



Wednesday 24th January

Dear Parents / Caregivers,

Firstly, a warm welcome back to all of our families and a special welcome to new families to Lake Tekapo School. We do hope the summer break has been relaxing and there has been time to declutter and relax with whanau. As with each year there is the mix of excitement and nervousness about what the year will bring, both in terms of children as well as legislative changes. We do know it will however be another full year of activities with children aiming high and meeting personal challenges and goals. We look forward to seeing the children on Wednesday 31st January at 9:00am. Please remember Waitangi day falls on a Tuesday this year, so school is open on Monday 5th February.

New Appointment:

At the end of last year we announced we were working through the appointment of our new Scale A Teacher for the Godley room. We are excited to announce that the School Board of Trustees has appointed Miss Libby Millar who comes to us from Leeston, Canterbury. Libby is a beginning teacher having recently graduated from University of Canterbury. Libby has a strong association and passion for Tekapo having spent many winters and summers on holiday here with her family. Libby is an avid sports player and has been involved both as a player and as a coach. Libby demonstrated strongly that she puts students growth and happiness at the centre of everything she does. We look forward to working with Libby.

A Message from Libby:

I would like to take the time to formally introduce myself to the Lake Tekapo school community. My name is Miss Libby Millar and I am pleased to have been appointed as the new teacher in the junior room. I have a strong connection to lake Tekapo having spent many holidays down here growing up, so when I saw the opportunity to possibly join the community I jumped upon it. My passion has always been working with children, from coaching, to nannying and now to teaching. I have a strong commitment to ensuring that I will be the best that I can be for your child and that their growth and learning is the main focus within the classroom. As well as building strong connections with you, the whanau. I look forward to meeting you all next week, and am extremely grateful to have been given this opportunity to join such a cool community and teach at a remarkable school.

Ngā mihi,

Miss Libby Millar

Angela Marshall:

With the appointment of Libby, we are incredibly fortunate to have Angela continue in her role at Lake Tekapo School as both a Mentor for Libby and as the fourth cog as a staff member. Angela will pick up the supporting Beginning Teachers role, our formal Classroom Release time and ECE liaison work here on site. This does mean we have added value to our staff, as it broadens experience and knowledge while giving us an extra body on site.

Staffing:

Our staffing has remained consistent with Jane and Maria back on deck and holding fort on a daily basis. As a small school you pinch yourself at how lucky we are to have the dedication and calibre of Staff we have. Jane will continue in her dual position of Office Manager and Teacher Aide and Maria will be 0.8 in the Macaulay room.

Board of Trustees:

The School Board of Trustees is tasked with the Governance and Direction of our small school. This is a hugely important role with already busy people putting their hand up to oversee legislation and compliance. The Board of Trustees act in the role of parent / community voice, while setting the strategy of the school's teaching and learning programmes.

The Board of Trustees are:

- Simon Tocker - Presiding Member

Representatives:

- Simon Tocker - Finance
- Amanda Simpson - Personnel,
- John Preston - Property,
- Judith Speck - Communication,
- Angela Marshall - Staff Rep/Compliance,
- Casey Jeffries - Secretary.

Class Lists:

This year our classroom split will be Year 0- 3 in the Godley Room and Year 4-6 in the Macaulay.

Godley

Libby Millar - BT / Angela Marshall - Mentor / CRT

Larraquel, Thomas

McKenzie, Niko

Nagaoka, Shiba

Norman, Isla

Simpson, Will

Story, Raphael

Tocker, Beauden

Vucago, Ezekiel

West, Florence

Frewen, Byron

Macaulay

Maria Roche O.8 / Simon Waymouth O.2/Principal

Berge, Amelia

Berge, Fletcher

Honnanthara, Yenu

Jeffries, Mila

Jeffries, Quinn

Joyce, Alexia

Marsh, Carter

Monk, Johnny

Monk, Lucy

Nagaoka, Mollie

Nand, Asher

Nathan, Indi

Speck, Heleen

Tayem, Meara

Tocker, Colton

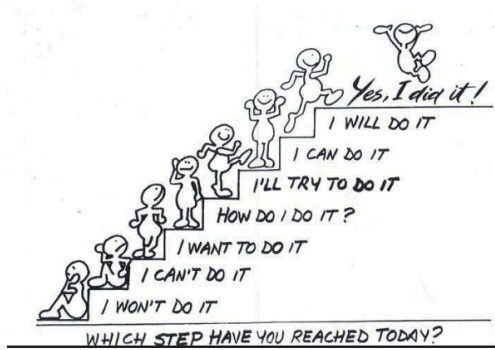
Wilton, Chris

Wilton, Elijah

Xiao, Nini

Frewen, Ayla

School Expectations 2024



The staff have reviewed last year and considered areas of the school that we think we can get better at and improve upon. Many of these areas are quickly remedied and involve us sharing our expectations for students here at school.

