



Te Anau School - Te Kura o Te Anau

Term 4 Week 8

Thursday 6 December 2018

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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 we move into the last week of school, we are looking at many of our celebrations, end of year functions and thank yous.

Yesterday we held our annual 'Thank You Morning Tea' for people, organisations and businesses that have helped out with our school this year. It is always a heartwarming time to see all of the people that have given so much to make Te Anau School the great place that it is for our tamariki (children) to learn and grow. I always worry at this time though, because we will inevitably miss someone off our invite list due to the sheer numbers of people who do in fact help out around our school. So if that is you, I extend thanks for what you have contributed.

We have such amazing parent and community support here at Te Anau School. I know we are the envy of many schools around the country for the help we receive.

The end of year also means 'End of Year Reports'. Next Tuesday your child will bring home their end of year report. The format for this looks slightly different this year due to the removal of National Standards. You will still receive information on how your child is achieving against expected curriculum levels but there is a bigger focus on what they have achieved in relation to Orbell's Learning Dispositions (Connecting to our World, Living the Fiordland Values, having a Can Do Attitude, having an Inquiring Mind and being an Effective Communicator). This is a purposeful change which focuses more on the whole child rather than just core curriculum. There is an explanation of each of the Learning Dispositions in the report to help with your understanding.

Also in the end of year report will be your child's 2019 class placement. I know there will be many excited children who will want to know who their next year's teacher will be. As mentioned in other newsletters we will have a transition afternoon next Thursday where children will be able to get to know their new teacher and classmates.

Enjoy the madness of the end of the year everyone. Not many sleeps now until Santa arrives!

Nga mihi nui,
Grant Excell
Principal

School News



School Vests

These are due in **Wednesday 12 December**. These must be returned washed and in good condition, ready for reissue next year. Please make any repairs necessary. Thank you.

School Accounts

These have been sent out. Your stationery must be paid before the end of term. School donations are voluntary but we do welcome any money we receive. Thank you.

Sausages

These are available tomorrow! 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.



School Pool

Pool keys are available from the school office **NOW** at a cost of \$60 cash per family. Ten dollars will be returned to you if the key is returned before 31 March 2019. Keys will be available from Outside Sports in the holidays.

Children Medication/Inhalers

A reminder to please pick up your children's medication, inhalers etc from the office before the end of the term. Thank you.

Poppet Clothing

A reminder that Denise will be outside the school office in her bright red van from 1pm to 3pm on **Thursday 13 December** for all your school uniform needs. Mobile eftpos will be available.



School Library - Books to be Returned

Our library closed last week. Please have a good look around your house for any books as these will be charged \$10 each if not returned. Thank you.

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.



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PTA News

Stuck On You Labels

Get ready for next year! This is a PTA ongoing fundraiser - shop online at www.stuckonyou.nz for all your child's personalised labels. Flyers available for pickup in the school office.

Community News



Te Anau Library

Keep reading during the holidays. Sign up for The Great Escape - The Amazing Read! Held at the Te Anau Library between 1 December - 31 January. Free! Fun reading for children and families.

Great Fiordland Whio Race

Join this popular family event to celebrate the whio! Enter to have a rubber duck in the race, bring the kids along for face painting and activities, and meet Oska the Conservation Dog. A BBQ and coffee cart will be on site plus plenty of spot prizes! This will be held on Saturday 15 December, (weather reserve day Sunday 16 December) 10:30 am to 1:00 pm at the Upukerora River, Te Anau. The cost is \$2 gold coin for race entry, otherwise free!

School Calendar

6 December	Year 5 and 6 Dine and Dance
7 December	Year 6 Milford Trip
12 December	Wonky Donkey Show
13 December	Poppet Clothing Van 1pm-3pm
13 December	Transition Afternoon
14 December	Year 6 Graduation 11am
14 December	End of School for 2018
4 February 2019	Start of School for 2019

