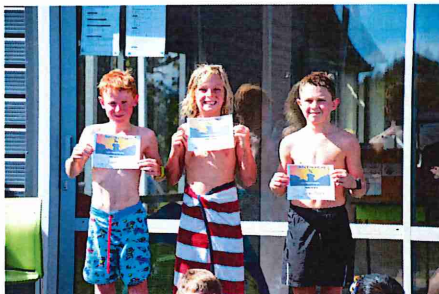




School Triathlon - Thank You for the Support



The children are absolutely cranking at the moment and this was really on show at last Wednesday's Triathlon. All the kids gave the 3 disciplines of running, cycling and swimming a decent crack, with no complaints and plenty of encouragement for each other. A massive thank you from the staff for the parent turnout on Wednesday afternoon, and for creating an environment where every competitor felt supported and urged to do their best. The staff absolutely loved the relaxed feeling on the day and the interaction between adults and children. It was a great day and a nice way to finish the swimming season. Thank you to Nigel Frost for the season and for ensuring the pool was in perfect condition for the day and for James Cage who snapped the memories on the day.



South Canterbury Swimming Sports:



Our Lake Tekapo Swim team represented us brilliantly at the South Canterbury Swimming Sports held at Caroline Bay in Timaru. Thank you to Casey Jeffries and Aliti Naivoli for acting as Team Managers on the day. The competition was next level with all the children competitive across the age groups and placing well. Well done kids, the feedback has been incredibly positive and sportsmanship and support of each other was wonderful.

End of Term Assembly - Thursday 10th April - 1:30pm

RISK TAKING

It's hard to take a risk, but I know that by taking a risk you grow,
by trying safe you will never see something new.
I know falling feels like you've got
Kicked to the curb or like someone
took a light out of you.

But if you walk down the pit you can see something new,
By challenging ourselves that will mean
we succeed.

Sometimes it is just not trusting yourself
That can make you fail.

No one knows what you are good at, so take a risk.
Everyone still needs to learn to try their hardest even if that means taking
risks, and everyone is different. You try to walk into the pit and say "I am
up for the challenge", so take a risk! Are you going to take a risk?

If you are, I am in with you.
Come on and jump in the pit.

By Helen

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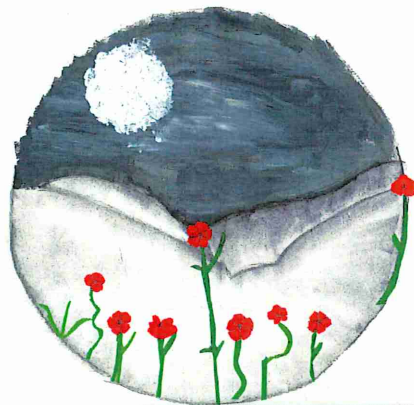
I fall comes down to this day
Entering the water
Bubbles around me popping
Proud faces on everybody
People cheering
Flying through the water
Setting the feeling of victory
My one aim is to win
Champions
Gold
By Amelia

Swimming Sports

Fearfully standing
everyone goes
I was so scared
I was not ready
but I did it
I was moving like a water dolphin
The water comes and makes me happy
It's nice and cold, fresh and amazing.
I love water
because it makes me feel nice and
Refreshed

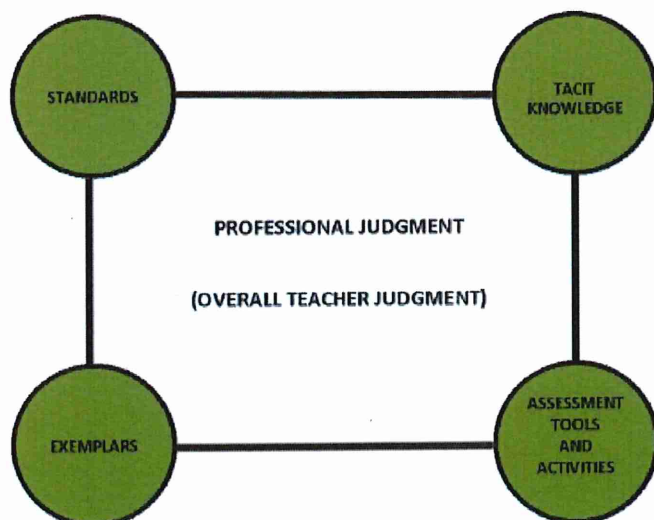
By Indi

Our end of term assembly is happening on Thursday 10th March allowing the children the opportunity to share their learning with you from the term. It has been a very full term with a lot of variety and balance inside and outside the classrooms. The children are completing their A&P Art for showcasing with the theme this year being ANZAC. Within the programme this term we are still holding on to the hope of ensuring integration across our "big ideas" with the writing, reading and maths programme reflecting the inquiry work we are looking at in class. There is nothing better as a teacher hearing and observing children that are relating topics to their real experiences, using ideas such as "striving for accuracy" in the swimming pool or "taking risks" and learning through the challenge.



