

Te Anau School - Te Kura o Te Anau

Term 4 Week 3

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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,

This morning it was with great sadness that our teachers and students farewelled one of our long serving and much loved teacher aides, Linda Kendall. Linda has been here at Te Anau School for 25 years helping our children grow and be the best that they can be. She has helped many, many children meet their potential.

In her time here at Te Anau School Linda has worked with all age groups and in many different areas of learning. She has always been a welcoming face for our ESOL (English as a Second Language) students. With this she has worked with students who have come from all over the world helping them gain their first English words and settling them into New Zealand and our Te Anau School culture. Another area she has worked a lot in is with our youngest students to gain positive letter sounds and phonics skills. She has helped some of our most needy, get the most out of their learning.

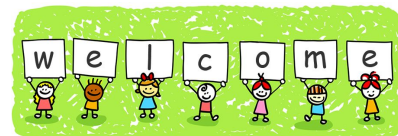
When talking to children who work with Linda they say words like: she is always smiley, she is funny and she helps me with my learning. Many children over many years have loved their time working alongside Linda. She will leave a big gap in our school.

On another note, this year the teachers at Te Anau School have been focusing on their teaching of Mathematics. Each class has had a group of target students who they focus on but have also inquired into their wider maths teaching skills and knowledge.

Some positive changes have come from this which has aligned our teaching with current best practise and research. Notable changes in our teaching include more problem solving, focusing on students talking more in lessons so that they can think more about their learning and changes with how we teach basic facts which includes our recent removal of Mad Maths Minute as a homework task.

So that we can show and explain more about our Maths programme we would like to welcome you all into the school for an open afternoon followed by a parent session in our hall. This will take place on Tuesday November 13. From 2 o'clock classes will be open for you to come in and view maths being taught followed by a parent session in our school hall at 3:15pm. At the parent session we will have Averil Lee from the University of Otago who will help explain some of our learning and changes that have taken place this year. We look forward to seeing you there.

Nga mihi nui,
Grant Excell
Principal



Welcome

This week Bryn and Biddy Dennis have both turned 5 and joined Mrs Hansen's class in Room 12. Happy birthday to you both!
Also arriving in Te Anau this week is Wenbo Zhen who has joined Mr Hunter's class in Room 1.
We welcome you all to our school!

Assembly Certificates

Congratulations to the following children who will be receiving a certificate at assembly this week at the Event Centre 2pm:

- Room 1 - Morgan Sandilands, Max Humphreys
- Room 2 - Will Tamatea, Mya Elder, James Napier
- Room 3 - Jonty Jones, Olivia Spencer, Jayde Ronald
- Room 4 - Riley Carter, Bella Excell, Brena Hunter
- Room 5 - Charli Hansen, Riley Wilson
- Room 6 - Fergus MacPherson-Martin, Kelsey MacRae
- Room 7 - Hunter Corby, Julian De La Cerda
- Room 8 - Laurence Webster, Finn Young
- Room 9 - Ruby Riordan, Chayapa Parinyapol
- Room 10 - I'zaya Ross, Hunter Wilson
- Room 11 - Seb Reygaert, Shae Angus
- Room 12 - Kasey Caldwell, DJ Norris



Last Wednesday we had Georgia Shanks, Grace Perry, Will Excell and Zack McMurtrie take part in the Northern Tennis Competition. All children did really well in this. Both Zack and Will who are Year 4's competed in the Year 5/6 competition and held their own against these older children. A big congratulations to Georgia Shanks who came first and will go on to the Southland competition this week. This is a great photo taken of her in action.

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.

Reusable Bag Fundraiser

Reminder reusable bag orders due **TOMORROW Friday** please. To clear any confusion with the bags. They will be like the 2016 tea towel with children's self portraits, there will be a junior bag and a senior bag it will also be double sided. bags are black with white print.

Community News

Superstar Cricket Reminder - Cricket starts on Friday 2nd November at the Te Anau School grounds.

Te Anau Fire Brigade Emergency Services Open Day - Emergency Services Open Day will be held at the Te Anau Fire Brigade, Saturday the 24 November 2018 from 11am until 3pm. Everyone welcome.

Michael Van De Elzen's Good Food from Scratch Kids Cookbook Tour - Mararoa School Fundraiser - Join us for a cooking demonstration, Q&A session and book signing with Michael on November 1, 6.30pm at Te Anau Events Centre. Adults \$20, School age child \$10. Tickets available from Mararoa School, Wapiti Bakery & Cafe, Paper Plus and Fiordland Medical Centre.

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.

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.

Accounts

Your stationery account was sent out last term. If you are yet to pay for your stationery, please do as soon as possible. School donations are voluntary but we do appreciate any money you give us. Thank you to those who have already done so.

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 will have swimming gear which also includes cap and goggles. Caps may be brought from the Fiordland Community Pharmacy and Outside Sports. Pool keys will be available from the school office Monday 5 November at a cost of \$60 cash per family.

School Calendar

2 November	Whole School Assembly 2pm Event Centre
7 November	School Photos
9 November	Science Roadshow
13 November	Maths Parent Afternoon - 2pm - 4:15pm In classes - 2pm School Hall - 3:15pm
15 November	Proposed Teachers' Strike
16 November	Pet Day
23 November	Whole School Assembly 2pm Event Centre
26-30 November	Year 6 Camp
26-28 November	Kids Restore Activities/Beer's Camp
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

