

Term 1-Week 8-2025

Te Kura o Te Anau



Principal's Pen

Kia ora Whānau,

What an exciting day we had yesterday for the tamariki at Te Anau School. Our Mufti Day to support Epilepsy Awareness went off with a bang.

Children were greeted with a 'purple school' as they arrived, thanks to the generous support of Mel and Dan Fletcher. The school had a purple fire truck, purple playground, and purple trees; it had purple everywhere!

Through all this fun there was also an important message around epilepsy. The day was designed to raise awareness for the condition along with destigmatising it. Some of the key messages that the children received were:

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- *1-2% of kiwis will be diagnosed with epilepsy*
 - *10% of New Zealanders will have a seizure during their lifetime*
 - *Social marginalization is a common thread and this impacts on mental health*
 - *Epilepsy can strike at any time. Anyone and any age can be diagnosed with epilepsy*
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We hope that our promotion has helped Epilepsy New Zealand spread their message.

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!



PURPLE DAY

\$430 RAISED!

Thank you to everyone who dressed in purple yesterday, 26th March in support of Epilepsy awareness.



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.



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.

Pool Closed

Our pool is now closed for
the winter.

Please return all keys as soon as possible to receive your \$10 cash bond.
We thank you in advance if you wish to donate your bond to our school.

Please name all of your children's items. There are 2 large black bags of un-named/can't read uniform fleeces from this term only. Please check before they are donated at the end of the term.



The Southland App
Advocate Communications

Te Anau School has been featured in the Class Action section of the Southland App!

Read the full story here: <https://southlandapp.nz/NewsStory/class-action-te-anau-school/67c7bd68715844002ec8b912#top>¹

Thank you to Arizto Real Estate Te Anau - Team Heather & Annette for sponsoring our school page.

School Term Calendar 2025

You can also access our school calendar through the website www.teanau.school.nz²

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

- **28 March - Northern Swimming Sports**
- **4 April - Whole School Assembly 9.30am Event Centre**
- **6 April - Southland Swimming Champs Invercargill**
- **7 April - Year 6 GRIP Leadership Conference**
- **7 April - Room 2 Eel Trip**
- **8 April - Room 1 Eel Trip**
- **8 April - Junior Athletics Day**
- **9 April - Postponement Day for Junior Athletics**
- **9 April - Room 3 Eel Trip**
- **10 April - Room 4 Eel Trip**
- **10 April - Poppet Clothing Visit - 1.00pm - 3.15pm**
- **10 April - Transition to School Afternoon 3.15pm**

¹https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A_southlandapp.nz_NewsStory_class-2Daction-2Dte-2Danau-2Dschool_67c7bd68715844002ec8b912-23top&d=DwMGaQ&c=_Zm2Kb9yJrso4r0-N78EzI-a6DfgMblISn5tZXXqWk4&r=6MOCWLyv8eGsg3jN60CCB5_26-f4apxFAqlwEm1mpD8&m=a4A9WMgfc3G2DuLtfOZY6BTo851AZIXHcueR725tNNowYeROVxpfWE8NyFLaGy4i&s=etgN_GvywHA4--W7MXUTJfkcCCjcPVXFzn3P5js82co&e=

²<https://www.teanau.school.nz/>

- **11 April - Special Assembly to Farewell Mr Excell - 9.30am Event Centre**
- **11 April - Last day of Term 1**
- **28 April - Term 2 Starts**
- **28 April - Special Assembly to Welcome New Principal, Fallon Graham - 9.30am Event Centre**
- **29 April - Year 4 Te Koawa Trip**
- **29 April - Year 5 Colac Bay Marae Trip**
- **30 April - Postponement Day for Year 4 Te Koawa Trip**
- **16 May - Basin Cross Country**
- **19 May - NZ Playhouse**
- **15 Sep - Mobile Dental Unit approximate arrival date**
- **24-28 Nov - Year 6 Camp Week**



Community planting day

held at Cathedral Peaks Station

Saturday 12 April, 10am start

Meet at Cathedral Peaks Station, 268 Hillside-Manapouri Road, Te Anau (site will be signposted with flags). Park on stones.

Dress for the weather and wear suitable footwear. Bring your own gloves and spade if you have one. Children are welcome but must be supervised by parent.

BBQ lunch provided followed with an Electro Fishing demonstration kindly provided by Fish & Game.

Contact Jessica Agate on 021 366 459 for more information.

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APRIL
2025

In collaboration with:



MINDS IN MOTION



ABLE MINDS INVITE YOU TO JOIN OUR GROUP FOR PARENTS AND WHĀNAU WHO HAVE A CHILD IN THEIR LIFE WITH ADHD OR AUTISM

We aim to EMPOWER, EDUCATE and CONNECT parents with free support from Able Minds

5.30PM-7PM First Monday
Every Month:
7th April
5th May
2nd June
7th July

CONNECTED EASTERN SOUTHLAND
1 CHARLTON LANE, GORE

FOR MORE INFO, CONTACT:
zavana@able.org.nz or 021360096

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Building a Good Life

Journey with mana and choice through the education, health and disability systems.



Are you raising a disabled or neurodivergent child? Learn new approaches and tools to help build a good life for your children and whānau. Workshop topics include:

- Accessing health and disability supports to build a good life
- Understanding chronic stress and trauma, how to build family wellbeing and resilience
- Your child's education: rights, inclusion, specialist intervention, how to build partnerships with educators, complaints pathways and resolution
- Vision planning, goal setting, building community and support networks
- Enabling Good Lives principles and how to effectively advocate for your child

Workshop facilitator **Frian Wadia** has many years' experience advocating for her own disabled children. She is connected with a number of groups and initiatives at both the grass roots and systemic levels championing inclusion and equity for all disabled children within their communities.

Friday, 4th April 2025

Time: 9:30am – 4:30pm (morning tea and lunch provided)
Venue: Southland Community House, Community House 46 Kelvin Street, Invercargill 9810
Cost: This workshop is free, thanks to funding from Spectrum Foundation.

[Click here to register now](#)

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

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PLANNING FOR ADULTHOOD

*THE LEGAL FRAMEWORK AROUND DISABILITY
AND DISABILITY RIGHTS*

WHO IS THIS FOR?

- You worry about the long term welfare of your child with a disability when you die.
- You want to know the difference amongst welfare guardianship, power of attorney, property management and how a Trust may be useful for managing property.
- You need information about the relevance of a Will and Letter of Wishes and how these might be useful.
- You are concerned about managing and protecting assets or income of your young disabled person.
- You want to know how to manage assets through a family trust.

CONTACT US

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SPEAKER-NAN JENSEN

Barrister and Solicitor from Quinlaw.

SEMINAR

There will be a cost for this seminar:
Per Family- \$20
Professionals- \$50 (working in disability Sector)

SEE WEBSITE FOR DATES

Please contact us for bookings and enquiries.



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Travelling overseas soon?

You must do a **New Zealand
Traveller Declaration**
when you come back

TravellerDeclaration.govt.nz

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