

Twizel Area News

Dear Readers of TAN

Hello everyone. As the term comes to an end, I hope you all can reflect on this term; be proud, and look at what you need to improve and strive for next term.

Term Two has been a busy one, ranging from Tournament; to the Drama group travelling to Wellington; and yesterday the Juniors putting on their Drama Festival (which I heard was very exciting and real), well done to all of you!

Next term Snow Club starts, so be prepared for that, also remember that work comes before Snow Club, so get that done first!

Also remember to be all polished up and wearing your clean uniform for End of Term Assembly tomorrow!

I wish you all a fun-filled, relaxing holiday and will see you all soon!

Taane Whetu, Head Boy

Junior Drama Festival 2017

What an exciting event! All the Junior students, the whole one hundred and ten of them, were involved in planning, devising and effectively acting in their own class dramas.

Seniors, Middle and Junior School students were able to watch, on Tuesday, Room 9 performing their dress rehearsal of "Lest We Forget". This was a nostalgic and sensitive portrayal of how our ANZAC troops fought and helped each other, while still longing to be at home with their loved ones. The students also wanted to show how animals (a bantam, dog and donkey) became involved in the various conflicts New Zealanders had taken part in. This moving performance for families and friends on Wednesday was very well received.

Meanwhile, in the theatre "The Gingerbread Man" was being enthusiastically performed by Ms Douglas's class. These small actors, some of them very new to the school, remembered all their lines, spoke very clearly and enjoyed performing for their parents and friends. The refrain "You can't catch me I'm the Gingerbread Man ..." will be remembered by all of them for a very long time!

Following Room 7's performance, the audience was introduced to Room 8's "Faz and Maz," and their wonderful world of magic maracas, masked creatures, monsters and very large under-pants! Dance and music accompanied this original play.

Next came a visit to "Lemon Tree Kingdom" where the Prince is so bored he doesn't know what to do with himself ... that is until he falls in love! However, the princess is immune to his presents of flowers and jewellery, and it is only when he shows his prowess as a swordsman, slaying the princess-hungry dragon, that she relents! This original drama evolved out of Room 13's study of fairy tales and narrative writing, and was an idea proposed by Quinn Pratt.

A serious piece of historical exploration was the context of Room 4's play "Thrills and Chills". The race to the South Pole between Amundsen and Scott's parties was cleverly presented by these students. Although there were both exhilarating and tragic moments, there were also some jolly segments such as penguins doing Jump Jam! The students had worked hard at making their drama as authentic as possible, with a wooden sled, huskies and the appropriate flags. The story of Scott and Amundsen's great treks will remain with these students always.

The final drama "Maui Meets Modern at Matariki" was an interesting meeting between Māori of the past, and students from the present. Intriguing comparisons were made between modern dance and haka, fidget spinners and pois, and huhu grubs and scroggin'. Students sang, danced and played musical instruments, filling in time before the rising of Matariki, the beginning of the Maori New Year.

Thank you to all the parents and friends who came to see this festival of drama, we hope you had as much fun as the students did!



Guide Dog Bikkie Day

On Monday this week Room 9 & Room 18 worked together to make Guide Dog Bikkies, raising awareness of the Blind Foundation Guide Dog Bikkie Day. Stations were set up around the Food Technology Room, and students took turns cutting and decorating biscuits, with several of the Room 18 students leading these stations. The other Room 18 students had found activities to complete with the Room 9 students when they were not at the biscuit stations. We were able to gift a tray of biscuits to each Junior room in the school.

OFFICIAL SECTION

Kia Ora and Welcome to TAN!

What a fantastic set of performances we enjoyed yesterday afternoon in the Junior Drama Festival. From the little gingerbread man through to the multi-cultural camp performance, the children entertained and kept us enthralled with great acting, singing and dancing, as well as the attention to wardrobe and set. Most of the items were linked with studies the children had been doing in class, and it was good to see what they could create as a result of those. Thanks to all the teachers for the extra effort involved in seeing the children perform to their best.

Mrs O'Carroll has made a video of the performances which will be available on an unlisted video link. It can be challenging getting the balance right between celebrating student achievement and keeping their identity and performances secure among those directly related to them, such as family and friends. The Board of Trustees discussed this at its last meeting, and worked through a range of possibilities for different circumstances. One way of exercising this balance is using an unlisted youtube link. This can be shared among those who have the link, but because it is not public it won't appear in search requests. This will obviously only work if subsequent people who get the link don't post it publicly.