Board Blurb - Achievement and Progress

As mentioned in the last newsletter schools are undergoing significant changes with a lot of discussion lately around national testing for reading, writing, and maths and resources that will support our learners. Last week it was



announced that we are now looking to introduce a new standardised test for children with the past and current measures being deemed not fit for purpose. As a Principal / Teacher this is important with many of the proposed changes having significant implications on the culture, open door and transparency that exists in small schools. As Board of Trustees we do not hide from the reality that we are staffed at 2.54 teaching staff and rely heavily on the trust and involvement of our parent stakeholders. We trust that parents know we have an open door and that as staff we are focused on the children's learning at Lake Tekapo School. As a school we trust we have good relationships and offer a variety of learning initiatives that relate to the children's own worlds and environment.

Small schools are unique in that they offer multi-level, highly personalised opportunities to discuss the learning and needs of your child(ren). The ability to share, discuss and work through learning goals daily with families is something we value and hold dear. As a Board of Trustees, looking towards Term two, we would like to seek feedback and opinion as to "what assessment looks like" for your child, while getting our students own voice about their learning at Lake Tekapo School. We will continue to focus on our kids learning and keep you informed about

any changes in national assessment requirements and how these relate to your child(ren)'s progress and achievement as these become available.

Dark Sky Visit - Thank You



Yesterday the school welcomed Elijah Robinson and Liam Hickman from the Dark Sky Project who spent the morning in both the Macaulay and Godley rooms looking at "whakapapa" (family), Te Kore, (Before time) and the link between the 3 stages of the sun. The ability to draw on and have this expertise for our children is remarkable and we are continuing to work with Dark Sky over the year as time allows. As a school the opportunity to understand "our place" from a Te Ao Maori lens is such a valuable opportunity and we would like to thank Dark Sky for their continued liaison with our small kura.

Petronella's Book Club and Generous Donation:



The children are loving the opportunity to work with Shazz at Petronella's Bookstore and the reviews are steadily coming across the desk. This is another great initiative that falls directly into our Literacy programme whereby the children's learning is purposeful, real and relevant. The children recently visited the bookstore where we were able to get the kids to choose the titles they wanted for the library. Thank you Shazz for the work that you do behind the scenes and the support of this programme, along with Sprout.

