

# Te Anau School

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*Climbing Our Way To The Top!!*  
**Term 4 Week 9 2020**



## Principal's Pen

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Whanau

I think the one thing that we can all agree on this year is that it has been one of the craziest any of us have seen.

COVID-19 has certainly challenged us and definitely affected us in a multitude of ways. It has also taught us a thing or two. One of my biggest learnings is that we, as a community in the Te Anau Basin are a pretty special group.

The levels of support that we have seen has been hugely heartwarming. Offers of help financially, support with food and uniforms along with supporting children has been forthcoming from a range of avenues. Our school community is incredibly thankful for this support.

One common expectation coming out of lockdown was that Te Anau School was going to lose a lot of pupils. In reality this has not happened. There have been some families moving away, however just as many have arrived. We are in fact, sitting today on 298 children. This is the highest number we have had in the history of our school.

One of the other worries that was common was the thought that our students were going to fall back in their learning. Well, the proof is in the pudding here. With a targeted response we have managed to end the year with achievement results in line with and in some cases slightly better than previous years.

We were lucky enough to receive some extra funding from the Ministry of Education to help our students but the real thanks needs to go to the teachers at Te Anau School who adapted their programmes and put in a massive effort to give the children exactly what they needed to progress. A special thanks needs to go to Katie Harden and Melody Fedorsen who at very short notice put together extra programmes that targeted the needs of students that had been highly affected by the lockdown. This really did show that although the funding helps, it is really the people that make the difference to our learners.

Last Wednesday the Board of Trustees met for the final time this year. It was at this meeting the achievement data I have mentioned above was presented. Below is a summary of how the children of Te Anau School achieved compared to their expected levels.

Reading - 72.7% of students are achieving at or above their expected curriculum level  
Writing - 81.5% of children are achieving at or above their expected curriculum level  
Maths - 85% of students are achieving at or above their expected curriculum level

If I don't see you before Christmas, I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I hope you get a bit of a break and enjoy some of what our community has to offer.

Nga mihi  
Grant Excell  
Principal

## School News

### **Board of Trustees Parent Election 2020** **Board of Trustees Parent Election 2020**

Declaration of Parent Results  
Parent Representative votes

<b>Bell Kiri</b>	<b>69</b>
<b>Hardie Tina</b>	<b>115</b>
<b>Williams Rachel</b>	<b>132</b>

**Invalid votes**                      **0**

I hereby declare the following elected:  
**Tina Hardie and Rachel Williams**

J D Matthews - Returning Officer

**Last Day of School is Tuesday**  
**15 December!!**

**11am** - Graduation at Event Centre  
**12.00pm** - BBQ, Waterslide, Dunk the Teacher  
**1.00pm** - Children welcome to go home with parents if they wish  
(please don't forget to mark them off the bus)  
**3.00pm** - School finishes

**No Sausages Tomorrow!!!**  
Lunch orders are available from Wapiti Bakery 😊

### **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.

## School Vests

All school numbered vests assigned to your children this year will be collected **TOMORROW FRIDAY 11 December** Please make sure they are clean and tidy.  
*Thank you.*

### Southland Athletic Children

We are missing 9 T-shirts that these children wore to Southland Athletics. Please parents, check bags, cupboards..... if you also find any Te Anau Sport Uniforms, can these be handed in tomorrow. Thanks.

### 2021 Children's Stationery

Next year's stationery lists will be sent home with your child/ren on Monday 14 December. Te Anau Paper Plus will have all your Back to School needs covered. Special Prices/Promotion starts 2<sup>nd</sup> week of January. Ways to get your stationery orders filled are:

\*Online at [paperplus.co.nz/backtoschool](http://paperplus.co.nz/backtoschool) and enter Te Anau School. (From January)

\*Drop your list into the staff and they will sort for you

\*Or come and shop at your leisure

**Please come check your lost property in the new bin outside the school office. Thank you!!!**



### Wanted - 37 Coloured Wigs

Wanted 37 Coloured Wigs for Year 6 graduation item. Wigs can be any colour and must be named on the inside so that they can be returned

straight after the graduation. Please drop off at the office.

### Wax Wraps For Sale

Great for Christmas presents!!!!

We still have some of these for sale and are available from the office for \$10.00, along with a few seed bombs, soaps, scrubs, bath salts etc. All proceeds go back into our Enviroschool.

### Lost Property

Please come and check this before school finishes as many items will not be there next year.

### School Photos

If you have forgotten to order class or individual photos, please contact Geoff Horrell Photography, phone 03 208 9675.

### School Pool Keys

Pool keys are available from the school office at a cost of \$50 cash per family. **These can be purchased from Outside Sports after 15 December.** Ten dollars will be refunded if the key is returned before 31 March 2021. Please remember to name **all** items of clothing.