To facilitate this understanding, we are sending a letter home with each child in Year 1-6 for parents to sign for the link on the understanding they will only share it privately, not publicly.

On Monday we had Guide Dog Biscuit Day, as Rooms 18 (M3) and 9 collaborated on biscuits baked to support the Guide Dog organisation.

Monday evening we had a Transition to School meeting for the families of children due to start here in the next few months. It is great to see the school family being added to.

Students Travelling:

Representing our school and the Southern Area Schools are the five students going to the National Area Schools Tournament in Whangarei, flying out of Christchurch this Sunday and returning on Friday. They are in for five days of high intensity competition with Area Schools students from north of Kaitiāia, to Waiau in the south. We have been able to keep the individual cost to the students to just over \$100, thanks to some excellent community sponsorship from the Aoraki Trust, Top Hut Social Club, and High Country Salmon. Thanks in advance to Mr Walton for driving and accompanying them.

Various other sporting groups are having competitions on the first and last weekends of the holidays, but mention should also be made of our four children from Lakes Ballet going to Wellington to participate in a National Dance Days Festival during the second week. Best wishes to all traveling, for an enjoyable trip and fun learning times.

I haven't mentioned football, miniball or karate for a while, but it is great to see such a range of opportunities available to the children in our community, thanks to the support of parents, caregivers and the volunteers who make living here fun for all ages!

Tomorrow (Friday) sees the End of Term assembly starting at 1:30pm in the Events Centre Theatre. Parents and friends of the school are welcome to attend, and join in celebrations of a long terms worth of striving and achievement.

Next term the energy level will continue to be high, with the Formal; Snow Club; class skiing; ice skating, and cross-country to look forward to, as well as a whole lot of other learning.

We will be sad to say farewell to Mrs Mary Powell at the end of this term. Mrs Powell was responsible for the ESOL programme here, and supported additional student writing over a range of ages. We wish her the very best as she and husband Jim head to new ventures in Woodbury. We will also welcome Mrs Nyree Schaar to the staff, as a Food and Fabric Technology teacher for the remainder of this year. Mrs Schaar has a BAppSc in Food Technology, and her hospitality and sewing experience will also come in handy for M1 technology, while Miss Francis continues with M2.

Have an enjoyable and restful holiday people, and be careful out there!

**Ka kite ano
William Feasey, Principal**

**HEY GUYS! FORMAL TICKETS MUST
BE PURCHASED BY TOMORROW!!**

*Twizel Area School Formal
"Starry Night"*

Friday 28th July 2017

Ben Ohau Golf Club

7.30pm - 11.00pm

Tickets: \$25.00 single, \$45.00 double



TAS SNOW CLUB 2017

All those students intending to take part in Snow Club this season **MUST** hand their membership forms to the Office **by lunchtime tomorrow (Friday)**. **Failing to do**

so could mean missing out, as returned forms will dictate the size of the bus that is booked, so there are unlikely to be any spare seats for those who register late. (Being a member in previous seasons does not mean you are automatically on the list!) Snow Club starts in Week 1 of Term 3. Permission slips for Trip 1 will be available at the Office counter on the first day of Term 3, Monday 24th July. Junior Snow Club members must return their form by interval on Wednesday 26th, and Seniors by interval on Thursday, 27th July.

Motor Cross Prizegiving

Recount written by William Rogers, Year 5, Room 4

We set off in the blue car for a two hour trip to Timaru, for the South Canterbury Motorcycle Club Prize Giving.

"We have arrived," I shouted! We parked down a long road that had about 21 cars on it. We stepped in and went straight to the bar. Ben and I didn't want a drink but Dad got a beer and Mum got a drink.

The prize giving began and they started with my group first. They said... "third place, Jet Hurrel, second place Alex Caird, and first place WILLIAM ROGERS!" I got a silver cup and a glass trophy. The cup had my name engraved on it twice - once from this year and once from last year.

It felt great to hear my name called out as first place!



M3DTG TECH SUPPORT

WHEN

**Mondays 1.30pm—2.15pm &
Fridays 11.00am—11.45am
From 24 July—7 August**

WHERE

Computer Lab—Room 2

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JUNIOR DRAMA PRODUCTION 2017

