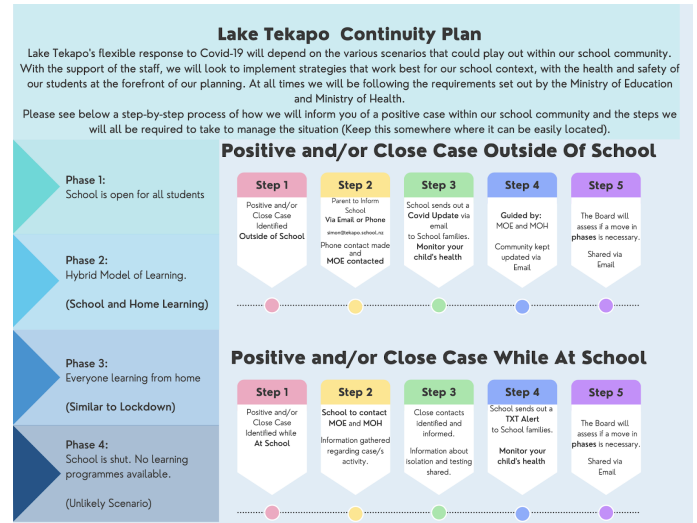




Tuesday 15th February

Dear Parents / Caregivers,

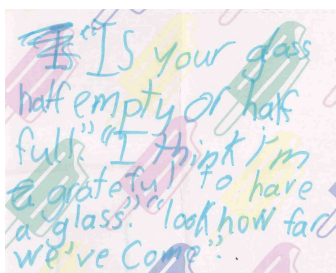
Firstly, thank you to the parent and wider communities approach to our changing environment. Our kids have settled back into school incredibly well and are certainly testament to the practice of rolling with what comes their way. A big part of this is the respectful, uncomplicated approach being set by all and the understanding we are receiving as a staff. With so much information around for our children, it has been incredibly settling teaching in an environment where kids just want to be kids. Thank you. You will be well aware that the Government announced the change in phases last night and this will bring with it some more changes. I have attached a summary flow chart prepared by Principals that outlines the process we will work to if and when we receive notification of a COVID case. As we have said in the past, we will try and be pragmatic about this and again, your response to this would be appreciated as we work through the different scenarios. Thank you to all the parents for wearing masks on site when visiting and for signing in at the office. This does help us here at school and ensures we are playing our part and keeping honest to the protocols set in place. The children are certainly managing their own selves and are a good example of making sense of the rules. If your child is unwell and not attending school, please contact the office directly as we do not want to hear through the children.



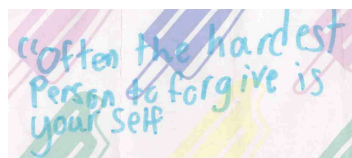
A massive thank you to Casey and Jason from the Lake Tekapo Four Square for their support of our school. This includes our weekly Fruit Smoothie voucher for our Competency certificates and the afternoon fruit that arrives fresh to us. This welcome treat is taken up by the kids who look forward to a healthy treat in our afternoon break each day.

## School Planning - The Reason we do it!

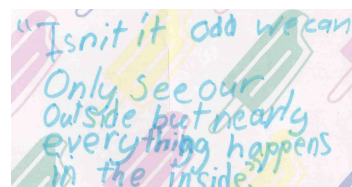
As a school, one of the initiatives we are trying to promote is that of a "Growth Mindset to Accelerate Learning". This is being implemented through the 5 Ways to Wellbeing and the Maori Health Strategy of Te Whare Tapa Wha. Every now and then something extremely cool lands at your feet and the below quotations were given to me by a young lady who independently went home and wrote out and set goals for herself in 2022; This simple gesture reminds one of why we "plan" and do the job we do. Genius.



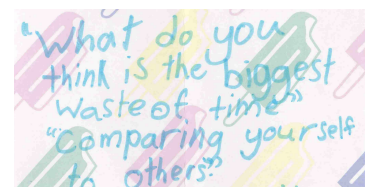
"Is your glass half empty or half full? I think I am grateful to have a glass".



"Often the hardest person to forgive is yourself"  
"Look how far we've come"



"Isn't it odd we can only see our outside, but nearly everything happens in the inside"



"What do you think is the biggest waste of time? Comparing yourself to others"

## School Planning - continued....

The Lake Tekapo School Board of Trustees and staff are reviewing last year and pulling together initiatives that help us promote the ever increasing changes and expectations in education. This is a balancing act for primary schools with 8 learning areas (The Arts, Health and PE, English, Learning Languages, Mathematics, Science, Social Sciences and Technology) to be taught and weighted appropriately. The school has reviewed the feedback from last year through the Parent Information Evening and Parent Survey and visually created a "Plan on a Page" that sets the focus for the next 3 Years. As a school group, we are hugely aware of the ongoing affects of COVID on our town and the implications this will have for our small school. We are so fortunate to have local

business support and an environment that supports our future planning. This includes Professional Development for staff, accessing the skills and talents of our local experts and making use of the tools and resources that are evident through our school build. As the dust begins to settle, we would love to meet as a stakeholder group to share and discuss this with you.

## Sprout - Regional Park - School Visit



On Friday 18th February, the whole school is aiming to walk to the Regional Park from school. We will leave school at 9am and return by 2pm. We will walk around the Recreational Park, looking at the Nursery, picking up some Sprout saplings, playing Frisbee Golf, and have a picnic lunch. It should be a great day, as long as the weather plays ball. If you have any Frisbees for Frisbee

Golf, please bring them to school (named) this week, ready for Friday. Remember on Friday to ensure your child (ren) have a drink bottle and packed lunch (no heat ups) as we will be traveling to the park. Please wear suitable footwear for walking such as sports shoes. Here's hoping for great weather.

## Educa



The school is moving from Seesaw to Educa. This move is due to the change in our student management system with the one we were using closing down last year. This change fits with the school plan to move to greater on-line reporting and once we have our documentation synced we will endeavor to make greater use of this tool. Parents have been sent an invite to Educa, and if you have not signed up, please do so. Jane has sent the link via email.

## Parent Interviews - Monday 7th March

Staff have scheduled for Parent Interviews for Monday 7th March. We will keep these to 10 minutes to allow for a short, focused discussion about your child(ren)'s goals for the year and what you are wanting as parents for your child(ren). As stated on numerous occasions, please do not wait for these interviews to air your concerns, as often these can be nipped in the bud early and alleviate any undue worry. Jane will schedule times and these will be sent out in due course.

## Upcoming Dates:

Friday 18th February - School Visit to the Regional Park.

Monday 7th March - Parent Goal Setting Interviews.

Thursday 14th April - Last Day of Term One

Monday 2nd May - Beginning Term Two

*We have had queries regarding school cluster events and itinerant teaching. We are working with Dale, Life Education, St Johns and the Kahui Ako with regards to onsite visits. Now we are in phase 2 of the RED COVID framework, we will wait to see the protocols before confirming dates.*

