

# eTAN - Twizel Area News



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Tēnā koutou and Welcome

This week we have messages from:

- Head students
- Our Principal, Kate Staniford



We have messages about:

- New Students
- Home and School Meeting
- Upcoming events
- Teacher Only Day Information
- Celebrating our Support Staff
- Rock Climbing
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## ***New Students***

***We welcome new pupils to Twizel Area School - Ahorangi in Room 8, Kaliyah in Room 4, and Mahaki in M1.***

## **Twizel Area School Home & School Meeting**

is this Monday 21st June 7pm in the library.  
Everyone is welcome :)  
Come along & share your ideas with us!

## **Upcoming Events**

**Friday 18 June** - Junior assembly 2.30pm Theatre

**Monday 21 June** - Home and School meeting 7pm

**Monday 28 June** - **Kahui Ako Teacher Only Day**

**Wednesday 30 June** - NZEI PUM Meeting 2pm  
Culture and Kai Evening, BOT meeting

**Tuesday 6, 7, 8 July** - 'Operation CrISPY Morn'  
(School Production)

**Friday 9 July** - End of Term Two

**Monday 26 July** - Beginning of Term 3

Kia Ora everyone!

Welcome to the end of week 7, three weeks till the end of term!

Last week we had three-way conferences on Thursday and Friday, hopefully they all went well even though they are pretty awkward. Production rehearsals are happening and big ups to everyone working behind the scene creating props, sets and costumes, you are very appreciated!

Volleyball started on Tuesday this week, very exciting :).

Our senior Maori students are away with Karati at the Wananga at Mount Cook from Wednesday to Friday, I wish them all a fun time.

That's it from me folks, have an amazing rest of your week.

Blossom-Kate

Deputy Head Student



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## From the Principal

Kia ora e te whanau!

Our senior students were fortunate enough to be invited to watch 'Too much punch for Judy', a travelling production with a message about road safety, on Monday. With sponsor support, this was provided free to schools. I hope that it was a positive experience for all, the message fitting so clearly with our current learning in Health. Next Monday, Year 12 and 13 students will continue their Health learning with a day-long course with NZ Police ([Loves me Not](#) - more information can be found here).

Early this week, Twizel Area School hosted staff from Maniototo, Lawrence and Roxburgh Area Schools as we worked with educational facilitators to develop our local curriculum. This will be followed up with a teacher only day on June 28th.

A quick note on my emails - a parent recently sent me an email and it never arrived!! Here is my email address just in case something similar has happened to you - [ks@twizel.school.nz](mailto:ks@twizel.school.nz).

On June 30th, we'd like to invite all whanau to share in a celebration of cultures in our school with a Culture and Kai evening. This will be an opportunity to meet our new Board of Trustees. Bring a plate from your culture to share whilst viewing recent student work. Kai to share will be placed in the Food Technology Room, you'll have the opportunity to label and explain the culture it represents. Student work will be available to browse in the foyer. See you from 5.30-6.30pm on Wednesday June 30th.

He waka eke noa,

Kate Staniford, Principal



**There is a Teacher Only Day on Monday 28 June. This is a 'Kahui Ako' day, when our teachers meet with staff from Maniototo, Roxburgh, and Lawrence Area Schools, and share professional development and pedagogical updates.**

In addition to this, NZEI is holding a paid union meeting for its members on Wednesday 30 June. The meeting begins at 2pm. Teachers in the junior syndicate (Years 1-6) are entitled to attend this meeting. We would ask parents who are able to collect their children prior to the meeting. This can be from the beginning or end of the lunch break. If your child cannot be collected we will have supervision available for that afternoon. Thank you for your support in this matter.



## **A big thank you to our Support Staff ...**

This week we celebrated Support Staff Day with a morning tea to thank our wonderful team. As always, not everyone is in the photo, due to hours worked and duties done, but we wish to say a big thank you for everything you do!

## **ROCK CLIMBING**



Climbing Wall - Rock Climbing 4pm Friday - See you there!

