

Newsletter

19 March 2021



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Upcoming Events

2021

22 Mar	Otago Anniversary holiday
26 Mar	Prime Lamb Competition at Napier's
29 Mar	Y7 and Y8 Technology, Catlins
01 Apr	Sports Activator at school
2-6 Apr	Easter holidays, no school
8-9 Apr	Over night camp at school
12 Apr	Y7 and Y8 Technology, Catlins
14 Apr	Sports Activator at school
16 Apr	Assembly at 2.10pm, everyone welcome
16 Apr	Reports and Portfolios out
16 Apr	Last day of term 1
03 May	Start of term 2
03 May	Y7 and Y8 Technology, Catlins
4-6 May	Three Way Conferences for families

Prime Lamb Competition

Everyone welcome, come along and join in the fun at Napier's Woolshed from 4.30pm Friday 26 March.



Our Stars



The following children worked hard on their homework and achieved 100%.

Spelling Stars:

Week 6 – no tests done

Week 7 – Jacquelyn, Clark, Liam, Harley, Sarah

Basic Facts Stars:

Week 6 – no tests done

Week 7 – Clark, Liam

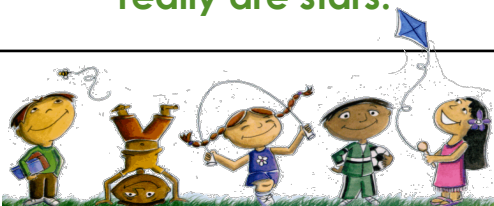
Learning Stars:

These are the children who have worked hard on their own learning during the week.

Week 6 – Beau, Jacquelyn, Malakai, Clark, Harley, Liam, Sarah, Elyssa

Week 7 – Jax, Beau, Jacquelyn, Malakai, Clark, Harley, Liam, Sarah, Elyssa

Fantastic effort and work by you all, great attitude to your learning. You really are stars.



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From small seeds

Our children, who are all different, talented, special, everything they bring to school, their language, culture, and identity, what makes them unique

grow

We are doing to help each child research their full potential, realise their dreams and become the very best person they are meant to be

forest giants

Our children to leave our school, with our values, life long learning skills, and are positive contributors to our community and the world

Our Values

Respect

Kindness

Honesty

Our Learning dispositions are

Thinking critically

Take risks in learning

Set goals

Have resilience

We need everyone's support and help to make this real for the children at our school, we need to be their role models and show them how to be the best they can be.

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BOT News:

- Prime Lamb Competition:

This will be on Friday 26 March at the Napier's Wool shed from 4.30pm. Please see attached sheet for further details. Everyone is welcome and children can bring their bikes to use if they wish.

- School Working Bee:

Thank you to all of the parents and community members who came along on Thursday 4 March to help with the school working bee. Much was achieved during the three hours everyone spent after school that day. Thank you again for all your support and help.

- 2021 Camp:

- Internet:

The BOT has decided to go with a private company to provide the internet to the school as the current system is very slow and unreliable to say the least. Yrless is going to be providing the school with the internet as soon as possible.

School News:

- South Otago Championship Athletics:

These were held on Monday 8 March in Balclutha with Sarah, Elyssa, Clark and Harley being involved in a variety of events during the day. Great effort by everyone and congratulations go to Elyssa for making it into the Regional Athletics event in high jump.

- Swimming:

These have been put on hold until the end of the year due to Covid-19 and going to Alert Level 2 during our swimming time this term.

- What makes Tahakopa unique?:

This is the theme for the school year and we are going to be looking at the place, people and events that happen here that make us all unique and special. We will be exploring our local area in as many ways as possible and we hope to be able to share what we discover with everyone in the community as we go along.



Children's Writing



The children have picked their own writing that they wish to share with everyone.

Winter

In winter a pirate stole some treasure and the alien smashed into the treasure with the train and the treasure got smashed.

Jax

My Dream

I was dreaming, in my dream I was on a train. A dog was in the way of the train. The train stopped the dog came on the train. I said "WOW he is a beautiful dog". The dog came to me, he sat next to me. He barked at me well he said he wanted to be my pet. I said "yes". We went to the beach we splashed in the waves, we swam in the waves it was fun. We went back home and we watched tv.

Beau

Bob the Robot

One day there was an evil scientist who was trying to make an evil robot. When he finally made the robot it went charging out the door. The scientist thought it was great and he was going to rule the world. But actually the robot was not scary or angry the robot was friendly and nice. He went for a walk and got a job at the garage and he also got a nick name, it was Bob. He looked like metal plates and springs with little buttons. He got the job because he was so good at building cars and doing stuff like that. After a couple of weeks he had money so he bought himself a house and some furniture and some food. So as you can see Bob has friends from the garage and he is having a good life.

Jacquelyn

Karate Apple

Once in Wanaka a karate apple was training for battle. One day his master said (you are ready for battle) karate apple was in shock when he saw there were thousands of dudes with batons and sticks, their master said attack him so they did. KAPOW karate apple demolished all of them. Their master said... that's it I'll defeat you myself. He got an apple slicer and sliced him in half.