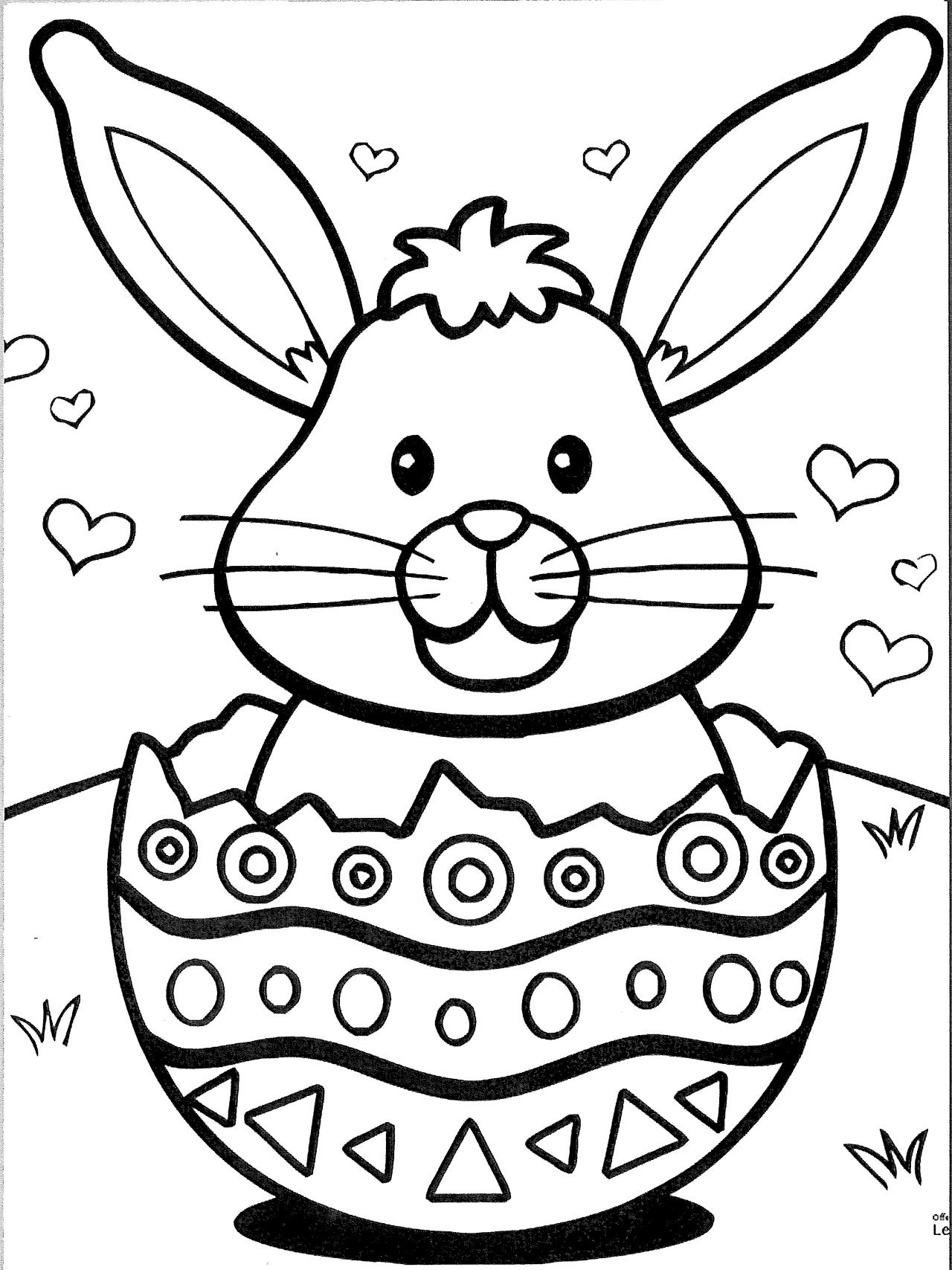
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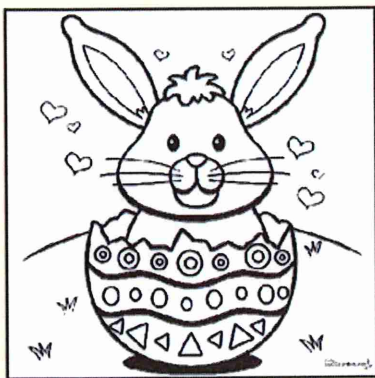
School Uniform / Merino Order

We are noticing the school uniform is a little hit and miss with students not having the right items of uniform, school hats, shorts and appropriate footwear. 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. With winter creeping up, if you are wanting to order a school merino jersey, please contact Jane in the office office@tekapo.school.nz.

End of Term Assembly
End of Term One
Start of Term Two
King's Birthday Weekend
Matariki Weekend

Thursday 10th April starting at 1:30pm.
Friday 11th April - Mufti Day
Monday 28th April
Monday 2nd June - SCHOOL CLOSED
Friday 20th June - SCHOOL CLOSED





Easter

The Difference

Colouring Competition

WIN a LJ Hooker Easter Hamper

3 Age Groups, 3 Prizes

Contestant Details

Name

Age

email Address

Phone

Terms and Conditions

This promotion is subject to Terms and Conditions. Information on how to enter this competition forms part of the terms and conditions of entry. Entry into this competition is deemed to be an acceptance of these conditions. To enter, entrants should colour-in the reverse side of this entry and complete all details on the form including name of parent/guardian, contact number and email address. Once complete please either post or drop off your completed entry in person to:

LJ Hooker Lake Tekapo, 16 Rapuwai Lane, Lake Tekapo (PO Box 197, Lake Tekapo, 7945) or hand your completed work of art into the host where you received your entry form. Completed forms must be handed in before **Thursday 17th April 2025**. Winners will be announced on **Friday 18th April 2024**.

Please be sure to specify the contestant age as there are 3 prizes, 1 for each age group:

- 1) 5 & under
- 2) 6 – 9 years
- 3) 10 years and over

Happy Easter and Happy Colouring



LJ Hooker

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