



Friday 22nd September.

## School Camp: Tuesday 7th November - Friday 10th November



I was hoping to have the camp information to you by the end of this week, but unfortunately the week has got away. Thank you to the parents that have been selling oils to supplement their camp costs and we have extended the time to allow you the opportunity to sell more over the school holidays. The quality of these oils is sublime and they make for very good

gift packs or can be broken down as individual christmas gifts. For every gift pack you sell \$5.00 of that will go towards paying camp fees. Please make sure you diarise the dates of Tuesday 7th November - Friday 10th November if you are intending on coming. Over the next few weeks we will pull together a programme with the senior children's input. More information will follow in the near future.

<https://livingsprings.co.nz/> . **New Closing Date: Tuesday 10th October**

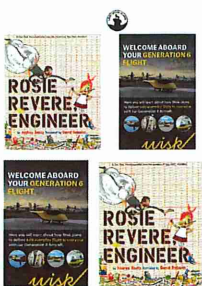
## Sprout and Ecan



Debbie Eddington, the Youth Engagement and Education Advisor, has joined us for a session at school around Pest arrivals and eradication and also for a practical planting session of natives at the Regional park. We are loving the advice and experience on offer through Debbie and we will continue with this next term. Thank you to Debbie Eddington who will help us to push our concept of Sprout and also to Brad who is working with Ecan as part of the Regional Park Reforestation plan.



## Rosie Revere and Term 3:



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Of every term, term 3 at Lake Tekapo School is always the hardest. This is not to sound like a criticism, but more recognition that for our kids the winter term is incredibly full with winter sports. The active nature of our children and the connection they have with their environment really reinforces the unique culture that is our school. The school staff are aware of this and continue to work out ways to cater for curriculum needs and local ways to support our children with their learning. One of these approaches has been the staff made booklets on focussed topics that have been trialled over successive terms.

These enable staff in a multi-level classroom to scaffold the children's learning. They have been intentional to help us try to cater for the many different levels that operate in both of our classrooms. This concept has grown out of conversations with parents around home learning, around the



concept of curiosity and creativity for the children, around choice and extension for our children and as a way to move from simple traditional ability grouping to mix abilities in terms of strengths and weaknesses. As a staff this has had mixed results and possibly has not been communicated well by the school. The children have not missed out in their learning, but as was discussed at Parent Information night and Parent interviews, there is a need to develop learning around intrinsic motivation, the value children bring to school and a need to reaffirm the parent-student-teacher relationship, so that the learning is being owned by students and supported by parents and teachers. This will form the basis of our Parent / Student survey next term and we ask that you consider the learning that you would like at Lake Tekapo School for your child(ren). With education being used as a political football, one thing we can do as a small school is operate under the mandate of our community.

## Aoraki Mt Cook Visit

On Tuesday we welcomed Aoraki Mt Cook students and staff to Lake Tekapo for a day of sharing and socialisation. It is hoped that days like this happen more frequently for our Mackenzie cluster of schools with the children benefiting from making new friends and mixing and playing with others and the staff having the opportunity to share teaching resources and strategies. One of these was the use of BOOM Whackers that looks at musicality and sequencing using pitch related tubes and body percussion. It was a massive amount of fun and a great example of coordination, timing and rhythm all pulled into one. There is always room for improvement.



## Peppers and Tuk Tuk:



A massive thank you to Peppers Bluewater Resort and to Simon Tocker, Kerry Danger and the Pepper's team. The Tuk Tuk initiative over winter has been massively successful and the fact that the money raised through this initiative supports our fundraising is so incredibly generous. At the beginning of this initiative Simon T mentioned that having the opportunity to have catered food in school will be a childhood memory and this is

definitely a reality. The children have absolutely loved Friday's and have revelled with the different food options. The Year 6 children are now having their opportunity to prepare and cook "the last supper" which only adds to the real life experiences and opportunities that our children receive.



## Roundhill Skiing:



*Thank you*



Thank you to Charlie Reider and the Roundhill team for yet another highly successful six weeks on the mountain. Roundhill deliver a remarkable programme that is the envy of many primary schools. Having access to and instruction from the experienced instructors and with the knowledge held by Roundhill about our local kids, makes this such an incredible school wide programme. The Roundhill programme really does exemplify all that is good about "local" and the learning that is derived from this initiative is immeasurable. As a school we are hoping to take this localised concept and use it in other areas of the school such as Sprout, the Regional Park and other EOTC opportunities.

