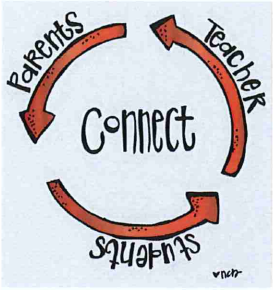




Monday 21st August

Dear Parents / Caregivers,

## Parent Interviews:



Parent Interview time is incredibly valuable for staff and thank you for the turn-out last week to discuss with you, and your child(ren), their progress and feelings about school. These conversations help us to recalibrate and allow us the opportunity to have open and honest conversations that are face to face. 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. Parent/Teacher interviews are an essential part of your child(ren)'s

education, but as these are only scheduled twice a year, the emphasis at Lake Tekapo School is an open door to touch base at a time convenient to all parties. We would like to reinforce this idea so that we are not waiting for a formal school setting. If you have an inkling, concern or something positive to feed back to the school, your first approach should always be the teachers or staff member involved. Often school life can be incredibly busy with the dynamic of children and families, so please also be conscious that queries may not be immediate, as we are conscious of responding rather than reacting.

## Speech Competition:



There was a great turn out of parents for our annual speech and poetry competition. Thank you to Emily, Stephanie and Jane for the judging of the speeches. This important role lets the staff take a step back and watch the children present, while allowing each child the opportunity to put their best foot forward. It is such a difficult job when deciphering each speech, especially when the quality of speech varies dramatically in both structure and delivery. The feedback from parents has been hugely positive and the staff were so incredibly impressed by both the confidence and enthusiasm of each child to step up and say their speech. Public speaking can be a task deemed not everyone's cup of tea, but the fact we saw each child stand and deliver was a credit to the children.

The winners on the day were:

Godley Poetry and Speech		Macaulay Speech	
1st Place:	Heleen Speck	1st Place:	Elijah Wilson
2nd Place:	Beauden Tocker	2nd Place:	Lincoln Tocker
3rd Place:	Florence West	3rd Place:	Alex Story

Good luck to Elijah and Lincoln who will represent Lake Tekapo School at the Mackenzie Speech competition in Albury. The speeches of the children have been sent out on Educa for the parents who were unable to attend and these have been annotated with the Oral Language criteria we use at school.

## Change of Day for Ordering: Each Wednesday Please.

**PEPPERS**  
BLUEWATER RESORT  
LAKE TEKAPO



It says something when each meal delivered on a Friday has a wee smiley face marked on it by the Chef for the children. As stated on a number of occasions, we are so incredibly fortunate and grateful to have had this food initiative

offered to us by Peppers Bluewater Resort. These meals are both substantial, delicious and affordable at the low cost of \$7:00, which is generously being donated back to our school. A massive thank you to Simon Tocker and the Peppers crew for allowing this to happen. [An on-line form will come out on Monday.](#)

**We would like to make a slight change to the ordering, with the order form and payment now due on the Wednesday of each week. The lunches will still be delivered on a Friday.**

All orders must be in cash and in a sealed envelope. Please have the correct change.

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)

## Skiing: Ski Race Day - Thursday 31st August

**ROUND  
HILL** SKI AREA  
\*TEKAPO  
783 METRES OF VERTICAL

We have been lucky to date with the weather settled for our scheduled days. Thank you to the parents who are both taking transport and groups for parent skiing as this helps tremendously. The turn out of the morning briefings has been really valued with changes and the opportunity to discuss the day an important piece to this initiative and our Health and Safety procedures. The children have been going gang-busters, with our talented kids supported by our expert parents in challenges and our newbies all cracking into it and progressing with each visit,

both in confidence and skill. Our ski race day has been scheduled for Thursday 31st August and please contact Jane in the office for further information and entries. For those not entering, you will still have your ski lesson in the morning.

## Music Tuition:



We are so fortunate having Dale Davey visit us each Friday to take some children for Music tuition each week. This is a good chance for our musical children to broaden and practise their skills in different instruments. This is led by Dale, who has both experience and passion for her areas of expertise. 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)

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



The staff and children are excited to be returning to Living Springs and working closely with the Living Springs staff in preparation of camp on **Tuesday 7th November to Friday 10th November in Term 4**. Information regarding the reasons for returning to Living Springs and the curriculum links were handed out at Parent Interviews. We are really appreciative of the support of this as it does fit incredibly well with the driving of the School's Vision and Values of Sense of Self and Sense of Place. This week we will be putting together a Fundraiser to assist with costs towards this camp, as we

have done in the past. For our new parents, one of the questions raised is around the "whole school experience" and we would reassure you that this is one of the small school luxuries that has proven to be hugely beneficial to the growth and confidence in our younger tamariki. We do try to ensure that all those parents wishing to come are accommodated for. 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/>.

## 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.

## 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. 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 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

## Upcoming Dates:

- Albury Speech Competition Monday 21st August
- Race Tekapo Race Packs
- End of Term Friday 22nd September.

## Ski Dates:

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

Mackenzie Country Real Estate invites all children to add an hour of magic to their weekend!!

*Magic Show*

Lake Tekapo  
Sunday 17th September 2023 10am - 11am  
Mackenzie Room  
Peppers Bluewater Resort

*Life is about magical moments!*

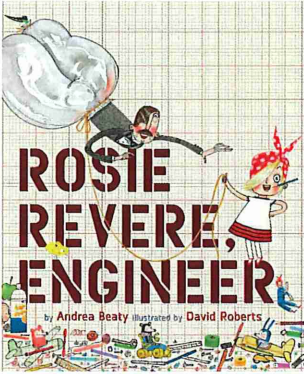
LJ Hooker MACKENZIE COUNTRY REAL ESTATE

The poster features a central image of a man in a suit standing behind a podium, holding a camera up to his eye as if taking a picture. The background is dark with some blue lighting. The text is primarily in white and yellow, with a red cursive slogan at the bottom.



# Rosie Revere Engineer - Growth Mindset Text

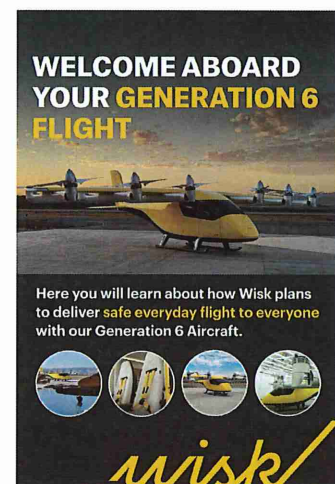
Dear Parents/Caregivers,



This term in Macaulay we have created another booklet focussed of the shared book "Rosie Revere Engineer" This sits alongside Ish and The Dot and is focussed on resilience and wellbeing. Part of this booklet is the children having choice with their activities and to look at self regulation to get these activities completed. In keeping with the storyline the children are being challenged to be engineers by creating wonderful creations. We are hoping to align this work with our next booklet which is focussed on the autonomous taxi "Wisk"

To do this we need your help in collecting the following items:

- Old pipe/drain
- Mesh or chicken wire / bendy wire
- Tin cans
- Egg cartons
- Sheets of cardboard
- Nuts and bolts
- Seashells
- Old C.Ds
- Plastic Bottle tops
- Mop
- Throw away plastic cups
- Paper bags
- Plastic bottles and lids (1L/1.5L)
- Hard and soft cardboard boxes
- Tutu
- Springs
- Tissue boxes magnets
- Beads
- Fishing line
- Old headphones
- Empty Toilet rolls/ Handee Towel Rolls



Thanking you in advance, any contributions can be left in the Art area at school,  
With thanks, Maria and Mr Waymouth