



## **Waikoikoi School - Little School Big Spirit!**

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### **Newsletter #2** **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2012**

#### **Téná koutou -Hello in Máori**

What a great start we made to the Term. It was a treat to see our enthusiastic learners. Keep your eye on the term calendar for all our events and happenings.

#### **Stationery-**

The senior class will be issued with their stationery this week and accounts will be sent in due course. In addition it would be wonderful if each student brought to school a pencil case, their old book bag and a box of tissues. The junior room are continuing with last year's supplies.

**Sun Hats-** Students need to bring to school a wide brimmed sunhat. Ideally their Waikoikoi hat but any other wide brimmed hat is fine. We will no longer have "spare hats" available at school so those students without a hat will be restricted to playing in the shade or under the verandah. Please ensure your child's hat is named.

#### **Tapanui Swimming Sports-**

The senior class will be attending the Tapanui Swimming Sports tomorrow. Students need to wear their Waikoikoi School uniform and bring with them their togs and two towels and a substantial lunch (no pie warmers) as we will be spending the day in Tapanui. We need a couple of cars to transport the students to the pool from School at 9.00am tomorrow morning. Tapanui residents are welcome to meet us at the pool at 9.30am. We will return by bus.

#### **Koi Calf -**

Many thanks to the Tiller family for taking care of our Koi calf. He looks healthy and happy and in need of a name. I'll pop a suggestion box in the foyer and we'll have a lucky draw.



If anyone has a copy of Michael King's History of New Zealand at home we would love to lend it for a week.

## Inquiry Learning-

The following is the framework we will be using for our Inquiry Learning Community focus. This process is an opportunity for students to direct their own learning with guidance and scaffolding support from the teacher. We will be focusing on the students questioning and research skills as we discover new things about “Community”.



### **Tuning In**

What do we bring to this inquiry?  
What do we already know, think & feel?  
What are we unsure about? Interested in?  
What is this all about?



### **Finding Out**

How can we investigate this?  
What information do we need to gather and from where?  
How will we record this data?  
How is this challenging our thinking?



### **Sorting Out**

How can we make sense of this information?  
What does this mean to me/us?  
What questions does this raise?  
What else do we need to find out?



### **Going Further**

What am I wondering?  
How can I take this further?  
How will I share with others what I have discovered?  
What goals do I need to set myself?



### **Concluding, Reflecting, Acting**

What can we now say about?  
How has our thinking changed and why?  
So what? Where to now?  
What have we learned about learning?



**SWIMMING LESSONS** – We have arranged for the bus to transport the students to and from the Tapanui Swimming pool during the next two weeks. Please ensure your child has their swimming gear each day. We are still waiting on a cost for the bus and then this will be shared between the school and each family.

**GOLF TOURNAMENT MEETING** – The Home and School have a meeting on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February and 7.30pm at the school to discuss the up coming Golf Tournament. It would be appreciated if all families could be represented. Some sponsorship information has been included with this newsletter. If you have any enquiries please contact Kate Stark 207 6857.

**SENIOR SWIMMING CARNIVAL** –will be held with Tapanui School on **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February (tomorrow)** starting at 9.30am for all senior pupils. We require transport, leaving the school at 9am. **Please contact the office if you are able to help.**

**CONGRATULATIONS** –to Vicky Weller for winning a Gold Medal at the Masters Games over the weekend. We are so lucky to have such a qualified Netballer involved in our school.

### Term 1 2012

Term 1	Date/s	Student/Community events	Any Help with the events?
<b>Week Two</b>	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> -Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Daily Swimming lessons 1.30-2.30pm</li> </ul>	Bring togs, towel, goggles
	Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Senior Swimming sports with Tapanui School</li> </ul>	Need transport
<b>Week Three</b>	Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> -Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Daily Swimming Lessons 1.30-2.30pm</li> </ul>	Bring togs, towel, goggles
	Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Golf Tournament meeting 7.30pm @ school</li> </ul>	
	Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>BOT Meeting 7.30pm</li> </ul>	
<b>Week Four</b>	Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup> February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Junior Room Parent Interviews</li> </ul>	
	Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Athletics at Tapanui School (postponement day 24/2)</li> </ul>	
	Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Working Bee 3 pm onwards followed by community Fish and Chip night</li> <li>We will be creating an indoor play space in the swimming pool shed and painting game templates on the concrete.</li> </ul>	All hands on deck, water blasters, shovels, sand, and muscles required.
<b>Week Five</b>	Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School Assembly 1.30pm</li> <li>Home School Meeting 2.15pm</li> <li>Senior Room Parent Interviews</li> </ul>	All Welcome
<b>Week Six</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PAT/STAR testing</li> </ul>	
<b>Week Seven</b>			

<b>Week Eight</b>	Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	• Senior Swimming Sports -Gore	Transport required
<b>Week Nine</b>	Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> March Sunday 1 April	• Anniversary Day • GOLF TOURNAMENT	School Closed Everyone required to help
<b>Week Ten</b>	Thursday 5 April Friday 6 April	Last day of Term 1 Good Friday	

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### **Tapanui After School Athletics**

Term 1

Fridays 3.30 – 4.30pm

Starts 10<sup>th</sup> Feb

Blue Mountain College

Years 1 – 8

Contact: Susie Burrows, 208 3846 or

[Susie.burrows@sportsouthland.co.nz](mailto:Susie.burrows@sportsouthland.co.nz)

### **CLUTHA COUNTRY – SUMMER SERIES FAMILY MULTISPORTS EVENTS**



Lawrence, Sunday 12 Feb

Tapanui, Sunday 19 Feb

All 1.30pm start time [www.sportotago.co.nz](http://www.sportotago.co.nz)

For details and entry form

## **Build-a-Bug** COMPETITION

create your own insect, either real or imagined, using mainly recycled materials

Entries will go on public display at  
**Bug Fest Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> February**  
Earthlore, 129 Hinahina Rd, Owaka

where they will be judged by popular vote on the day.