### School Library Book Returns

Please return all school library books to the library asap. Thank you.

### Letter from Zara, Fiordland College Year 3 & Year 9 Activity Afternoon

On Wednesday 25th November, 10Fr Fiordland College students organised a fun afternoon for the Year 9 and Year 3 pen pals to enjoy together. The afternoon included twelve activities that were set out in a circuit that each group completed. The aim of these activities was to build relationships between the students, as the Y9's will be Y13's when the Y3's arrive at Fiordland College as Y7's. 10Fr were also promoting wellbeing through positive participation in physical activity. The activities included such things as - frisbee throwing, kicking a soccer ball into goals, making a human pyramid and lots more. The day was finished off with a quick waterslide in the sun before the Year 3's headed back to school. It was an enjoyable afternoon for both year groups. Photos and article by Zara Smith.



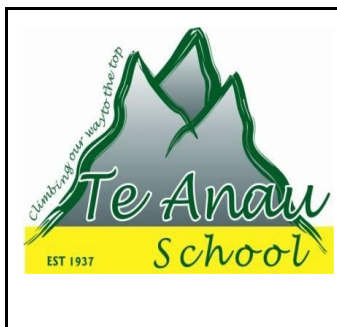
## School Hours

9am- 3pm (Children must not be at school before 8.30am)

**Morning Tea:** 11.00am-11.15am **Lunch:** 12.45pm - 1.45pm **Office Hours:** 8.30am - 4pm

## Contact Details & Bank Account Information

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## PTA News

### PTA FUN DAY

Help celebrate the last day of the school year with the Te Anau School PTA.



Immediately after the Year 6 Graduation the PTA will be hosting the celebrations on the school field. There will be a free water slide for everyone. Please remember to pack your togs for this!

As well as this there will be:

- A BBQ with sausages, ice blocks and cookies for sale
- Dunk the Teacher and Tape Mr Hunter to the wall! \$1 for 3 goes

Tuesday 15th December from 12pm

### CLOTHING LABELS

Sick of your child's clothing and equipment going missing?



'Stuck on you' makes a variety of labels that can be used on lunch boxes, containers and clothing. There are sticker varieties and 'iron on'. These can be fully personalised with pictures as well as names. There are lots of designs to choose from - to suit all ages. Have a browse on their website: <https://www.stuckonyou.nz/> If you order and add our school code, then the pta get a small percentage. The start of a new year is a good time to organise this! The school's code is: TEANAUSCHOOLPTA Thanks.

### School Term Calendar 2020

10-11 Dec	Year 4 Boyd Creek Camp
11 Dec	Junior End of Year Celebration
11 Dec	Vests In
14 Dec	Transition Afternoon?
15 Dec	End of Year Celebration Day 11am Event Centre
15 Dec	Term 4 Ends
3-4 Feb	Open for new student enrolments
9 Feb	First Day of School for 2021!!!

## Community Items

Nau mai, haere mai!

# HARAKEKE WEAVING

Join a Visitor Centre ranger to learn how to weave a putiputi (flower) from harakeke/flax and explore the tikanga around the practice of weaving.

WHEN: \_\_\_\_\_

THURSDAY 17 DECEMBER 10:30 AM - 12 PM  
AND  
THURSDAY 31 DECEMBER 10:30 AM - 12 PM

WHERE: \_\_\_\_\_

FIORDLAND NATIONAL PARK VISITOR CENTRE, LAKEFRONT DRIVE, TE ANAU

Please register your interest at 03 249 7924 or email [fiordlandvc@dcc.govt.nz](mailto:fiordlandvc@dcc.govt.nz)

Photo: Beatrixa Maynes

Department of Conservation  
Te Papa Ataturu



# TE ANAU SANTA PARADE

• DECEMBER 12, 2020 •

Help us get our town into the Christmas Spirit!

#### WEEK BEFORE THE PARADE:

Colouring Competition and Find Santa, forms at Te Anau Library

#### FUN IN THE PARK:

At Lion's Park from 12 noon and continues after the Parade.

Music, \$2 Rides, Food, Entertainment, Market stalls,  
Chocolate Wheel - most mystery prizes worth over \$50,  
and Free Photos with Santa in his sleigh  
after the parade! BYO Camera.

#### PARADE:

STARTS AT MITRE 10 AT 2PM  
AND HEADS DOWN  
THE MAIN STREET  
TO LIONS PARK



See our Facebook page  
for more information  
'Te Anau Santa Parade' or email  
[santashelpersteanau@gmail.com](mailto:santashelpersteanau@gmail.com)

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