



Te Anau School - Te Kura o Te Anau

Term 4 Week 4

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Kake ake i te tiketetanga o te Taumata

Climbing Our Way To The Top!



Principal's Pen

Dear Parents/Caregivers/Whanau,

As mentioned in the letter home on Monday, next Thursday is the day for scheduled strikes by Primary Teachers and Principals in the South Island. This is part of rolling strikes across the country, one area each day over the whole of next week.

NZEI (the Primary Teachers' union) is currently negotiating with the Government, however no offers of agreements have been forthcoming. At this stage the strike will take place. If there are any changes you will all know as soon as we do.

As Teachers and Principals, we all know that strikes are inconvenient for families and our school community, however we are all adamant that the conditions, pay and status of the profession all need to be raised. At this point in time the Government hasn't come close to meeting these needs.

At times when strikes take place we hear people say, "the teachers just want more money". This really isn't about that. We are campaigning to make schooling better for the children of Aotearoa/New Zealand. This means more support for children with special learning needs, less compliance and less paperwork so that teachers have time to teach. The pay rise will help teachers with rising living costs but also make the profession more attractive to people thinking of teaching as a career. At the moment less and less people are training and more and more people are leaving the profession. Two interesting statistics in this are are:

- One third of new Principals last less than five years in the role
- There are 40% less people training to be teachers today than there were 10 years ago.

This needs to be turned around.

Nga mihi nui,
Grant Excell
Principal

Welcome

Happy 5th birthday to Ana Hodson and started school this week in Room 12 with Mrs Hansen. Happy school days Ana!



School News

Sausages

These are available tomorrow and every Friday. Please bring a \$2 coin to the school and order in the office before 9am. To avoid delays, please send the exact money with your child. Please support this fundraiser organised by the parents of our Year 6 children to attend the Dunedin camp each year.

MATHS OPEN DAY

13 November

You Are All Welcome To Our Maths Open Day And Parent Information Meeting

2pm - In Classes
3.15pm - School Hall



You will see/learn:

- ★ How we are teaching maths
- ★ Some games to do at home
- ★ Why we are teaching maths the way we do

Children are welcome to play in the playground during this time

Te Anau School's Policies and Procedures

Our policies and procedures can be viewed at any time through our school website. www.teanau.school.nz Click on 'Policies and Procedures' and enter the following username and password.

Username: teanau Password: climbing

Currently we have our "Harassment" "Improving Educational Outcomes for Maori Students" and "Religious Instruction" policies under review. Click on **current review** to view and give feedback.

School Hours

9am – 3pm (**children must not be at school before 8.30am**)

11.00am – 11.15am – Interval

12.45pm – 1.45pm – Lunch

Office Hours are 8.30am to 4pm Email: admin@teanau.school.nz

School Pool

This is now open for lessons and timetables will be sent out by the teachers. Please make sure your child has swimming gear which also includes cap and goggles. Caps may be brought from the Fiordland Community Pharmacy and Outside Sports. Pool keys are available from the school office at a cost of \$60 cash per family. Ten dollars will be returned to you if key returned before 31 March 2019.

PTA News

Stuck On You Labels

PTA ongoing fundraiser - shop online at stuckonyou.nz for all your child's personalised labels. Flyers available for pickup in the school office.

Community News



Family Works - Room For One More

There are children and young people in your community who need the support of Foster families. Family Works are seeking people (couples or singles) to welcome children and young people into their homes. Care may be needed for regular respite, temporary short-term or long-term. Family Works will support you with training, ongoing guidance and foster reimbursement. Please contact Nicky Bode: nbode@familyworkssld.nz or phone 03 211 8226 to register your interest.

Southland District Council Holiday Programme 2019

There's plenty to look forward to over the next couple of months with the start of the school holidays, Christmas and the Southland District Council Holiday Programme. This year's summer holiday programme will be road tripping around the region from Monday 7th to Monday the 28th of January and will include Te Anau. The programme costs \$8 per child, per day and runs from 10am to 3pm but remember that there are only limited spaces available at each location so early registration is essential to ensure your child can attend. You can register online and find more details about the holiday programme at www.SDCholidayprogramme.co.nz

School Calendar

9 November	Science Roadshow
13 November	Maths Parent Afternoon - 2pm - 4:15pm In classes - 2pm School Hall - 3:15pm
15 November	School Closed - Teachers' Strike
16 November	Pet Day
23 November	Whole School Assembly 2pm Event Centre
26-30 November	Year 6 Camp
27-28 November	Year 5 Colac Bay Marae Overnight Trip
4 December	Year 6 Day at Fiordland College
4 December	Board of Trustees Meeting 7.30pm
13 December	Poppet Clothing Van 1pm-3pm
14 December	End of School for 2018
4 February 2019	Start of School for 2019