Communication:

The school does its best to communicate all information through email, Educa, Facebook and text, but we are still finding that some messages are not being read. Please take the time to read through the information provided and we will endeavour to also go “back to basics” with a newsletter regularly on a Thursday in school bags.

School Phone:



Jane holds the School phone at the office and we would appreciate all communication from home to school to go through this phone 0273748734. Staff are receiving individual messages that need to be relayed and we would prefer these to go through one channel. Thank you for this.

Open Door / Student Welfare:



The staff are very keen to maintain the open communication that happens naturally at the beginning and end of day. This is the privilege of being in a small school with minor concerns, or positives, able to be shared. If you would like a time to speak with staff about any concerns or issues, it is advisable to make a time, so that we can give the time necessary and a

considered response, rather than being glib or rushed in our response.

The School's complaints procedure has been attached to this newsletter along with the Schooldocs log in procedure. Please refer to the Lake Tekapo School website tab, Principals Welcome - School policies and follow the instructions there.

Staff Meeting Times:

Please be aware that the staff meet after school on Mondays and Wednesdays after school at 3:15pm.

Student Attendance:

School starts at 9:00am and we fully realise that there are changes during the school day for families. Can we ask that if you are late or need to pick your child(ren) up early, that you make contact with Jane in the office, so that we are aware of this.

School Uniform:



We are noticing the school uniform can be a little hit and miss with students not having the right items of uniform, school hats and even helmets for bikes at school. Can we please ensure that your child(ren) are in the correct uniform and have brought the items to school they need for the day or have been requested to

bring. Information regarding the school uniform can be found on the school's website. A NZ Uniforms shop is now located at Washdyke, Timaru.

Library Hire and the Community Room

The school embraces the opportunity to have Community and Parent groups in our Community Space as was originally intended. This does require organisation both with times, locking and unlocking and furniture and equipment needed for the different groups. If you are wanting to book the Community Space, please contact Jane with details, so that the booking can be made. If you are unable to make your booking, can you also contact Jane, so that the school knows this. School Phone: 0273748734

Home Learning

The children always have plenty of activities in class to continue on with at home from school. Please ask your child to bring their activities home, as staff take time to make and create the resources for the classrooms. The children always have access to spelling words and basic facts material.

Swimming Tuition at School:



tekapo swimwell

SWIMMING LESSONS

Wednesday Afternoons @ Lake Tekapo School
"safe and confident kids in the water"
\$50 for 6 classes, starting 8th Feb
For more information and registration details contact:
penny@tekapowellness.com

As with previous years, Penny Wilson will be running swimming lessons in school time for families wishing swimming instruction for their child(ren). This will be a formal coaching session with Penny and run as an itinerant programme in our normal school day. If you would like further details, please contact Penny Wilson at penny@tekapowellness.com or pick up a registration form from school.

Stationery/Library: Stationery lists are available via the website as school, this year, will not be providing this service.

Library day will be Fridays. Please return books on this day.

Skiing: We still have outstanding accounts regarding our skiing programme from last year. Jane has notified the families still to pay and if there are concerns over this payment, can you please let us know.



Twizel Soccer:

Twizel Mini-Kickers & Junior 5-A-Side Facebook page and touch base with Laura Irving ASAP so she can organise the teams. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1167921140272033>

Age 4-5

Mini kickers will run from Sat 3rd Feb and is a skill-based session for ages 4-5 which will run for 5 weeks. If you are keen please join the above group and message Laura Irvin.

Age 6-9

Junior 5-a-side Tournament is being played in Twizel beginning Saturday 3rd Feb. This will run for 6 weeks (May skip the 9th as its Wanaka show day) with Prize Giving and break-up party after the last game which will be the finals. A certain degree of commitment will be required as the teams will be allocated next week and will remain the same for the full 6 weeks. Teams are decided on a mix of age and skill level. If you are keen please find the

information on the facebook page. If you have any further questions please reach out to Laura Irving on the FB page above.

2024 Term Dates

Term 1

Wednesday,

31st January - First Day Term 1, 2024

Tuesday

6th Feb - Waitangi Day - **SCHOOL CLOSED**

Friday 29th March /Tuesday 2nd April

Good Friday & Easter Monday - **SCHOOL CLOSED**

Friday, 12th April

End of Term 1