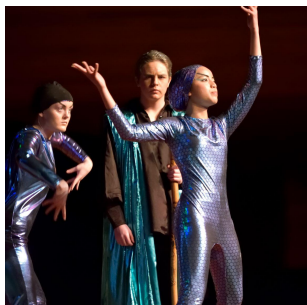


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## SGCNZ University of Otago Sheilah Winn Shakespeare Festival

Over Queen’s Birthday weekend a group from Twizel Area School attended the 30<sup>th</sup> Annual SGCNZ University of Otago Sheilah Winn Shakespeare Festival in Wellington. Forty-eight schools from across the country performed at the festival over two very hectic and exciting days.



The journey to and from Wellington for the students and staff adds to the overall experience of the festival. Everyone took part in workshops run by professional directors and actors on the Friday. We were

also fortunate to be able to tour Toi Whakaari (NZ Drama School) and we also attended Circa’s delightful production of *The Mourning After*.

Our excerpt from *The Tempest* was performed on Sunday morning and was enjoyed by the audience of over 500 people in the Michael Fowler Theatre, Wellington. The feedback from members of the audience was very positive. The students also watched the other 47 performances of Shakespeare’s plays. These ranged from the hilariously funny to the highly tragic.

During the subsequent Prize-giving and Scene Awards held on Sunday evening, two students from the school were acknowledged for their work.



**Charlize Vitero** was awarded a KAM Actors’ Talent Contract; and

**Blossom-Kate Garbutt** was the recipient of one of three Assessors’ Awards as well as collecting the ‘Speak the Speech’ Award.



Student writing about the festival;

*My time during the SGCNZ Sheilah Winn Shakespeare Festival was inspiring as a young actor. One of my highlights was the Audience Interaction workshop with Alexander Sparrow and I had so much fun playing around with how we say our lines in different ways to have that connection between the actor and the audience. It was also nice to see old friends and see so many talented people perform onstage.*

Charlize Vitero (Ariel)

*The workshops were the most valuable part of my trip to Wellington for Sheilah Winn. ‘Speak the Speech’ with Katie Boyle was an exciting and entertaining workshop that gave me new ideas on how to present a character and what different tones, pitches, and prosodies of voices can do to change and become a character.*

Blossom-Kate Garbutt (Miranda)



The students wish to acknowledge the generous contributions from their parents, the community and other generous benefactors that ensured that they could participate in this amazing opportunity. It was another successful venture from our school and reinforces the concept that small rural schools can compete at the highest level with schools throughout the country.

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## STUDENT ACTIVITIES

### Room 8

Students celebrating passing their Emergency Smart Challenges and receiving their St Johns in Schools Certificates. Tino pai rawa atu (excellent).



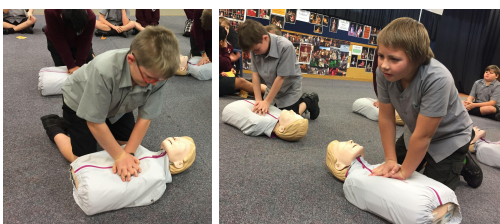
### Room 4

Enjoying the visit from St Johns on Tuesday.



### M1

M1 students learning CPR skills on mannequins on Monday.



### A Visit from the Police Dogs and Dog Handlers

Many of us have noticed that we have Police Dogs and Dog Handlers in Twizel at present. We were delighted that they made time to come and visit us at school today.

We met Vega, an 8 year old Police Dog, and Lockie offered to try and get Vega's toy. (Not likely!)



### One of our visitors tried to escape ...



### without much luck!



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We also met the new generation of Police Dogs ... and learnt that they are trained and working in the field by the time they are between 18 months and 2 years old.

## SEEKING A DIAL TELEPHONE ...



Does anyone have an 'olden days' dial telephone at home that we could borrow to use for our Senior Drama devising performance? Good care will be taken of it! If you do, can you please let us know asap and drop it to Deb in the office. Thank you.

## NETBALL NEWS



Twizel Lightning - Sam, James, Riley, Lily, Sue, Taylah and Hazel (Rosie was absent).

