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Tēnā koutou and Welcome

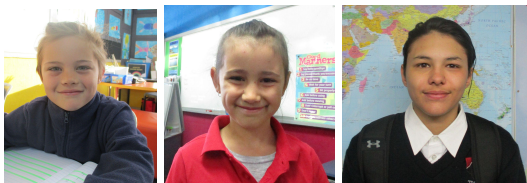
This week we have messages from:

- Our Principal, Kate Staniford
- Student Leaders

We have messages about:

- Upcoming Events
- 2021 TAS School Formal
- Star Students
- Southern Area Schools Tournament
- 'Storylines' Writers and Illustrators visit
- Student Activities
- Farewell to Mrs Francis-Hunt
- Firewood Raffle
- Gumboot Day

We welcome new pupils to Twizel Area School this week. Zaiden joins the learning team in Room 13, Mahalia in Room 4 and Asher in Year 11. Say a warm welcome if you see them around school.



Kia ora, tena koutou katoa.

Three weeks have already passed in term 2 and quite a lot has happened and quite a lot is coming up.

Last Friday we had the formal. A big thanks to the teachers involved for running and organizing it, and to the ball committee for their major contributions to the evening. This week a number of students from Years 9 - 13 have gone off to the SAS tournament in Roxburgh, so we all back here at homebase wish them the best of luck and lots of wins for Twizel.

Don't forget tomorrow is pink shirt day in order to help support a bullyfree environment -so throw those red shirts in with the whites if you're lacking a pink top.

Enjoy the rest of the week.

Kaydin Ryan
Year 13

From our Principal

Kia ora e te whanau!

****A reminder that it is Pink Shirt Day on Friday - we invite all students to wear PINK as part of our support of a Bullyfree environment and Bullyfree NZ Week****

During the course of Week 3, classes have been celebrating Bullyfree week with a variety of activities and presentations. Our presentations were delivered by [Attitude](#) and [The Parenting Place](#) - they were focussed on friendship, positive relationships and IT use. Many parents shared in the learning at our 'Behind the Screens' event on Monday night, kindly organised by our Home and School Committee. Some of our students' learning will be shared at Junior Assembly on Friday - 2.30pm at the Theatre - if you are able to join us?

Last week, our staff shared in a learning packed day with staff from Mackenzie College. The NCEA Accord Teacher Only Day was a training commitment required by the government - your support of these Teacher Only Days is very much appreciated. We acknowledge the inconvenience they cause to parents and to the learning schedule, however, we are committed to providing high quality learning opportunities supported by strong professional development of our staff. The Parenting Place has a great 'teacher's eye view' of the Teacher Only Day experience [linked here](#).

Earlier this week we tested our new e-TXT communication system. Did you receive a text to notify you of 'Behind the Screens' and BoT Elections? If you didn't and would like to be included in our text notifications, please give the office a call to register your cell phone number so we can keep you up to date with day-to-day upcoming events.

Next week, NZ Police and our teachers in Years 1-8 commence their teaching of the '[Keeping Ourselves Safe](#)' Programme. There will be a parent information session on Monday 24th May at 3.15pm in the foyer at the rear of the school. Come along to learn more about the programme.

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On the same topic of keeping our students safe, we've noticed that some parents are coming into school during the day without signing in and displaying a visitor sticker. Please note, this is a requirement for all visitors under the Health and Safety Act (2015). Our site is very accessible through a variety of entrances, so we need to know who is on site at all times, not just to meet fire evacuation requirements, but also to ensure security of all children whilst at school. Strangers are much harder to identify if there are other un-stickered visitors on site. Your assistance in this matter is appreciated.

He waka eke noa!

Kate Staniford, Principal



Upcoming Events

Wednesday 19 - 21 May - SAS tournament

Friday 21 May - Pink Shirt Day - wear pink in support of Bullyfree Week.

Monday 24 May - 'Keeping Ourselves Safe' parent information session (Years 1-8). 3:15pm in the Senior Foyer.

