



Te Anau School - Te Kura o Te Anau

Week 4 Term 2

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Principal's Pen

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Whanau

This newsletter comes out early this week due to the Cross Country tomorrow. It will be great to see the children challenging themselves!

Next week is a busy week at Te Anau School. It starts off on Monday with The Playhouse Theatre Company coming to perform their rendition of 'The Tortoise and the Hare'.

ERO, the Education Review Office will arrive here on Monday and spend four days with us. They will look at what we are doing and give us feedback on what we can do moving forward. It will be a great opportunity to show off our amazing children, school and community.

On Wednesday our school will be closed due to ongoing strike action of teachers and principals. As teachers we don't like to strike, however our negotiations have so far been unsuccessful in meeting what the teaching profession sees as essential needs moving into the future. This includes help and funding for students with special needs, less paperwork (and more time to teach) along with a pay increase. Hopefully a solution is found soon.

Prior to our strike notification, we had planned to have John Parsons here at school to speak to students and families about being safe on the internet. Our parent and community session will still go ahead at the Presbyterian Church on Wednesday the 29th of May at 7:30pm. John will still work with our students but it will only be on the Thursday.

On Thursday afternoon next week I am off to Dunedin with our Year Six Young Leaders. On Friday we will see a range of inspirational speakers who will help the students challenge themselves to lead and try new things. This is a great opportunity for our learners.

It is busy but fun times here at Te Anau School.

Nga mihi nui
Grant Excell



Welcome!!

Three children have moved to Te Anau this week. Welcome to you all!!

- **DJ Hughes** joins Mrs Hansen's class in Room 12
- **Zak John** joins Mrs Mann's class in Room 3
- **Eli John** joins Mrs Taylor and Mrs Pearson's class in Room 4



School News

Basin Cross Country - TOMORROW Thursday 23 May

A reminder that this is held tomorrow. Children are to come to school as per usual before. Parents please come to school at 11 am to pick up your child (do not arrive earlier). Children who are needing a ride on the bus must have a change of footwear to put on after their race please (as will need to take their shoes off before getting back on.)

All children are to meet at their age group signs when they first arrive, they will then walk their track with a teacher. We really encourage all students to stay until the end of all races to support everyone. If you must leave before, please inform your teacher. Also a reminder that NO DOGS are allowed as this is a working farm. Thank you.

Sausages

These are available again on Friday for \$2 and must be ordered **BEFORE** 9am in the school library.

School Sores/Impetigo

This disease is spread by direct contact with infected sores. Early symptoms are blisters on the body which burst and turn into scabby sores. Your child cannot return to school until all sores have dried up or 24 hours after antibiotic treatment has started.

Cardrona Family Ski Passes

REMINDER this pass must be applied for before 31 May! Please don't leave it until the last minute. Forms available from the school office mailbox.

Enviroschool Snippet of The Week

Reduce Food Waste

The average New Zealand family throws away around \$560 worth of uneaten food every year. Here are some simple ideas to reduce food waste in your home.

- Plan your meals and make a shopping list.
- Rotate items when unpacking your groceries, older in front and newer products behind.
- Store bread and meat in the freezer to extend their life.
- Keep food fresh and safe by storing in the fridge below 5°C so food lasts longer.
- Use leftover cooked vegetables in a frittata or soup or take as your lunch.
- Use brown bananas in baking or freeze for smoothies. Wilted vegetables are great in soups.
- Save leftover fruit from your child's lunchbox and give it to them for afternoon tea.

PTA Posts

Thank You Kim McElligott

The PTA would like to acknowledge and regretfully accept Kim McElligott's resignation. We would like to thank Kim for her amazing commitment and dedication to the PTA over the past 7 years. She has been a huge driving force in fundraising and making things happen. Thank you!



\$20,000 Raised!

Our PTA made approximately \$20,000 last year through fundraising initiatives. All of this money was spent in the same year on various resources for our school, which our children directly benefit from. We aim to make this kind of money every year.

Help Wanted

Our PTA work so hard to support our school. Any help is appreciated at any time, no matter how big or small. Even a short stay on the PTA is useful. We are always looking for new members with new ideas. Contact Shannelle on keplerhome@yahoo.co.nz if you are interested in hearing more. We also have a 'Friends of the PTA' group on Facebook with information for casual helpers. Again, contact Shanelle to join this group.

Community Items

John Parsons Evening Talk - Wednesday 29 May

John Parsons is an expert on internet health and well-being and is the author of the book "Keeping Your Children Safe Online". In this workshop he will cover specific challenges that children face when online, and guidance on behaviour management processes for parents in practical situations they will face. Tools will be given to help children use the internet safely at home and at school. This will be held on Wednesday 29 May from 7.30pm to 9pm at the Lakeside Presbyterian Church, 112 Te Anau Terrace. Light refreshments provided.

School Calendar 2019

23 May	Basin Cross Country -at Willans' Farm
27 May	Playhouse Theatre - The Tortoise and the Hare
27-31 May	ERO Visit
29 May	John Parsons Evening Talk 7.30-9pm Lakeside Church
29 May	Teacher Strike Day - School is CLOSED
30 May	John Parsons at School
31 May	Young Leaders Conference
3 June	Queen's Birthday - School CLOSED
4 June	COL - Teacher Only Day - School CLOSED
7 June	School Assembly 2pm Event Centre
18 June	BoT Meeting 7.30pm
23 June	Polar Plunge
27 June	Poppet Clothing Visit 1pm
28 June	School Assembly 2pm Event Centre
1-3 July	Parent Teacher Interviews
5 July	Term 2 - Ends
22 July	Term 3 - First Day
19 Dec	End of School Year 2019



Te Anau Basin teachers will be meeting outside Te Anau School at 9am and moving down to the Fat Duck Corner

