

Term 1-Week 4-2025

Te Anau School Newsletter

Te Kura o Te Anau



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Principal's Pen

Kia ora Whānau,

Everyone who lives in Te Anau knows that we have an amazing place. The accessibility to the outdoors is a big part of this. It also makes us as a school pretty unique.

Here at Te Anau School, we have always strived to make the most of the area that we live in. We try to utilise what we have on our own back doorstep.

Recently, our senior classes have been utilising our lake. Our Year Six classes spent a great couple of days learning to be safe on and around boats. Nearly all of the children had a go on a ski

biscuit, with some even trying to waterski. We are proud to have the learners from Te Anau School out there trying these things.

Our Year 4/5 classes also spent some time at the lake. They were at the pontoon swimming, kayaking and paddle boarding. Some children had never been out to the pontoon, and by the end of the day, they were out there jumping off it. This helps every student feel safe and confident in our local area.

In a couple of weeks, our Junior classes will be out and about enjoying another unique part of our community. This involves spending the day with Takahē. There are not many school children around the world that can say that they have been up close and personal with a bird as unique as the Takahē. Our Junior children are going to get this chance. This is even more special for our tamariki as our school character is Orbell the Takahē.

I can't wait to hear the stories from our children about what they discover.

Ngā mihi nui,

Grant Excell

Principal

School News

Friday Sausages

Only \$2 each!

including bread and sauce

Order before 9am in the Cayford Block kitchen.

Please support our Year 6 camp fundraiser!



Infectious Illnesses

Return to School Minimum Time

Cold, Sore Throat, Flu and Covid Symptoms

Until well, or no fever and no medication needed

Vomiting and/or Diarrhoea

48 hours and until well after last episode of vomiting or diarrhoea

School Sores (Impetigo)

24 hours after antibiotic treatment has started

Chickenpox

1 week from appearance of rash, or until all blisters have dried

Conjunctivitis

Until discharge from eyes is stopped

PTA News

- ❖ A big thank you to resigning members, Kelly Hunter and Shelley Wilson, for their much-appreciated mahi over the years, and a warm welcome to Ruby Fry and Laura Harwood who have recently joined. New members are always welcome!
- ❖ The PTA has provided new hi-viz safety vests for all students at the start of the year, and have given each class \$150 to go towards 'rainy day' games for wet weather lunchtimes.
- ❖ Senior School Athletics Day BBQ, Friday 7th March - The PTA will be selling sausages and ice blocks from 11:30am-1:30pm.
- ❖ Sandpit Improvements – Would you or someone you know be keen to help extend our existing sandpit area and/or build a mud kitchen? If so, we would love to hear from you at: pta@teanau.school.nz.

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.

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'

- **3 March - Cricket Southland Visit**
- **7 March - Basin Athletics**
- **10 March - 800m Sprint Race 1.30pm - 9 & 10 years only**
- **11 March - 1500m Race - 10 years only**
- **11 March - Rms 7 & 8 Bird Sanctuary Visit**
- **12 March - Rms 11, 12 & 13 Bird Sanctuary Visit**
- **13 March - Rms 5 & 6 Bird Sanctuary Visit**
- **13 March - Northern Athletics**
- **14 March- Northern Athletics Postponement Day**
- **19 March- Basin Swimming Sports**
- **22 March- Southland Athletics**
- **26 March - Board Meeting 7pm**
- **27 March - PTA Meeting 7pm**
- **4 April - Whole School Assembly 9.30am Event Centre**

¹<https://www.teanau.school.nz/>

- **6 April - Southland Swimming Champs Invercargill**
- **7 April - Year 6 GRIP Leadership Conference**
- **8 April - Junior Athletics Day**
- **9 April - Postponement Day for Junior Athletics**
- **10 April - Poppet Clothing Visit - 1.00pm - 3.15pm**
- **10 April - Transition to School Day 3.15pm**
- **11 April - Last day of Term 1**
- **28 April - Term 2 Starts**
- **16 May - Basin Cross Country**
- **15 Sep - Mobile Dental Unit approximate arrival date**
- **24-28 Nov - Year 6 Camp Week**

Community News

Fiordland Families Network

Please find this month's newsletter at the link below.

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Happy reading, and maybe see you at the Pontoon Beach Party!

Signup to our newsletter at www.tinyurl.com/FFNsignup³ and visit us at our website: www.fiordlandfamiliesnetwork.com⁴ or on Facebook [@fiordlandfamilies](https://www.facebook.com/fiordlandfamilies)⁵

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**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**



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LET'S CELEBRATE THE END OF SUMMER!

Fiordland's Beach Party

LIVE MUSIC AND FREE BBQ
MAR 8TH | SATURDAY
3PM ONWARDS

Te Anau's Pontoon Beach
 (by the Marina, 177 Te Anau Terrace)

Come along to an informal event, to celebrate our awesome community! EVERYONE is welcome!

Bring your family, friends, beach toys, and enjoy a relaxed afternoon of swimming, beach games, live music and a FREE BBQ!

****Caregivers are responsible for their children at ALL times****
****Event will still run in rainy weather, bring your wetsuit!**

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Back to
School



2025 School Update Te Anau Area

Kia ora koutou! Wishing everyone a smooth start to Term One and the school year!
The Community Oral Health Service provides free dental care until age 18 and our team is here to support your school community - below are some key updates for the year ahead.

Mobile Dental Unit:

- Te Anau Primary School
210 Milford Road;
027 555 7063

*From 15 September - 20 November



Keep an eye out for the two handy oral health tips we'll send out each term, for your school to share via newsletters or social media



*Dates subject to change
For appointments outside these dates please call
0800 570 300

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Community Oral
Health Service


Scan this code
for more great
tooth tips




Give Your Teeth A Rest

Snack All Day, Get Tooth Decay!



3 x 
as 1 snack
= 30 minutes of possible
tooth decay



1 x 
as 3 separate snacks
= 90 minutes of possible
tooth decay



HOW OFTEN we eat is as important as
WHAT we eat to keep our teeth healthy

The more times we eat each day = more chance for holes in our teeth

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