



Newsletter No 1

Friday 5 February 2021

Welcome back to Tapanui School for the 2021 academic year. Once again it is a privilege to work with your children. Our roll is currently 85. We would like to **welcome** Sophie, Danielle, Graham, Hans, Tayla, Monte and Andreous who started at Tapanui this week. With another 10-12 anticipated new entrants coming during the year, we estimate our peak roll to be around 95-97.

The students elected their House Captains and Deputies for 2021. Congratulations to all those chosen by their peers and thank you in advance for the role and the responsibilities you have taken on as well as your willingness to lead your peers.

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Picnic / Meet the Teacher - Wednesday 10 February

We would like you to have the opportunity to meet each teaching team and hear from the teachers about how curriculum delivery is being approached and the ways in which your child is and will be learning. Once again our Meet the Teacher this year will be preceded by a family picnic on the school grounds from about 5.15pm onwards. There will be some music, a coffee kart, some games and a lollie scramble for the children. Starting at 6.00pm you can meet **Team 1** (Year 1-2-3) in the 'Matai Hub'. Then at 6.30pm you can meet the **Team 2** teachers (Year 4-5-6) in the 'Rimu Hub'. If you cannot make it for a picnic, feel free to come at the time that suits you best. See a separate flier! Team 1 is Whaea Rebekah and Maxine while Team 2 is Whaea Jane and Alice.

Sport

This term is weighted with Athletics and Swimming.

West Otago Athletics is on Tuesday 23 February from 9.30am ... pp Thu 25/2

Eastern Athletics is on Tuesday 9 March

Swimming Lessons begin next week with the first session on Tuesday 9 February until 22 March. Please ensure your child has the right gear everyday. These lessons are kindly sponsored by the MLT.

WO Swimming Sports - 1.30pm Friday 19 February at Tapanui Pool

Swimming Carnival - 1 March

South Otago/Clutha Swimming Sports - 5pm Tue 2 March in Balclutha

West Otago Triathlon on Friday 5 March - time TBA

Communication

There are several ways we communicate information to you:

- There is the weekly Newsletter emailed to your nominated address
- The school website has dates [calendar] and information about the school
- The Skool Loop App is used to send you notifications and reminders
- Interviews are held formally twice a year, but you can come by appointment on other occasions
- The school Facebook has events and reminders on it
- An "email to text" system will alert you of any urgent or vital information eg. snow closure, earthquake
- We provide a written 'Progress and Achievement' Report twice a year as well

Please be mindful that while teachers can be emailed directly, communication and requests should generally come through the school office. During the day they have a class to teach and cannot be expected to attend to your messages or requests during this time. Teachers are asked not to deal with emails or texts after 5pm and please allow 24 hours for any teacher to respond.

Launchpad (Christian Education)

The Board will make a decision on the Launchpad values programme for 2021 at its first meeting in late February. If you wish to make a submission, please do so in writing to the Board before 19 Feb. We would like to remind you of the following:

Attendance at Launchpad is optional. Launchpad is an 'opt in' system and your preference will have been noted at enrolment on the Enrolment Form. The school is 'officially' closed during Christian Education.

If your child is not attending you have a choice; you may keep them at home until 9.30am when classes start, OR they can be supervised in the Library by one of the teaching staff until 9.30am.

If you wish to re-evaluate any previous decision about attendance (or non-attendance) at Launchpad (Christian Education), please come and see the Principal.

The programme is delivered through curriculum booklets. These booklets are available on request.

The volunteers / tutors running the programme are all Police Vetted.

Currently Launchpad is held from 9.00am - 9.30am on a Tuesday between March and November.

If interested, you can find out more on the Churches Education Commission website: <http://cec.org.nz/>

Kapahaka

A reminder that Kapahaka is open to all students on the roll and whanau are welcome to attend too. Sessions are held in The Watering Hole (on a Monday from 10.00am-10.30am. We're making Poi this Saturday, so pop along and have a go, 10am-2pm. Bring some kai to share.

Other

Remember to be safe out there now that school is back on. Adjust your speed around schools, especially around that 3pm-3.30pm time when children are coming out and crossing roads. Remember also the **maximum speed** passing a stationary school bus is **20km/h**. This applies to cars passing the bus from **either direction**.

Have a great three day weekend and we'll see you next week at Meet the Teacher.

Antony Criglington - Principal

Phone / Fax: 03 2048614

**WAITANGI DAY—PUBLIC HOLIDAY
MONDAY 8 FEBRUARY -SCHOOL CLOSED**

SWIMMING LESSONS start Tuesday 9 February—Please ensure swimming togs are sent to school every day.

PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE IN THE FIRST INSTANCE FOR THE FOLLOWING:

ABSENTEES - Notifying the office can be done in several ways, Phone—2048614, Email—office@tapanui.school.nz or in the School App (skool loop) there is an absentee page that has school contact details and you can phone, text or email via this app. The office will then pass information onto your childs' homeroom teacher.

When leaving a message by phone, text or email, please provide the reason for being absent eg sick, doctor, holiday, Kip McGrath, bereavement etc as this information is recorded.

ARRIVING AT SCHOOL AFTER 9AM - Please report to us at the office if children arrive at school late so rolls can be updated and we can account for their whereabouts.

ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICATION - If medication is required to be taken during school hours there are forms at the office caregivers are required to complete and sign. Medication will be held at the school office and a record of when and how much medicine has been administered will be kept. Medicine is not to be kept in school bags.

PARENTS AND VISITORS - Please sign the visitors book in the office when first arriving on the school grounds during school hours. This applies when picking children up early or if you're picking them up for an appointment during the day. In the event of any emergency it is important we know who is on site at all times.

UPDATES TO PHONE, EMAILS AND HOME ADDRESS

BUS LISTS/AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES Please advise the office if your child has an after school activity and won't be on the bus. The activity will be recorded permanently on the bus list. If you collect your child after school please ensure PU is written on the list which is held in the school office.

SUN HATS The school Sunsafe Policy requires a sunhat to be worn outside during play and lunch in Term 1 & 4 of the school year. Children without hats will be directed to the shade house.

MacBook Airs and Mini Ipad for sale

We have the following second hand devices for sale. Please contact the school office if interested in purchasing.

MacBook Air 11" - 5 for sale - 5 years old \$250
Chromebooks have all been sold.

Ipad Mini 32 gb- 15 for sale - 3 years old \$180

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Never miss important school information again!



- ✓ Events
- ✓ Notices
- ✓ Instant school messages
- ✓ Absentee
- ✓ Newsletters
- ✓ Permission slips



Simple free download:
In Google Play and App Store search 'Skool Loop' and choose our school once installed.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Wed 10 Feb	Picnic/Meet the Teachers 5.15pm	Fri 19 Feb	WO Swimming Sports 1.30pm
Tue 23 Feb	WO Athletics	Mon 1 Mar	School Swimming Carnival
Tue 2 Mar	SO Swimming Sports	Fri 5 Mar	WO Triathlon
Fri 5 Mar	Whole School Assembly 2.15pm	Tue 9 Mar	Eastern Athletics
Mon 22 Mar	Otago Anniversary Day—School Closed		
Fri 2, Mon 5 & Tues 6 Apr	Easter Break—School Closed		
Fri 16 Apr	Whole School Assembly 2.15pm,	Last Day of Term 1	
Mon 3 May	First Day of Term 2		

TAPANUI DAIRY AND TOP NOSH LUNCH ORDERS orders can be made by writing your name and order on an envelope with the money inside and putting it in the order box at the school office. Lunch orders will be delivered and collected by school monitors each day.

Please note if you make an order directly with either shop, please phone the school office so we know an order is needing to be collected.

Updated menus will be provided in the upcoming weeks.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

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SUPERSTAR CRICKET

FRIDAY CRICKET
EASTERN SOUTHLAND
TERM 1 2021

START DATE: Friday 19th February

TIME & VENUE: 4pm start around Eastern Southland

COST: \$20 per player

Yr5/6 cricket played with an incrediball
at Hamilton Park and Yr7/8 hardball cricket
played around Eastern Southland!

ONLINE REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN

Clutha District Libraries Summer Reading Challenge

The Summer Reading Challenge has now finished and we hope you enjoyed being part of this programme.

Please return your completed reading challenge card to your nearest council library as soon as possible to receive your rewards.

The link to sign up for Superstar Cricket is here:

<https://registrations.crichq.com/register/205021>

This covers both Tuesday and Friday Superstar Cricket. Players will be able to select Tuesday, Friday or both as part of completing their registration.

Tuesday Cricket

Superstar Cricket (Yr 1-4) and Girls Smash (Yr 1-8) will take place every Tuesday at Hamilton Park and begin on Tuesday 23rd February.

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The link to sign up for Girls Smash is here: <https://registrations.crichq.com/register/259260>



**GIRLS SMASH
GORE
TERM 1 2021**

START DATE: Tuesday 23rd February

TIME & VENUE: 4pm start @ Hamilton Park

COST: \$20 per player

An action-packed weekly competition for girls of all abilities and experience playing with and against other girls!

