

Twizel Area News

Sir Peter Blake Young Leadership Award

The Sir Peter Blake Young Leader Award, in association with Westpac, recognises young people who have shown promising leadership in their schools and communities. The award is made to one student in each primary and intermediate school, as nominated by teachers and peers.

This year the award went to Mackenzie Frost, for her commitment to sports, music, drama, and the Student Council at school. Outside school, Mackenzie has shown contribution to her community through being involved in readings and music with her church group, assisting a young family by helping to look after a young child alongside a mother with a newborn, and occasionally spending time playing and reading to children after school at the Twizel Early Learning Centre. **Well done Mackenzie!**



Now we're back at school, here's a few school jokes to make you smile (or groan..!)

What is a snake's favourite subject?
(Hiss-tory!)

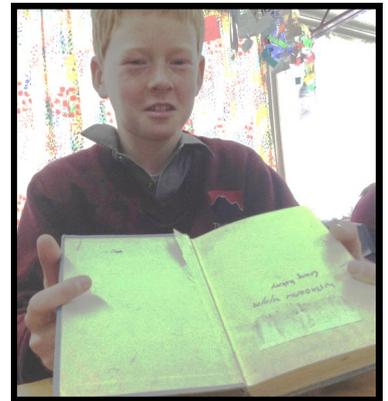
What is a pirate's favourite subject?
(Arrrrrrrrt!)

Why does it take pirates so long to learn the alphabet?
(Because they spend years at C!)

The Book Binder

A review by Kyle Nelson, M1

Last night I went to the Event Centre theatre to watch the Book Binder performance. I was first expecting it to be a play with a lot of people, but it was one guy who was able to act out being a young apprentice book binder boy, an experienced book binder gentleman, an old woman, a young girl and even a Haast Eagle! One thing that made the play interesting was the effect of putting black ink into a jug of water that looked like a monster in the sea. Another prop he used was a lamp to make lots of special effects on the ceiling, walls and on his own face which made it all seem quite mysterious. He had a pop-up book and puppets which also helped his storytelling. The play was 45 minutes long, and I enjoyed every minute, as did Tom who was sitting beside me laughing for most of it! The play is going to Ashburton tomorrow, and then overseas to Edinburgh. If you know anyone there tell them they should go ... it is REALLY good!!



Right: Kyle takes a closer look at the art of book binding!

Room 9 with Food Technology teacher Ms McLennan and Mrs Marie Hema.



Today my classroom made some bread with Mrs Hema and it was fun making Maori bread.

Taylah Marsh, Rm 9

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OFFICIAL SECTION

Kia Ora and Welcome to TAN

Welcome back everyone, and a special welcome to new students Emma Gardiner, Aliyah Taylor and Noah Ward who started in the New Entrant class this week; Mavrick Gilles (Y9); and returning students Jack McDonald (Y7) and Kellen Rabbidge (Y12).

Special welcomes also, to Mrs Alison Holden who will be teaching Room 13; Miss Rachel Heaney, team teaching in Room 7; and Mrs Anita Middleton-Buchan, who will be releasing Room 7 teachers and Mrs Longbottom for reading recovery. In the last week of last term we also welcomed back Mr White, who is looking fitter and more dangerous than ever!

Mrs Bessant, our wonderful teacher aide, had successful knee surgery over the holidays and we wish her a full recovery. While she is away, Mrs Gillian Swain will be teacher-aiding across the school. We have also appointed Mrs Vanessa Beirne to some short term teacher-aiding for a student.

I hear Zane Morris-Bamber and Taane Whetu had a great time at the National Area Schools Tournament in Whanganui. The Roxburgh Principal rang me to say they represented us, and the Southern Area, with pride! Taane also had the distinction of being selected for the New Zealand Area Schools Volleyball team.

Over the holidays we had another eight heat pumps and four night store heaters installed, to beat off the winter chills. This didn't stop some pipes in the Foods and Science rooms bursting, and repairs of these are now underway! The senior boys toilets are also being fixed after an eight-month delay and lengthy discussions between insurance assessors, School Support and various Contractors. Still, it should be ready by tomorrow. Thanks to the people who have detoured around the usual entry site to that side of the school. Next week, normal service should resume.

