



# Te Anau School Newsletter

Week 3, Term 1. 23 February 2012

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## Principal's Pen

Dear Parents/Caregivers/Whanau,

Can you remember what you were doing when you first heard of the catastrophic quake which rocked Christchurch on 22nd February last year? Perhaps some of you experienced it first hand or had friends or family who were there?

I remember sitting at my desk in my office (in Timaru) working with a group of children who were conducting a Scientific experiment. I was tasting jelly beans blind folded to see whether or not I could identify the colour of each jelly bean based upon the taste—a tough job, but somebody had to do it. When the quake struck, I was still blind folded and the room rolled from side to side, the building creaked and blinds rattled. We evacuated the school because the tremors were huge....and we were 2 hours south of Christchurch!

Yesterday marked the anniversary of this tragedy and I extend our thoughts to the people of Christchurch during this time. I know that Te Anau was a safe haven for many families during that time. Our school opened its doors to children who had moved to Te Anau and many people offered their help in a variety of ways. Let's hope the ground stops shaking up there and that they can rebuild their broken city quickly.

On a different note, our new on-line booking system for Parent-Teacher Interviews has been successful with lots of bookings already made. I hope you have found this system easy and worthwhile! If you haven't yet made a booking, go to [www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz) and enter our unique code **6KNZM** and follow the prompts. Alternatively, contact us and we will make an appointment for you over the phone.

Another thank you—to our FOT's. They have provided our school with a lot of money lately. They donated \$5,500 to go towards the Cayford Block and IT equipment, \$1000 for our Junior Syndicate trip to Monkey Island and \$300 towards our Year 5/6 Cricket Team. That is a whopping total of \$6,800 which is benefiting the children of Te Anau School. Thank you very much!

Kind regards,  
Rob Rush

## Welcome

This week we extend a very warm welcome to **Brooke Scott** who turned 5 years old and has started school in Room 1. Happy birthday and welcome to Te Anau School Brooke!

## School News

### Thank You FOT's!!

We would like to acknowledge and thank our Friends of the School Group (FOT's) for their generous donation of \$5,500 which will go towards completing the Cayford Block and IT equipment.

This money was raised through our fair and end of year break-up last year. Many thanks to all involved, we really appreciate your generosity!

### Sausages



These are \$2 each and available every Friday. This is a fundraiser for our Year 6 Camp at the end of the year. Orders and money are paid before school in the office foyer on Friday. Thank you.

### Scholastic Book Fair

Te Anau School Book Fair will be held from Monday 5th March—Friday 9th March. Books will be on sale in the school hall, so please mark this in you diary and support this fantastic event.

### Assembly

Our first Assembly for the year is tomorrow (Friday), starting at a slightly earlier time of 2:20pm. All welcome to attend.

### Certificates

Congratulations to the following children who will be presented with a certificate at tomorrow's assembly.

- Room 1: Ben Dufaur, Isabella Sheldon
- Room 2: Blake de Bettencor, Toby Kendall-Roy
- Room 3: Anya Green, Toni Lombardi
- Room 4: Robbie Leslie, Leon Harrington
- Room 5: Tane McRae, Lindsay Roberts
- Room 7: Luke Ure, Melissa Duncan
- Room 8: Tessa Holland, Jonty Taylor
- Room 11: Georgia Mitchell, Wiremu Henry
- Room 12: Alyssa Pang, Courtney Anderson

### Year 5/6 Cricket Team

Draw for this week is: Te Anau v Te Tipua at Northern Southland College, Lumsden, starting at 9am. Good luck for this week's game!

### 44th Te Anau District Autumn Flower Show 2012

2nd -3rd March at Real Journeys Community Events Centre. Show open- Friday 2-30pm-8pm Saturday 10am-3.30pm. Presentation of Trophies Saturday 3rd March 3pm Admission \$3 -Children free. Entries taken Thursday 1 March 1.30pm – 7.30pm except for photography which is by 5pm please.

### Stationery

Thank you to all those who have paid for your child's stationery. We require payment as soon as possible please. If you have not received an invoice, please check your child's bag or contact Sue at the office. Thank you.

### Junior Syndicate Swim Fun Day

Thank you to all for your support shown at today's event. Hope you all enjoyed watching the children showing you their swimming skills. From the Junior Syndicate Team.

### Lost Property

We have a new lost property bin which is blue and sits outside the office door every day. This will be emptied every term and sent to the needy if clothing is not collected. A friendly reminder to please name your child's clothing especially your school uniform. Thank you.

### Wheels

It's been fantastic watching the children have so much fun with their scooters and skateboards on the courts during play and lunch times. These seem to be getting more and more popular which is causing congestion. To free up court space and reduce possible injuries, there will be designated Wheels Days for children as follows:

- Mondays**— Tennis games (no wheels)
  - Tuesday and Wednesdays** (Juniors only)
  - Thursdays and Fridays** (Seniors only)
- Thanks!

### Jubilee

Our 75th Jubilee will be celebrated during the weekend of 23—25 November 2012. Registration packs will be available soon. Please mark this important date in your diary.

### Thank you Sponsors

Your child has been issued with a free homework book and this has kindly been sponsored by many of our local businesses. Please take some time to read the sponsors

listed on the inside and back covers of the book. Remember to support them as they have supported us!

## Community News

### St John Youth

St John Youth Te Anau is having an open night. Where: Ambulance rooms (off Luxmore Drive) When: Wednesday 29th February at 6pm Ages: 6-18 Everyone welcome Many thanks Sarah McCorkindale

### Swimming Lessons

Swimming lessons are available for school children with Graham Lang at the Mossburn Community Pool, second week of the school holidays from 26th to 30th April 2012. If interested, please phone Fleur Carston on 03 248 6154.

## Term 1 Upcoming Events

Fri 24 Feb	Northern Swimming Sports
Fri 24 Feb	Assembly 2:20pm
Wed 29 Feb	Juniors visiting Monkey Island
Mon 5— Fri 9 March	Scholastic Book Fair
Mon 5—Tues 6 March	Parent-Teacher Interviews
Wed 7 March	Juniors visiting Trout Observatory
Thurs 9 March	Te Anau School Athletics
Thurs 8 March	Assembly 2:20pm
Thurs 15 March	Northern Athletics
Fri 23 March	Assembly 2:20pm
Tues 27—Wed 28 March	Seniors Marae Visit
Wed 28 March	Juniors Stream Study
Thurs 29 March	Seniors Stream Study
Thurs 5 April	Assembly
Thurs 5 April	Term 1 Ends



**Jubilee Weekend: 23—24 November 2012**

**Kake ake i te tiketetanga o te Taumata**

**Climbing our way to the top!**