Wednesday 26 May - Board takes Office

Wednesday 26 May - BOT meeting 5.30pm

Friday 28th May - Gumboot Friday Uniform Free Day - Gold Coin Donation please

Thursday 3 - 8 June - Sheilah Winn Drama Students in Wellington

Monday 7 June - Queen's Birthday weekend

Thursday 10 June - Friday 11 June - Years 1-13 Student Learning (Three Way) Conferences

Friday 11 June - No classes held

Tuesday 6, 7, 8 July - School production

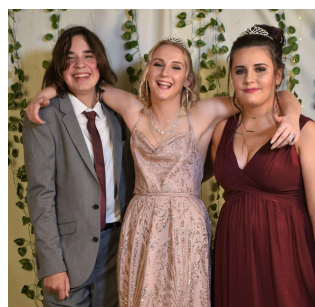
Friday 9 July - End of Term Two

2021 Twizel Area School Formal

The Twizel Area School Formal was held last Friday at the Twizel Bowling Club. Staff and 'Formal Committee' students worked hard to ensure everyone enjoyed themselves immensely.

A big thank you to all of the organisers, and to the Twizel Junior Netball Club for the excellent spread!

Didn't they scrub up well ...



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Star Students Week 2



- Room 7** - Brooklyn - developing excellent work skills.
- Room 8** - Bailey - making some good choices and working hard in reading
- Room 9** - Carter - enjoying success in his learning
- Room 13** - Alakai - being willing to always help others
- Room 4** - Romy - demonstrating excellent research skills and working hard
- Room 5** - Emm - a doing great work helping buddies from other classe

Southern Area Schools Tournament 2021

34 Senior students set out in the early hours of Wednesday morning to attend the SAS Tournament in Roxburgh. They are participating in three days of competitive events. Karawhiua Twizel!



Netballers Alizay, Isabella and Kiara ready to go!

A Visit from Writers and Illustrators from 'Storylines'

On Wednesday Afternoon the Junior School was entertained by illustrator/writer Ned Barraud and writer Susan Brocker, thanks to the Storylines Trust.

Ned enjoys writing books about animals and insects, so he explained how he took photos, drew and coloured in his illustrations. He is talking about praying mantises in the photo below.



Susan grew up obsessed by Pippi Longstocking and horses, and has written stories involving adventurous children and animals. She has also written books about war for older children. She told us she had written a book while still at primary school, which the librarian had printed off using a 'Gestetner', and when she returned to the school as a published writer to speak to the students the book was still in the library!





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STUDENT ACTIVITIES

Room 9

Thank you Sport Otago for presenting Ivy and Ryder from Twizel Area School with gift vouchers towards rugby gear in our school.



Sophie reading to Zoe at Twizel Kindy



Middle School Debating continues ...



Farewell to Mrs Francis-Hunt



On Monday Rochelle Francis-Hunt and her family came into school so we could say farewell. Rochelle has been a wonderful and supportive member of our staff since arriving in 2017. As well as being an inspiring teacher and colleague, she has successfully coached our senior school and club netball teams, and has been a positive and contributing member of not only our school community, but also the wider Twizel Community.

To Rochelle, Alex, Evie, Willa, and of course Rufus (who was the only baby when they arrived), although we are sad to see you go, we are happy you spent some time with us. Best wishes for your future up North!

A photo of our netballers from the SAS tournament just through ... Rochelle is coaching the team 'just one last time!'



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FIREWOOD RAFFLE



Twizel Area School Raffle

6 Draws of approximately 5 cubic metres of firewood.

\$10.00 per ticket - available at the School Office.

More than 30 cubic metres of pre-split firewood has been kindly donated by **Dean Smith and his wife Tina.**

The excess following the raffle will be distributed to whanau in need of some winter warmth by Kevin, our Caretaker and the Bootcamp team.

Dean would like to encourage others to donate wood from problem tree species to community members or organisations. He challenges you to match or surpass his donation!

Many thanks for your support, Dean, and your willingness to give back to our community. We know this will create fantastic opportunities for the school, and members of the community who need a wood boost this winter.

GUMBOOT DAY - Friday 28 May



A message from Mackenzie Dunicliff

Hello,
Friday the 28th is [Gumboot Day](#). It will be a **Uniform Free Day!** Please bring a gold coin donation. All of the money raised is going to the 'I am Hope' Trust.

I AM HOPE is the youth and community focused support group run by The Key to Life Charitable Trust, started by Mike King. For the last three years Key To Life have been promoting positive attitudinal societal change in schools and communities up and down the country, and funding private care and counselling for young people stuck on waiting lists.

Government agencies are doing their best, but some kids are stuck waiting up to six months to receive the counselling they urgently need. They connect kids with mental health counsellors and practitioners in their region or online, so they can get timely support, without the added stress of how to pay the bill.

Please support my cause on Friday 28th by wearing your gumboots and making a gold coin donation!