

Term 1-Week 3-2025

Te Anau School Newsletter

Te Kura o Te Anau



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Principal's Pen

Kia ora Whānau,

Here at Te Anau School, we are extremely lucky to have our school in the middle of town, where we can access the town centre, the lake, the events centre and many other amenities.

One of the issues, however, with being in the centre of town is around pick up and drop off times. This area is busy. This is exacerbated by the fact that a state highway runs right past our school.

A couple of years ago, we removed our schoolhouse and replaced it with a carpark to help with this situation. It has relieved a bit of the pressure.

As it is still a busy area, we need everyone to be vigilant around the school. This includes using appropriate crossings and ensuring that all road rules are followed.

One road rule that I often notice being ignored at after-school pickup is the speed at which people drive past our school buses. The New Zealand Road Code states: 'If a school bus has stopped, you must slow down and drive at 20km/h or less until you are well past the bus (no matter what direction you are coming from)'

We have stopped school buses in front of our school every day. Therefore the speed limit is 20km/h in front of our school while they are there. Some people follow this well, but we get the odd person who doesn't. If we can get locals to follow this rule it will help everyone slow down around them. Thank you in advance for your help.

Ngā mihi nui,

Grant Excell

Principal

School News

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY AWARDS

Our school assembly will be held on Friday 9.30am at the Event Centre. All welcome.
Congratulations to those below receiving certificates this week:

Junior School

Room 5 Ollie Petrie, Lara Bowker
Room 6 Archie Graham, Chad Shanks
Room 7 Reuben Young, Sommer Bangoy
Room 8 Gus Erskine, Connor Stewart
Room 11 Lexi Woolhouse
Room 12 James Still
Room 13 Elon Liang

Senior School

Room 1 Mia-Rose Hanham, Aaron Shefford
Room 2 Nōah Reti, Tori Taylor
Room 3 Ashanti Mountney-Brooks, Leon Bilbe
Room 4 Zoe Anderson, Isaac Wairau
Room 9 Abbey Hemi, Rocco MacRae
Room 10 Catherine Spliers, Harrison Smart

3.30PM TODAY!!

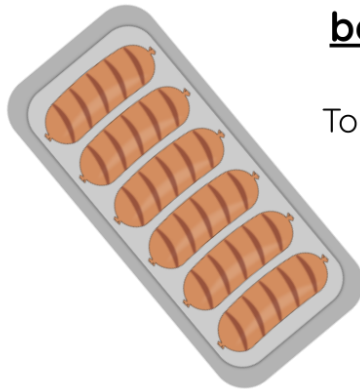


Te Anau School's PTA (Parent-Teacher Association) is having our first meeting of the year this Thursday 20th February at 3:30 in the staff room and would love some more parents/grandparents/caregivers to join us. We meet twice a term to organise fun fundraising events for our tamariki (BBQs, discos, etc.), as well as fund extra-curricular activities and resources for the students.

Friday Sausages This Week! Only \$2.00

Please bring your \$2 coin to the
Cayford Block kitchen

**Please note this must be
before 9am**



To avoid long queues, please give
exact money.

Please support our Year 6
Dunedin camp fundraiser!

School Policies and Procedures

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

This term we are reviewing:

- **Health, Safety, and Welfare Policy**
- **Safety Management System**
- **Risk Management**
- **Healthcare**

Click on **Current Review** to view and give feedback.

Poppet Clothing

will be at school on Thursday 10 April from 1.00pm to 3.15pm for all your school uniform needs.

Mobile Eftpos will be available.



Food Warmer

Yes, we have a food warmer!

This is available in the office foyer summer and winter.

Access to this is through the side door. Children are able to place their own food in the warmer but please make sure it is wrapped in **tinfoil** or a **small microwave-safe container (no metal please)** which is clearly named with their room number. Year 6 students will hand out the named items at 12.15pm.

(Please note that this is a warmer only. It is not for cooking your food, therefore please do not put frozen items in the warmer).

