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Term 1: 2 Feb-16 Apr **Term 2:** 3 May-9 July **Term 3:** 26 July-1 Oct **Term 4:** 18 Oct-14 Dec

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Kia ora everyone and welcome to this fortnightly school newsletter. Hard to believe we are now over half way through our final term of the school year and I was reminded by several Year 1 students last week – under five or so weeks until Christmas!

As you know, Mrs Donna Hessell is taking over from me as school principal from the beginning of next year. To help Mrs Hessell’s transition to the new role, Mrs Fuller our Deputy Principal, has agreed to stay on in her teaching and management capacity for the duration of Term One next year. Mrs Fuller’s replacement will be advertised in February with the new appointee to start by Monday 2 May next year.

Our Year 5/6 students and teachers returned from camp at Wainui last week tired but ecstatic after a very active time away. The weather too was perfect, and this enabled all of the multiple land and water activities to be completed without a hitch. Grateful thanks to the large group of parents who took leave from work and family life to join us for the camp.

Opportunities like camp enable us to see our students interacting with others in a completely different and at times challenging environment. We were thrilled with the way everybody tackled these new experiences so positively and in many cases for the first time. No doubt this time at Wainui will be the highlight for many during their school career and the confidence gained and the memories made will remain forever. Taking students away on outdoor education adventures requires high levels of planning and organisation and I’d like to thank Mrs Fuller, Miss Stratford and Mr Brady for their hard work and their acute attention to the finest detail.

Public Health Order

Under this order please be aware that from 15 November 2021:

- All staff ie teachers, principals, admin, cleaners and caretakers, teacher aides etc working with students **are** required to be vaccinated by 15 November and fully vaccinated by 1 January 2022.
- Parent volunteers who work with school students in the capacity of sports coaching/ managing teams, Breakfast Club helpers, MASH supervisors Parent helpers at school and on trips etc **are** required to be vaccinated and have this status recorded on my school register
- Parents who visit the school office and/or doing the student drop off/pick ups are required to wear a mask. For these purposes only parents **are not** required to supply their vaccinated status
- Ministry Bus Drivers **are** required to be vaccinated and wear a mask. Students who ride these buses under the age of 12 are not required to wear a mask



SCHOLASTICS

Just a quick update this week on what we have achieved for our school library this year.

Total sales value for the year \$5,063 which resulted in total rewards earned of \$922.15. These rewards have been transferred to the school and new books have been purchased for the library. This is an awesome outcome and we thank you for your support!

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ATHLETIC SPORTS AND RELAYS

Our Athletic Sports were held yesterday to a closed audience and thank you parents for respecting this requirement . The reason we couldn't have parents/spectators on site was the breaking of our school bubble and the likelihood of exceeding the 100 limit of groups under Level 2 restrictions.

Because of the heavy rain over the weekend, we were forced to delay the programmed start. Yesterday we completed all the field events but plan to have the scheduled class and inter house relays and 800m this Friday afternoon. Check out our TPS Staff Notices Facebook site for a short video of some of the days highlights. Sadly, there will be no South Canterbury Primary School Athletics this year due to the Level 2 restrictions.

Good luck to Michael Shannon, Jayden Loffley, Travis Rate, Ben Smith, Tuezdey Cullen, Taylor-Bell Kearney, Ariya Turnbull and Kaitlyn Mattingly who are representing our school in the South Canterbury Relay races being held at Caroline Bay today.

END OF YEAR PRIZEGIVING 14 December 2021 – Temuka Alpine Energy Stadium Invite Only

The Board of Trustees have approved the following arrangements for our prizegiving celebration given the present Covid climate at the moment.

The breakup will go ahead on 14 December in the stadium and will now be from 11.00am onwards. There **will be prioritised seating for ONE family member of each leaving Year 6 student**. We are allocating 60 seats upstairs and admission will be by ticket only. Parents in this spectator bubble must seat socially distanced and are required to wear a mask. Our school bubble will enter and exit the stadium via the downstairs fire doors only. We are investigating videoing the ceremony and posting a video link to Facebook or uploading this to our school website. Once finalised, we will let you know.

Each Year 6 family will be emailed an invitation. Please respond to the email with either a yes you can come or no you can't come. There will be a response date on the email. This is a final date to decide as once we have finalised numbers from Year 6 families we will then offer any other tickets to parents of those students receiving awards on the day.



2022 CALENDAR

With summer just around the corner families are already planning for the coming holiday period. Our BOT have approved the following school dates for 2022. They are as follows...

Term One	Wednesday 2 February to Thursday 14 April	11 Weeks	Waitangi Day obs 7 Feb Good Friday 15 April
Term Two	Monday 2 May to Friday 8 July	10 weeks	TOD Friday 3 June Queens BDay 6 June Matariki 24 June
Term Three	Monday 25 July to Friday 30 Sept	10 weeks	South Canterbury Anniversary 26 September
Term Four	Monday 17 October to Friday 16 December	9 weeks	Labour Day 24 October

SOUTH CANTERBURY TENNIS TOURNAMENT

Towards the end of last term we offered our students the opportunity to try out for the South Canterbury Tennis Tournament team. We had a great number of students sign up and after a couple of trials we selected 8 students to represent our school.

This group was very enthusiastic, and with the small amount of time we had to prepare after the school holidays, managed to learn the rules and how to score.

On the day each student had at least 2 games and thoroughly enjoyed their day. James Reihana came out the winner of the consolation plate after a tough match against Michael Shannon in the final.

Well done team and we hope you keep enjoying your tennis!



NZ ARMY BAND

Despite Level 2 we were still able to invite some of the NZ Army Band to play and entertain us last Friday 5 November. Check out some of the photos on our school Facebook Page. We were also able to send a small group of Year 3/4 students to sing at the Temuka RSA's Armistice Day celebration. Armistice Day is significant in our history as this noted the signing of the peace treaty that ended World War 1 at 11.00am on 11/11/1918. Timaru District Councillor Paddy O'Reilly also spoke and reminded us how on the return of the soldiers, New Zealand was fighting its own pandemic at the time – The Spanish Influenza. This claimed more NZ lives than the war did at the time. Check our Facebook post for pics! Good luck to our boys and girls team of runners competing at the annual 2km relay races today at Caroline Bay.



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