ONLINE REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN



**SUPERSTAR CRICKET (TUESDAYS)
GORE
TERM 1 2021**

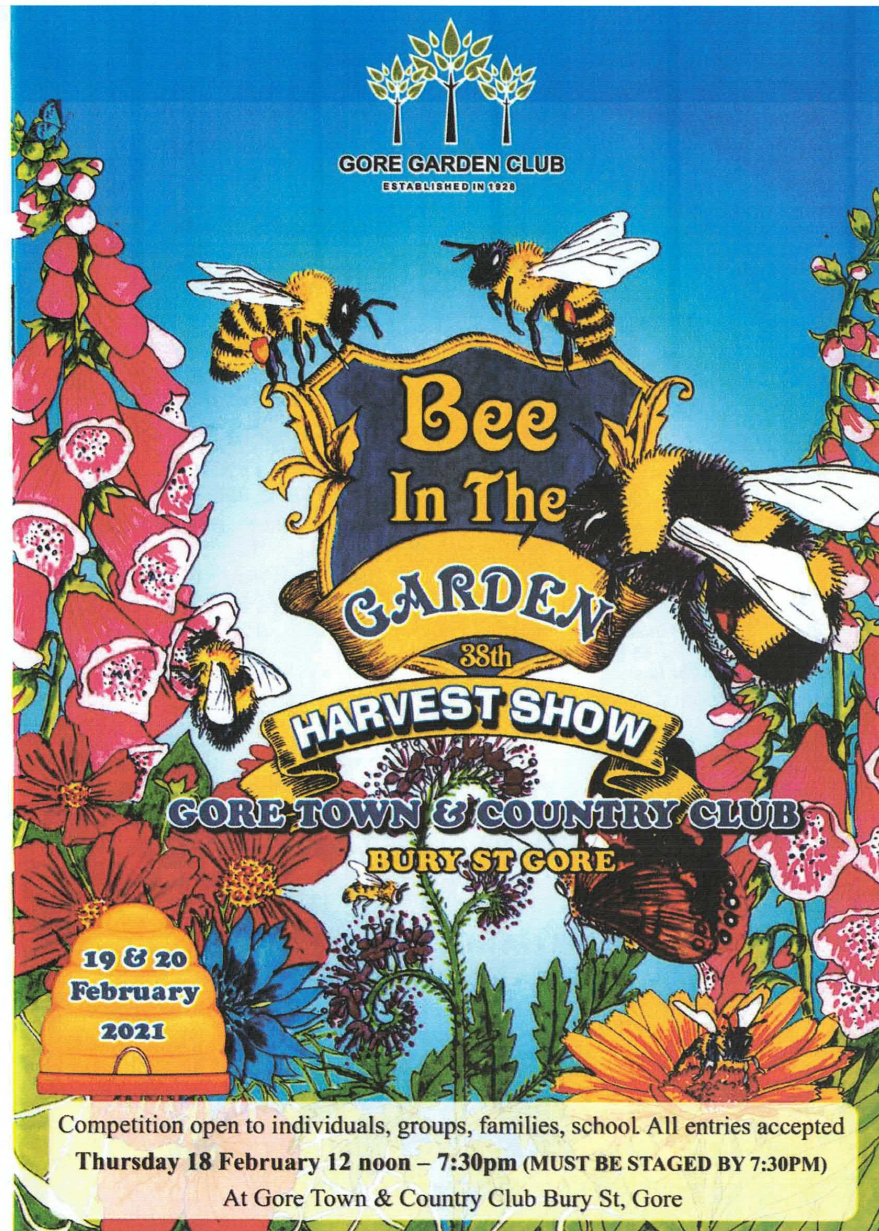
START DATE: Tuesday 23rd February

TIME & VENUE: 4pm start @ Hamilton Park

COST: \$20 per player

6 weeks of learning new skills with friends and teammates plus competitive matches against other local schools!

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Gore Garden Club – Annual Harvest Show – Fri 19th and Sat 20th February at the Gore Town and Country Club

The show's theme this year is 'Bee in the Garden' and is going to include the Southland Beekeeper's Society who will bring along a demonstration hive with live bees, honey, wax, a wasp nest and who are willing to give talks to school/kindy groups about the life of a bee etc.

There will also be a bee hunt for the children with prizes.

There are also school displays, a 'Bee in the Garden Competition' for schools/kindies/families/groups/individuals, and individual competitions as listed on the poster (available at the school office) with prizes sponsored by local business groups.

We are really excited to offer a very topical interesting show and appreciate local interest.

Further information and colouring competition is available at the school office.