Please name all of your child's belongings clearly so they can be returned

School Term Calendar 2025

You can also access our school calendar through the website www.teanau.school.nz¹

Click on 'Our School' on the taskbar, then click on 'Calendar'

- 20 February - PTA Meeting 3.15pm - All Welcome!
- 21- 28 February - Life Education Bus
- 21 February - Whole School Assembly - 9.30am Event Centre
- 3 March - Cricket Southland Visit
- 7 March Basin Athletics
- 13 March - Northern Athletics
- 14 March- Northern Athletics Postponement Day
- 14 March - Whole School Assembly - 9.30am Event Centre
- 19 March- Basin Swimming Sports
- 22 March- Southland Athletics
- 4 April - Whole School Assembly - 9.30am Event Centre
- 7 April - Year 6 GRIP Leadership Conference
- 10 April - Poppet Clothing Visit
- 11 April - Last day of Term 1
- 28 April - Term 2 Starts
- 16 May - Basin Cross Country
- 24-28 November - Year 6 Camp Week

¹<https://www.teanau.school.nz/>

Community News

56th TE ANAU DISTRICT AUTUMN FLOWER SHOW 2025

Fiordland Community Events Centre
Luxmore Drive – Te Anau

Friday 28 February 1:00pm – 6:00pm

Saturday 1 March 9:00am – 2.30pm

Admission: Gold Coin Children Free

Entries to the Events Centre

Thursday 27 February between 12 noon & 5.00pm
**Staging tables available from 10:00am*

**Photographs to be delivered to Kiwi Country
by 4:00pm 25 February 2025*

Classes to Enter

Floral Art	Photography
Dahlias/Roses	Cut Flowers
Baking/Preserves	Vegetables
Handcrafts	Children's Section

Contact: Judy-0272335955 Ann-0278784247 Laura-0279333750

**AFTERNOON TEA AVAILABLE
STALLS & RAFFLES**





Parent Support Group

A space for you to connect



Chat with other parents and carers who know what it's like to care for a disabled child, a neurodivergent child, or a child with health impairments.

Parent to Parent will be hosting Parent Support Groups in Te Anau every 3 months, to support carers and parents just like you. These groups are a safe space for family and whānau to share their experiences, their challenges, their triumphs, and to learn from each other in an open and 100% judgement-free environment. No topic is too 'weird', no question too 'out there'. We get it, and we are here to help.

So if you'd like to share a struggle, celebrate a success, raise a concern, or simply chat with other parents and carers in your area, you are always welcome at our Parent Support Group. Children are welcome too! Drop in for as long or as short a time as you want.

Upcoming groups for 2025

Dates: Tue 25th February | Tue 27th May | Tue 26th August | Tue 25th November

Time: 1:30pm - 2:30pm

Venue: Fiordland Community House, 21 Luxmore Drive, Te Anau 9600

Feel free to just show up on the day!

Or contact MaryAnn Hughes for more information:
maryann@parent2parent.org.nz | 027 808 3951



After-school Orienteering Have-a-go

MONDAYS IN MARCH 3RD-24TH

More info: www.southlandorienteeringclub.co.nz/events





Navigating the system



Do you have a disabled child, a neurodivergent child, or a child with a health impairment? Learn more about what supports are available and how to access them.

Learning about the various disability support services can be overwhelming for many parents and caregivers. This workshop explores what supports are available in your region, and gives participants the opportunity to hear from professionals who work in the sector. Learn more about:

- Topic 1: Individualised Funding and how it increases your choice and control of who provides support and how and when you use it
- Topic 2: Preparing for a Needs Assessment and reviews/reassessments

Sue Gibson, Whaiātea from Access Community Health and **MaryAnn Hughes**, Regional Coordinator – Southland and Otago from Parent to Parent are facilitating this event.

Thursday 20th March, 2025

Time: 10:00am – 2:00pm | Southland Community House, Community House 46 Kelvin Street, Invercargill 9810 | Lunch provided

Cost: This workshop is free thanks to funding from Care Matters*

** Your family must be eligible for disability support services to attend this workshop. Please contact us if you are unsure of your eligibility.*

[Click here to register now.](#)

Or contact MaryAnn Hughes for more information:
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