



Tuesday 22nd September

Dear Parents / Caregivers,

Firstly, thank you to all the parents that attended the School speeches yesterday and for supporting the children in the creation of these. It never fails to amaze me when watching the confidence and composure of our young children. Public speaking is an incredibly hard skill, and the manner to which our children tackled this task needs to be commended. The Speech competition was won by Xavier Story, who had us engrossed and in fits of laughter, with Munro Kerr taking out second and Ben Murray in third. The judging was incredibly tight with very little separating our winners. We look forward to these students competing in Albury next week. Good luck.

A massive thank you to Jane Paton and Angela Marshall for their sublime judging skills. Jane noted, having not heard the speeches, that the Year 3-4 grouping were truly amazing.

With the end of the term pressing, we are wanting to ensure we set up Term 4 as well as we can. It will be a busy term ahead with camp on the horizon and plenty of catch up from Term 3's lost weeks and winter activities.

End of Term Get Together - Friday 1st October @ 2:00pm

With the term being interrupted due to Delta, the staff would like to invite parents and whanau to school on Friday 1st October for a walk through and catch up here on site. With Level 2 restrictions still in place, we would ask that while we are on site that we follow the governments protocols around signing in and social distancing while here at school. As staff we see the last day as an opportunity to catch up away from the fence and view the newly furnished environment here in the classrooms. This will also allow us the opportunity to thank those that have supported us during this time. Food will be supplied.

There is also a mufti day raising funds for the FoTS on this day as well - a gold coin donation please.



School Camp: A google form will be sent out this week to gauge the interest we have in parent help for school camp and the children attending our Camp experience at Living Springs, Christchurch. As has happened on previous camps, the aim is to initially make this a whole school experience, however, we are fully aware that the expectations of different parents and parental situations means we need to be creative and accommodating to all. If you could complete this google form letting us know your individual circumstances, then the school will plan and arrange what works best for everyone. This includes parental help while on camp and age related concerns parents may have with young students and senior students both

attending. It is important to say that this has worked in the past and as a school we will make our decision in the best interests of individual families and children.

School Hours:

Now that the school has settled into the new buildings and ironically the interruption of Covid, the school staff are working hard at ensuring we are both being efficient with our time and focussing hard on systems that work for us here on site. With this in mind we would like to reiterate that while we promote an "open door", at times this does cause disruptions to the classrooms and meetings at school. We ask for your support and understanding that our minds and responsibilities, at these times, are

focussed on the children and the day's responsibilities. If you wish to meet with staff formally, we ask that you contact the office to make an appropriate time and please state the reason for the meeting. We are also noticing children are both arriving earlier and on some days staying late, with interruptions that require formal feedback, rather than informality.

The important hours for staff, without student contact, are 8:00am-8:30am and 3:15pm-5:00pm. This is for staff meetings and daily preparation, with extra duties falling outside these hours. Please feel welcome to visit classrooms and be a part of your child(ren)'s learning as staff value and welcome your input. Current Delta Alert Level 2 protocols are still in place.

Library Update

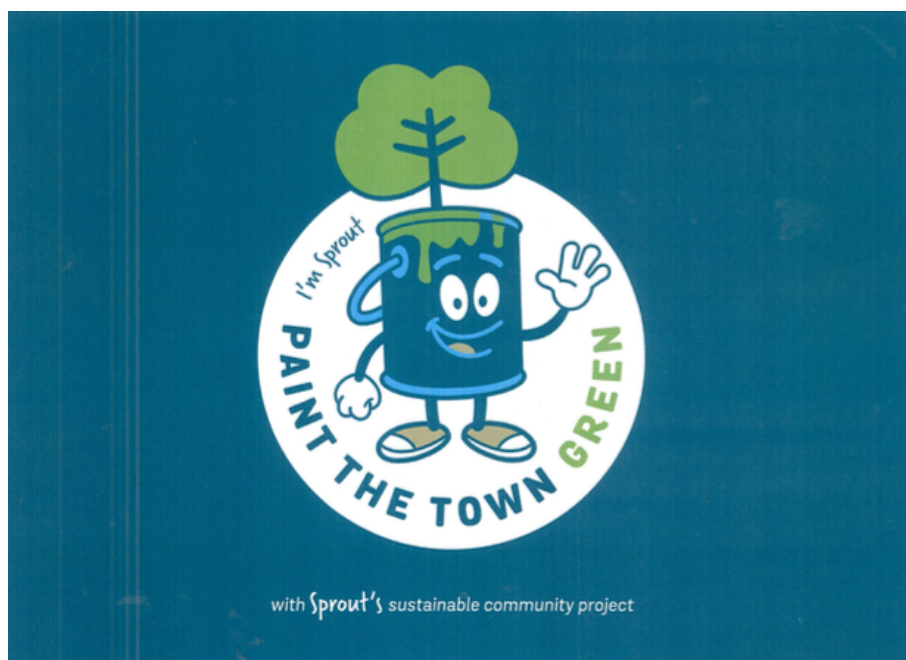
The Library set up is also underway with Gavin Cox from the "Old Cabby Furniture Company" working at Bespoking this area. Unfortunately due Auckland being in Alert Level 4, the shipping of the cabinetry was held up, but with the shift in levels, it should arrive shortly for him to being work on. .

