



Tuesday 17th December

Dear Parents / Caregivers,

Our final week of the 2024 school year encompassed many of the values, attitudes and key competencies that we are trying to instill in our learners. They say a picture paints a thousand words,...enjoy our photo collage.

Monday 9th December - Nativity in the Church of the Good Shepherd



The message of reflection filled the church, as extended family, friends and neighbours gathered. The children performed with energy and reverence. A special thank you to Richard for his special words and acknowledgement of both the student talent but also the teaching that takes place in preparation. Thank you to Carol Simcox and Stewie Inch for their role as gatekeepers on the evening and attending as supportive members of the community.

## Wednesday 11th December - End of Year Assembly

The End of Year Assembly was the perfect way to send off Mila and Lucy as they leave Lake Tekapo School in anticipation of beginning Mackenzie College.



'When I'm Gone' by Anna Kendrick - this song was chosen by Lucy. I heard the song at my friend's house. I love that it sounds upbeat, it matches my personality. The song I had originally chosen was going to make me cry - I've got long hair, so they're gonna miss me by hair and I talk a lot so they will miss me when I talk. I am everywhere around the school too, so they will miss me everywhere. Lucy

'I Made It' by Tones and I - chosen by Mila

I figured mine out during the holidays. I had a whole playlist. I was really struggling. One night, my mum came in and played me the song that I chose. When I heard the lyrics it really spoke to me. It felt like my life at that moment. I was struggling to sleep and was worried about a few things. It felt like she made the song just for my life. I've let go of the past and kept going until I got there. Mila



During the Assembly, students were able to celebrate the work of Term 4 particularly in relation to the revitalisation of Sprout. The success of a school depends on the work of many, which was acknowledged during the speeches presented by Mr Waymouth and Mr Tocker.



## Thursday 12th December - Two New Teachers - Miss Lucy and Mila

We were fortunate to have two new teachers in the school on Thursday. This was an initiative led by our leaders Lucy and Mila, where they were the teachers for the day. They can be congratulated on their efforts - they were supportive, organised and facilitated learning in a mature way. The day consisted of Movement, Handwriting, Creative Writing, Art, Science, PE and Oral Language (Joke Competition). The day was enjoyed by all.



## I Am Hope - Colouring in Competition



Congratulations to these students who won some amazing prize packs sponsored by Genesis.



## Friday 13th December - Working Bee

We had a small but strong parent group arrive for the working bee. The sound of chainsaws, leaf blowers, hammering and moving furniture could be heard across the school while parents, staff and children tidied up the school grounds in preparation for the summer holidays.

Thank you to Sam, Amanda, Robyn, Mark, Jo, Tim and Amy for your commendable efforts over a few hours and also to Casey and Jane for coordinating the working bee. Most of the jobs were ticked off! I wish that we had taken a before photo as the difference is significant.

### Friday 13th December - Kindergarten - School End of Year Picnic

The Kindergarten and School End of Year Picnic was well attended and we were lucky to have a nice break from the wind! The pool area created the relaxed atmosphere that we all needed at the end of a busy year. Thank you to all who attended, hopefully this can be an annual event where our communities can get to know each other a little better.

### Saturday 14th December - Newstalk ZB - Bugman (Ruud Kleinpaste)

On Saturday 14th December Lake Tekapo School got a special mention on Newstalk ZB. The interview with Jack Tame was about No Mow November and the work that Ruud has been doing at school with the Hairy Footed Bumblebee and our wildflower garden beds. It is well worth the listen!

Here is a link to the interview:



<https://www.newstalkzb.co.nz/on-air/saturday-morning-with-jack-tame/audio/ruud-kleinpaste-no-mow-november-december-january/>

### Monday 16th December - Emergency Services in Our Community (St John)

A massive thank you to Jane and Nigel for taking the time to visit with the ambulance. The children were shown the various kits that are used, heart rates and blood pressure were measured, bandages and slings were put on and the stretcher even took some patients for a ride! The children were able to have a good look through the ambulance, with Nigel turning on the siren.