Today the Junior Snow Club and the Race team headed up to Ohau after morning interval to begin the weekly snow sports training programme we have developed over the years. The Race team have already had some great success, as the accompanying report shows.

Junior School Students have started running around in PE time in preparation for the annual Cross Country event, and some have supplemented this with lunchtime runs with Ms Arkless, and senior student Jordan Langley.

The Māori Word for the week is Maranga meaning "to get up, arise", as in 'E oho Maranga' Wake up Get up!
Next week is Te Wiki o te Reo Māori 2015, or Māori Language week. The Kaupapa or theme for the week, is Whāngaihia te reo Māori ki ngā mātua. This means to encourage and support the language development of parents, who can then whāngai the language to their children. Now there is a challenge! Help can be sought from the Māori Language Commission Website:

<http://tetaurawhiri.govt.nz/what-we-do/te-tihi-community-engagement/te-wiki-o-te-reo-maori/>

Or the Māori words website; <http://kupu.maori.nz/kupu-o-te-wiki>

Three-Way Conferences are set to resume Monday and Tuesday next week. Children should be making appointments with their class teachers for the best times that suit their parents.

Coming Events:

Tue 28 th July	ICAS English and Room 7 & 13 Skating
Wed 29 th July	Room 4 & 5 Skating.
Thu 13 th August	Upper Waitaki Cross Country (Y1-8)
Friday 14 th August	Teacher Only Day
Friday 25 th September	End of Term Three

**Ka kite ao
William Feasey, Principal**

Twizel Swimming Club Inaugural Fundraiser Mid Winter Swim Sunday 2nd August 2015 at 12.30pm

The Twizel Swimming Club is holding its first ever mid-winter swim on Sunday 2nd August at 1pm (in the water). This will become our major fundraising event of the year, and hopefully another successful annual Twizel event! Money will be raised through participants being sponsored by family and friends, to race across the lagoon at Lake Ruataniwha.

Local business sponsors are welcome too!

There will be three main categories:

Ages up to 6 (toe dip), 6-15yrs (run) and 15yrs and up (full dip!), as well as team relays and fancy dress.

There will be entertainment from The Last Mango in Tarras (as well as the swimmers!) and all entrants will receive a complimentary cup of hot soup!

A marquee will be provided for shelter, and a heater will be in there to warm you all up.

There is no entry fee but please help by getting as many sponsors as you can. Spot prizes will be awarded throughout the swim and there will also be a raffle with fantastic prizes.

All children must be supervised and entry into the water is at your own risk.

For sponsorship forms, questions/queries contact Nic Frank, 021 2616260,

nicolafrank@rocketmail.com

And also check out the Facebook Event Page!



Bright Ideas For Helping Children get Organised

We have heard several comments this week from parents who are trying to get their children organised, and better at self-managing, to make a smoother start to the new school term.

Here a few helpful tips:

- ◆ Personal organization refers to children's ability to manage their time, their environment and their work tasks. For some children, personal organization comes naturally, however, many children, particularly boys, need assistance in this area. A structured, orderly, uncluttered environment at home and at school makes it easier for children to be organised and in control.
- ◆ Routines take the worry out of remembering. Homework routines, morning routines, even after school unpacking routines help children to be organised. For instance, an after school routine may include unpacking a schoolbag, handing school notices to a parent and eating a snack.
- ◆ Have morning 'round up'. Remind children of the day's events each morning so they can plan accordingly.
- ◆ Have regular homework time. Establish a regular homework time and help your child to stick to it. If no formal work has been set, then use this time for reading.
- ◆ Make use of a checklist when it all seems too much. Place a list of routine morning activities by a child's bed (or on the refrigerator) and insist that it is checked before he/she goes to school.
- ◆ Clear away the clutter. A regular clean up of desks and work areas can help children gain control of their environment.