Open to anyone 12 years or under. Entries, together with your name, age & contact details, can be dropped off at Niles 4 Square, Owaka or Earthlore, 129 Hinahina Rd on or before Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> February.

First prize will be a host plant with Monarch caterpillars - one for the winning entry & one for their school, plus seeds to grow your own butterfly garden. Winner will be announced approximately 2.30pm on the afternoon of Bug Fest

For further info contact - Janine ph415 8455  
[earthlore@ihug.co.nz](mailto:earthlore@ihug.co.nz)

Its time again, **New Zealand Young Farmers** are coming to an area new you. AgriKidsNZ is a fun, agricultural based challenge for primary aged kids (School years 4-8, aged 8-13).

The Regional Competitions this year are being held at;

- Otago/Southland – Balclutha 12<sup>th</sup> February 2012
- Tasman – Greymouth 18<sup>th</sup> February 2012
- Aorangi – Oamaru 25<sup>th</sup> February 2012
- East Coast – Carterton 10<sup>th</sup> March 2012
- Taranaki/Manawatu – Hawera 12<sup>th</sup> March 2012
- Waikato/Bay of Plenty – Hamilton 17<sup>th</sup> March 2012
- Northern – Waipu 31<sup>st</sup> March 2012

The AgriKidsNZ Grand Final in conjunction with The National Bank Young Farmer Contest is going to be held in Dunedin from the 23<sup>rd</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> May 2012.

The competition is in two parts: The Prelims and The Race-Off

In the Prelims, kids compete in teams of three to gain the most points by completing a series of modules on anything from first aid to saddling a pony. The seven highest scoring teams then move on to the Race-Off. The Race-Off is a fast paced obstacle course where the teams race against each other to complete an obstacle course of challenges to an acceptable standard. The first three teams from the Race Off are then invited to the Grand Final (Being held in Dunedin 2012).

You don't have to come from a rural background to enter, it's just a fun morning for anyone aged 8 – 13. The day usually starts at 7:30am and is finished by 1pm.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me. And if you have students who are interested in competing, get their entries into us via email or fax.

Regards,

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**NEW ZEALAND YOUNG FARMERS**

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## **SOUTHLAND JUNIOR NETBALL ACADEMY**

Want some specialist netball coaching?  
Then join the Junior Netball Academy!  
Suitable for players from 8 –15 years.  
Available Term 1

Invercargill, Gore, Queenstown, Mossburn, Riverton and Winton  
(Numbers dependant)

Starting week of Monday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2012.

**For further information, please contact  
Michelle Meredith – 03 217 1303  
Or visit our website for a registration form  
[www.netballsouthland.org.nz](http://www.netballsouthland.org.nz)**

## **MOSSBURN DISTRICT AND SCHOOLS' 125th JUBILEE**

Friday 6th April - Sunday 8th April. Register by 26th February and take advantage of the Early Bird Registrations (save \$40 per person). A fun filled weekend has been organised that accommodates all age groups, this includes a children's disco. Please note this is a Mossburn District and Schools' Jubilee. This is not just a Mossburn School jubilee but also includes those people (past and present) who have lived in the community whether they attended the school or not. Please accept this as your personal invitation and pass this onto anyone you know who may wish to attend. For more registration details, please contact Lauren Russell 0332486292, [laurenandsam@xtra.co.nz](mailto:laurenandsam@xtra.co.nz)

## How to be Sun Smart - slip, slop, slap and wrap

**SLIP** into some shade, especially between 10am and 4pm when the ultraviolet rays are most fierce.

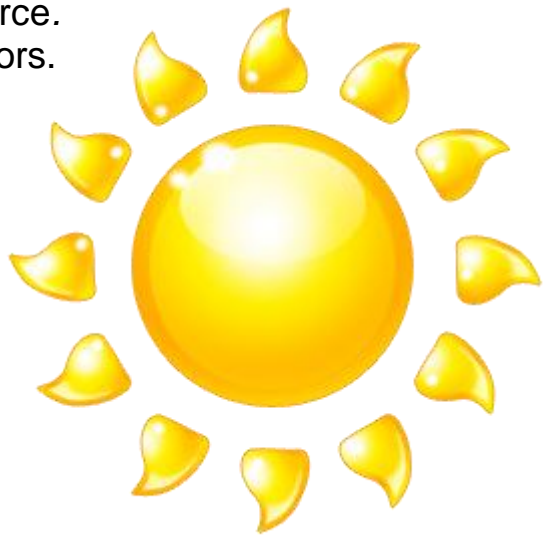
**SLOP** on some sunscreen before going outdoors.

- Put sunscreen on any skin not covered by clothes.
- Use an SPF30+ broad-spectrum sunscreen. Wipe it on thickly at least 15 minutes before going outdoors.
- Re-apply - do this 15 minutes after the first application to ensure complete coverage, and also after physical activity, swimming or towel drying.

**SLAP** on a hat with a brim or a cap with flaps. More people get burned on the face and neck than any other part of the body, so a good hat is important.

**WRAP** on a pair of sunglasses. Choose close fitting, wrap-around glasses.

*For more information on sun safety visit [www.sunsmart.org.nz](http://www.sunsmart.org.nz)*



## A couple of tips to keep children's ears healthy:

- Keep the home warm and dry
- Have a smoke free house and car
- Dry your ears after swimming and shake out excess water, especially if you feel it stuck.
- Keep heads out of hot pools.
- No diving as this can force water into the ear canal.