Overall the most important message was that even though we might encounter St John in a stressful situation, they are not scary people - they are people that we know, helping others in our community!





### Monday 16th December - Wildflower Planting

A group of students went out and planted our next lot of wildflowers in their designated areas. It was great that this time the students did this almost fully independently and knew the steps that we needed to follow to ensure that our new flowers grow correctly. We are excited to see these begin to blossom and have already had some peek through in our lot that we planted a couple of weeks ago.



### Monday 16th December - New Storage Solutions - Dexion

A huge thank you to Dexion, who came in on Monday morning and shelved the sports shed for us! This has been long awaited and has given us so much more space in the shed with everything being able to come off the ground and up onto the shelves.



### Tuesday 17th December - Community Garden

Once a fortnight we join Billy and the Kindergarten to complete tasks in the Community Garden. This session involved planting of seedlings and covering the potatoes. Teamwork and tuakana teina is key!



## Tuesday 17th December - Emergency Services in Our Community (Fire Brigade)

Thank you to Matt, JP, Michi, Satoshi and Greg for spending the morning/afternoon at school. We were able to look through all three vehicles - 837, 8311, and 8326, with detailed explanations of what is involved in different jobs that they attend.

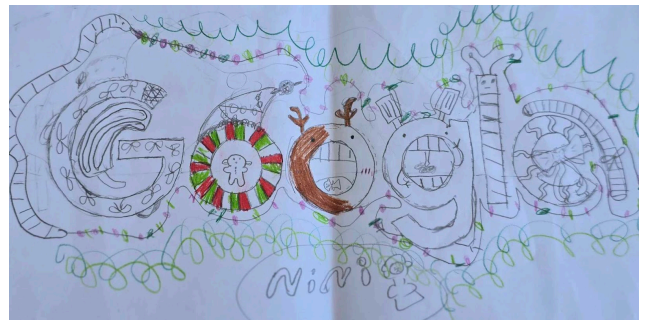
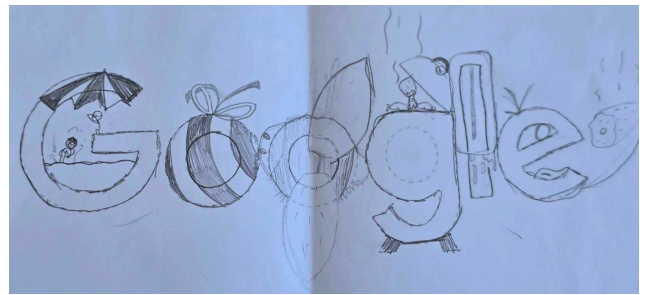
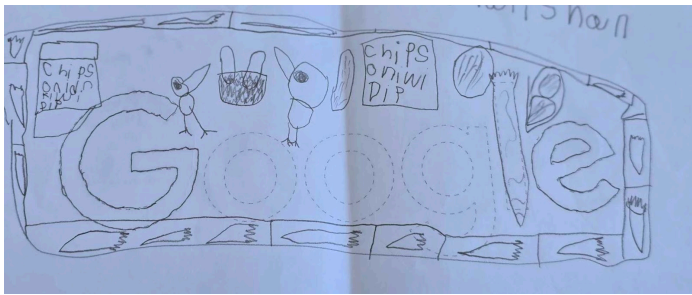
We got to try on the Level 2 uniform - even Mrs Marshall got dressed up! The session ended with a turn on the hose and a ground monitor display. We were surprised at how far the water spread. This kicked off the start of our water fun afternoon with the kindergarten.



## Christmas Cards and Google Doodle

Over the final week in between the busiest days we made Christmas Cards for people in our community as well as creating a Google Doodle to reflect a Kiwi Summer. This pulled together both the Sprout work and reflections of the Nativity. Here are some examples of their creative work!

## Christmas Cards and Google Doodle (cont.)



To all of our parents and caregivers, and valued members of our school community, we wish you a safe and joyful summer break. May this festive season bring you moments of relaxation, fun, and quality time with your loved ones. Enjoy this well-deserved time to recharge and make beautiful memories with your family.

Lake Tekapo School Staff