Thanks again to Bryn Murray for his involvement with this project, having organised donations from the lamb sales earlier this year.

The kids are loving the new furniture and so are the staff.

Our Dog Friday - Thank you.

Every holiday break Our Dog Friday supports Lake Tekapo School by donating 50 cents for every kids burger sold. This partnership with Billy Kerr and his team at YHA is genuinely appreciated with the money raised being tagged to our sustainable garden area. Currently Our Dog Friday have donated over a \$1000 to the School. Please support this wonderful initiative and a massive thank you from the Lake Tekapo Board of Trustees and Staff here on site. As this partnership grows, we will align many of the wonderful ideas the Our Dog Friday team are bringing to our table.



Sprout - Paint the Town Green:

As we move into spring, Maria and Sharron Binns from Binns Property Works, have been planning for the re-emergence of Sprout and the future development of our outside learning space. Like Our Dog Friday, this locally driven initiative is such a magnificent opportunity for our school and children. Currently the children are planting and growing seedlings in our recycled paint tins at the nursery in the

Regional Park, with the intention of using these as part of a beautification project around the town. Term 4 will see a focus on Sprout, with visits to the Regional Park and the beginnings of the garden area at the back of our new school build.



Skiing : Thank you for the support of our final day skiing at Roundhill last week. We were fortunate in making this happen due to the time frame and the juggling of transport at such short notice. Thank you to Amanda Simpson for the use of the van on the day. The School is intending to follow up with the Roundhill staff, the schools' appreciation of this fantastic EOTC experience. The children absolutely love the opportunity to ski and what this unique programme offers our School.

Parent Interviews: This term we were planning to hold the parent interviews to follow up the School Reports sent home at the end of Term 2. With Alert Level 4 interrupting the planned time, we will be looking at rescheduling the interviews for the beginning of Term 4, alert dependent.

Accounts:

The office will be emailing out statements later this week, which shows credits for any fundraising done and any costs associated with skiing (transport, rental etc). Please contact Jane if you have any queries.

Please do not pay any accounts if your numbers are bracketed ie (10.00) - this means your account is in credit and does not need paid.

Dental Care during the School Holidays

The Community Dental Service will be providing dental care for children enrolled with our service during the upcoming school holidays. The clinics will offer check-ups, treatment and relief of pain sessions by appointment only. To make an appointment please call/email our Contact Centre which operates between the hours of 8am and 4.30pm, Monday to Friday throughout the holidays.

To book an appointment at one of our clinics please:

- call **0800 846 983**
- Or email commdental@cdhb.health.nz

Upcoming Dates:

Monday, 27th September: South Canterbury Anniversary Day - **SCHOOL CLOSED**

Thursday 30th September - Year 5/6 Mackenzie Speeches at Albury

Friday 1st October - **MUFTI DAY** (gold coin donation) & End of Term Afternoon - 2pm

Friday 1st October - Last day of Term 3

Monday 18th October - First Day of Term 4

Monday 25th October - Labour Day - **SCHOOL CLOSED**

Monday 8th -12th November - School Camp

Lake Tekapo School Partnership

During all school holiday periods we will be donating \$0.50 from each kids' burger sold to Lake Tekapo School.



The funds raised will go towards projects such as a school garden, where we can help students learn about food and our local community.