Malakia

Bike Riding

On Sunday after Church we called Alessa to see if she would bring her motorbikes out to our place and she said yes so after an hour or so I drove the timberwolf down to the mini swamp to get her. Aessa almost brung all of her motor bikes out, she BroughtTanners 50cc two wheeler, Coltens 50cc quad and Paige's 125 two wheeler but she lost the 90cc quads keys but on the way to the mini swamp she found them it didn't matter though because she was already at the mini swamp, oh well maybe next time.

We got all the bikes going I was thrashing the timberwolf and after a while I threw it into a deep mud hole and killed it. We got it going but i felt bad so i drove fun but gently. While I killed the timberwolf Jacquelyn got to drive Coltens quad.

Towards the end of the day I gave Colten a ride on the timber wolf and then I think I made a pretty bad decision. I let Jacqeulyn drive the timberwolf. Dad showed her how to drive it and then she drove it by herself. After she went for a hoon I turned it off to let it have a rest.

I then had a go on Paige's 125 and I loved it then Tanner crashed and I floored it and got there quickly. I shut the bike off and made sure Tanner was ok. Because Tanner crashed we decided to pack up, Dad pull started me to get me going again but Jacquelyn wanted one last drive on the timberwolf. I gave it to her and then she just about ran Dad over and she ran over his leg.

Then when Tanner went to put his bike on the trailer he left it in gear it took off but Dad caught it.

So now for my 12th birthday i would like a 125.

Liam



I Am

Clark
Fishing, hunting, running, playing,
Son of Craig and Rachael
Brother of Alex
Lover of sea fishing and duck shooting
Weird when I go to the dentist
Bored when I go to town
Happy when I am playing Call of Duty
Who needs water and food
Who gives pain to Alex
Who fears big rats
Who would like guns Tika 223, 22, 308, under and over, side by side,
Who comes from Otago and lives at Tahakopa
Napier

Clark

This is me

Harley
Rugby, eating, building, happy
Son of Tania and Dave
Brother of Trey, Elyssa, Aroha, Daeshaan and Malakai
Lover of rugby, eating food and building
Who feels weird when going to the Dentist and happy eating food
Who needs fizzy, Xbox, food
Who gives pain to my Brother
Who fears cows and bears
Who would like a kitten and eating more food
Who comes from Tahakopa
and lives in Otago, New Zealand
Stapleforth-Hill

Harley

When I saw a Dinosaur

I got in my time machine and pressed some buttons.

BOOM! It fell apart “oh darn” I said “why do these things always happen to me”(sigh). “wait a second where am I? do I have reception?”

“ROOOOOOOOOOAAAAAAAAARRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRR”

“Oh no I'm going to die.”

“ROOOOOOOOOOAAAAAAAAARRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRR”

STOMP STOMP STOMP STOMP. I felt something dribble on my head and looked up (worst mistake if my life).

“AAAAAAAAAAAAHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHH”, I screamed like a little girl falling.

“Well hello there” said the dinosaur

“Wait you can talk” I asked

“Of Course I can, we all can, anyway what is a human like you doing here.”

“ My time machine broke on the way here and I wasn't even ment to come here” I said sadly she looked at me and smiled

“We do have another time machine the cave lady decided to live here when she came and left her time machine you can use it if you wish”

“Thank you so much”

“Bye bye sir” said the dinosaur in a sweet voice. And I went home BOOM CRASH BANG I fell out of the time machine

“What am I doing in the Ice age”

STOMP STOMP STOMP

“Here we go again”

And I started running I was sitting in the cave with rope wrapped around me. I was yelling and screaming. The people said I was to die because I was trespassing.

Elyssa

“Children learn
as they play. Most
importantly,
in play children
learn how to
learn.”

O. Fred Donaldson

Other

Thank you to everyone who sent my family and myself their prayers and good wishes, flowers and cards over the last few weeks when my Dad passed away suddenly on Friday 5 March. It was great to know you were thinking of us at this very sad time and for all of your support, help and understanding then and over the next little while as well.

Katrina Hampton

Our Hut



Next Service on Sunday 28 March, at 9.15am

Then on Sunday 11 April at 9.15am

Everyone welcome

Kia ora

Please collect bread tags - keeping them out of landfill and funding wheelchairs for those in need.

If you are already collecting like thousands of other kiwis, thank you so much! If this is news to you, please read on...

Bread Tags for Wheelchairs has been established in South Africa for the past 14 years, with the NZ arm launching in February this year. The organisation is 100% run by volunteers, and further information can be found via the links at the end of this email.

Nga mihi

Kelly Vollenhoven - Bread tags for wheelchairs NZ volunteer

Website (including a brief utube clip): <https://breadtagsforwheelchairs.co.za>

Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/nzbreadtags/?modal=admin_todo_tour

School is currently still collecting these and to date we have: 1449 grams so far

**"Play
is the
highest
form of
research."**

Albert Einstein



Tahakopa School

Prime lamb Competition

Friday 26th March
At Craig and Rachel Napiers Woolshed

Judging starts at 4.30pm
with BBQ to follow

Prizes for: 1st 2nd and 3rd
plus Spot prizes

Everyone welcome

Contact Paul Stephens for any queries
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