mila/Lucy/Simon |
| • Wednesday 15th May | Rippa Rugby - Ashbury Park, Timaru |
| • Friday 17 May | Pink Shirt Day |
| • Thursday 30th May | Cross Country - Cannington School |
| • Monday 3rd June | King's Birthday - SCHOOL CLOSED |
| • Tuesday 11 June | SCPSSA Cross Country - TBA |
| • Friday 21 June | Winter at the Springs 4pm-7pm |
| • Friday 28th June | Matariki |
| • Friday 5th July | End of Term 2 |