## Lake Tekapo Lions - Thank You for the Sports Shirt Funding:



Thank you to the growing Liaison with the Tekapo Lions Club, and to Stewie Inch and Neville Morris who are now considered honourable staff members of Lake Tekapo School. We would like to thank the Lions for the recently funded Lake Tekapo Sports Shirt initiative and for the high viz jackets that we now wear for our EOTC activities and on the mountain. We have more plans for next term as well and we look forward to growing this throughout the year.

## Thank you for the Tremendous Effort:



A massive thank you to Odette Tocker, Vic Howes and Casey Jefferies for their work around fundraising and efforts with the recent Race Tekapo event. Fundraising has become a genuine need for both Bright Stars and The Lake Tekapo School. It is only through the commitment, time and energy demonstrated by Vic, Odette and Casey that these events happen. The school is so

appreciative of the work that happens behind the scenes. Thank you to the parents that assisted with the packs and at the water stations on the day.



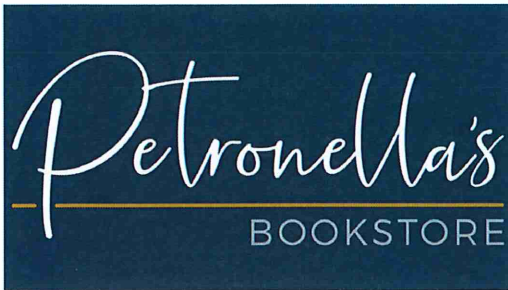
## Speeches:

Timaru District Schools  
2023 Speech Competitions



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Thank you to Emily, Jane and Stephanie for their role as judges in our annual Speech competition this term. As a staff we genuinely appreciated this role with the judging and talent amongst the kids hard to separate. This is an example of school where the reality of having to choose one winner meets the idea of needing to have a winner. We as staff appreciated the skills, confidence and critique that you offered.

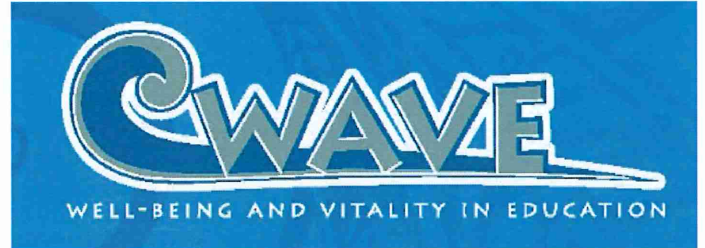


Thank you to Wilma van den Bosch from Petronella's who has been working behind the scenes with the school. Wilma has supported us by allowing our book reviews being showcased at Petronella's and has gifted prizes and brought competitions to our kids over the term.



Thank you to Andy, Billy, Eleni and the Tekapo Springs team for the impromptu tubing recently and for the Winter Market donation made to the school this term. We have loved the opportunity of getting to Tekapo Springs and the kids always have an absolute blast. Thank you.

Thank you to Greg Newton from WAVE, the District Health Board, who has been working with the school around our Wellbeing implementation and the use of Traditional Maori games as part of our Health and PE programme.



This work really encourages staff and helps us to raise our game in these important areas of curriculum.



Thank you for the continued support from the Tekapo Four Square team and to Jason and Casey, who each week donate fruit for our afternoon breaks. Jason and Casey have also made a significant contribution to our

school recently and we will follow this up early next term. Our kids are incredibly lucky.

To the Dark Sky Project Team, Yanina, Adrien and Tū. The opportunity of visiting you and having you at school for activities such as Matariki and Tanabata adds huge value. Knowing that this partnership is working each term is incredible and we thank you for the continuation of this relationship.



## Music Tuition - Please get back A.S.A.P



Thank you to the parents that picked up on the opportunity to ensure we maintain our very talented Dale Davey as part of the Lake Tekapo School team. This is a good chance for our musical children to broaden and practise their skills in different instruments. If you are wanting your child(ren) 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](mailto:quaver@snap.net.nz)

## Skiing Invoices:



We are still waiting on invoices from Roundhill to be received at school. Jane will ensure the details are correct before sending out invoices to families. As the school already subsidises the skiing programme (lessons) we would welcome prompt payment once the invoices have been sent. The school has been equitable across our parent group with regards to the complimentary Roundhill tickets per week.



Please find attached the form for the sibling photos. Please return to school if you are requiring this by Monday 16th October.

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## Upcoming Dates:

- End of Term 3 Friday 22nd September.
- Start of Term 4 Monday 9th October
- School Photos Tuesday 17th October
- Labour Day - SCHOOL CLOSED Monday 23rd October
- School Camp Tuesday 7th November - Friday 10th November
- Mackenzie Athletics Tuesday 14th November (16th postponement day)
- End of Term 4 Friday 15th December
- Fundraiser Saturday 16th December - Details to follow.