

Wednesday 16th October



Dear Parents / Caregivers,

Land of Plenty - Great Finish to Term 3.



We had a tremendous finale to last term with the children in strong voice at the School Production. As teachers the reward is getting the kids up on stage and letting them rip, no interruptions and little to no errors. Both performances were received well and the feedback about the enthusiasm, energy and effort of all the kids has been hugely positive. As said on the night, the mini goals set for the children were achieved and the enjoyment of working beside the children made for a hugely enjoyable term of learning. This real time learning certainly extended far beyond the stage, with the skills gained through the Arts such as confidence, creativity, problem-solving, teamwork, and resilience underpinning the traditional learning areas of Reading, Writing, Maths, and Health & P.E. A massive thank you to the community members and parents that joined in at the end of the performance for a little Time Warp and Slice of Heaven, a truly immeasurable moment.

Term 4, 2024



This term we are aiming to rejuvenate our little school character "Sprout" by updating and focussing on many of the original ideas that started back in 2019. Sprout was driven by Sharron Binns and Binns Property to create an opportunity for our children to act as Kaitiaki (guardians) for their school and more widely in the community. This is such a cool project and one where the children can take ownership of their environment. We have planned to incorporate Cannington school and we are working on bringing expertise in to teach as well. This is exciting and pleasing with the positive momentum and enthusiasm of the kids. Towards the

end of the term the children will have some more opportunities to perform with our Community Carols and our end of Year formalities, both at the Good Shepherd Church and End of Year Graduate assembly. It is always such a special time, with the children celebrating the year, the transition of our senior students to College and the opportunity to simply get together.

Professional Development - Background and Thoughts.



As you will be well aware there are significant changes happening within education and how we expect children to learn. With the One Hour a Day, Structured Literacy implementation and most recently Mathematics changes, it has made for a lot of questioning about school programmes, school culture and what it is we want for the collective whole in a small rural school. There is a degree of simplicity to what is a very complex profession and while it is accepted, changes are required, Literacy and Mathematics is not new to schools. The Staff at Lake Tekapo School are endeavouring to meet these legislative changes through the Professional Development of our Structured Literacy programme, Ideal, and through the Assessment for Learning Professional Development through the Kahui Ako and School PLD hours. The school will also be making the decision on the Mathematics programme that best fits with our current programme. Please be aware that as staff we believe that our role is to support children to succeed with their learning and that there is “no one size fits all” model that will go into creating a “world class education system”. There are 8 learning areas, English, the arts, health and physical education, learning languages, mathematics and statistics, science, social sciences, and technology and it should be in the balance of these areas we aim to put each child at the centre of their learning.

School Professional Development:

The Lake Tekapo School staff has endeavoured to keep the interruption of Teacher Only Days to a minimum. We were able to combine our Teacher Only day last term without closing the school and this term we would like to try and minimise disruption with so much on. The plan to ensure this happens requires parental support, especially with our Cannington School day, where we can combine schools and work within the school day.

Thursday 31st October: Cannington Fun Day (Transport required)
Staff will work around planned activities.

Friday 8th November: Kahui Ako Teacher Only Day - **School Closed**
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The LTS staff will join with Cannington staff to review and look at assessment practices.

I AM HOPE - Friday 18th October



Thank you for the commitment to get your children to the Town Square on Friday 18th October at 5:30pm. This is brilliant, with numbers of children adding to both the volume and atmosphere of the evening. This is a community event and it is fantastic that our school can be part of this and we will receive \$1500.00 for our efforts.

The format for the afternoon will be:

- Children arrive at the Town Square at 5:30pm
- BBQ Set up and Sausages cooked in Preparation
- Event starts at 6:00pm
- Sausages flow throughout the event
- Drinks Supplied
- Gumboot Throw set up / Colouring Competition - Prizes to be won!
- Music and Atmosphere with Kids
- Mike King will arrive at 6:30 - Children Welcome.
- Mingle - Meet Mike

Thank you again to the parents that have offered to help on the day through either working the BBQ or manning the Gumboot throw as this will mean our school benefits from this fundraiser.

Thank You Peppers Bluewater- Tuk Tuk Initiative:

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LAKE TEKAPU



A massive thank you to Peppers Bluewater Resort and to Simon Tocker, Kerry Danger and the Pepper's team. The Tuk Tuk initiative over winter has been massively successful and the fact that the money raised through this initiative supports our fundraising is so incredibly generous. At the beginning of this initiative Simon T mentioned that having the opportunity to have catered food in school will be a childhood memory and this is definitely a reality. The children have absolutely loved Friday's and have revelled with the different food options. Thank you for this winter term treat.



Thank You Don and Michael:

Thank you to Don McConchie and Michael Midgely for the removal of the Wilding Pine that had secured its place at the school house. Really appreciated and thanks heaps.

School Photographs

Parents/Caregivers have recently been emailed out their child's/ren's unique Key Code by Photolife, to enable you to go online and view and purchase 2024 School Photos. If this code has not come into your main inbox, please check your trash/spam folder for it. This code is also available via the school office if need be.

*****FREE DELIVERY EXPIRES Midnight Sunday 27 OCTOBER*****

School Hats:

With the days becoming sunnier, it is timely that parents/caregivers look at purchasing a school hat for the upcoming summer season. Hats can be purchased at the NZ Uniform Shop in Timaru (Washdyke) or via the link here: [LTS School Hats](#). School has limited second hand hats available.

Term Dates:

Friday 18th October	I am Hope - 5:30pm
Monday 28th October	Labour Day - School Closed
Thursday 31st October	Cannington Fun Day (Transport required)
Friday 8th November	Kahui Ako Teacher Only Day - School Closed
Thursday 14th November	Mackenzie Athletics Fairlie (Transport)
Tuesday 26th November	SC Athletics (TBC)
Tuesday 17th December	Last Day Term 4



Cannington Day: Thursday 31st October - Please Read:

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Cannington Day - Transport:

Family Name: _____

I am able to take _____ children (including my own) to and from Cannington on Thursday 31st October.

Yes _____

No _____

I am aware the school will be closed on Friday 8th November for the Kahui Ako Teacher Only Day.

Yes _____

No _____

MACKENZIE COLLEGE

Pop Up RESTAURANT

FRIDAY 25TH OCTOBER

- FAIRLIE GOLF CLUB -

5:30PM DOORS AND BAR OPEN

DINNER FROM 6PM

\$45 PER TICKET

3 COURSE MEAL - WITH A MOCKTAIL!

(GF AND VEGETARIAN OPTIONS AVAILABLE)

TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE

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