### Karawhiua Lightning! Go hard!

On Saturday at 5pm the Southern Steel Netball Team is hosting the Northern Stars at the Edgar Centre in Dunedin. The Twizel Lightning Netball Team (made up of Yr 7-8 players at TAS) is going down to watch the game and the players have been asked to 'take the court' during the half-time break. They will play a mini-game against their counterparts from Columba College. For those of us watching at home there may even be glimpses of the game on TV as they interview the Steel/Stars players between halves.

We wish the team and their wonderful coaches - Sarah and Nic - all the best for the game! Enjoy your trip.

The Incredible Years™ Autism programme is for parents and children aged 2-5 years on the autism spectrum. This FREE programme aims to support you by delivering practical strategies to help you parent our children/tamariki who are in the process of being assessed or diagnosed with autism. (more information about the programme can be found here ["The Incredible Years" Autism \(Free\) Parenting Programme - Presbyterian Support Services \(pssc.org.nz\)](https://www.pssc.org.nz/the-incredible-years-autism-free-parenting-programme-presbyterian-support-services))

Register TODAY to secure your placement

2021 Timaru Parenting Programme

The Incredible Years

**The Incredible Years**  
Autism Parenting Programme

For parents of: children 2 to 5 years, who are in the process of being assessed or diagnosed with Autism

Thursday nights:  
12th August to 25th November 2021  
6:30 pm to 9:00 pm

10 families committed to attending is essential to ensure delivery of this incredible programme!

This 14 week programme will focus on practical step-by-step suggestions and support to help in handling the every day situations parents face.  
Sessions are held once a week for 2.5 hours, (excluding school holidays).

To enrol or for further information call  
Family Works  
03 688 5029  
email: fwadmin2@pssc.co.nz

VENUE: Family Works, 26 North Street, Timaru

www.pssc.org.nz/family-works

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## Situations Vacant

### Minutes Secretary

Seeking a Minutes Secretary for our Board of Trustees at Twizel Area School.



Approximately 5 hours per month (additional hours by negotiation and need)

Support Staff Collective Agreement B Grade position (starting @ \$21.78 per hour).

Duties include taking minutes and providing administrative support to the Board - meetings are usually in the evening on a weekday, administrative support can be managed from home.

Must be IT literate, able to type at speed, have a good level of literacy and sense of organisation.

Please apply by providing a C.V. and covering letter to Deb Cain (Principal's P.A.) – dc@twizel.school.nz

Position closes Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June at 3pm.

## Cleaner

We are seeking an amazing Cleaner to join our team at Twizel Area School.

### About the Role:

We are currently looking for an enthusiastic and motivated person to undertake cleaning duties at Twizel Area School. The role is 4 hours per day, 5 days per week at a rate of \$21.78 per hour.

You will be required to undertake a number of general commercial cleaning tasks across a specified area of the school. Training can be provided by the school.

### Skills and Experience:

Must be reliable

Show initiative

Be able to start immediately

Apply by emailing the Principal's P.A. with a CV and covering letter - dc@twizel.school.nz

**Please note:** As a pre-requisite for this role, candidates will be required to undertake a pre-employment police clearance and security check. Candidates must have the right to work in New Zealand.



**Grab a free coffee and chat with other parents and carers who know what it's like to care for a disabled child, a neurodiverse child, or a child with health impairments.**

Parent to Parent hosts monthly Parent Support Groups in Timaru during the school term, to support carers and parents just like you. These groups are a safe space for family and whānau to share their experiences, their challenges, their triumphs, and to learn from each other in an open and 100% judgement-free environment. No topic is too 'weird', no question too 'out there'. We get it, and we are here to help.

So if you'd like to share a struggle, celebrate a success, raise a concern, or simply have a cuppa and chat with other parents and carers in your area, you are always welcome at our Parent Support Group. Children are welcome too! Drop in for as long or as short a time as you want. And did we mention there's free coffee??

### Upcoming dates:

Dates: Fri 11 June | Fri 9 July | Fri 13 Aug | Fri 10 Sep | Fri 5 Nov  
Time: 1pm—2:30pm  
Venue: PiqueNique Café, 300 Hilton Highway, Timaru

**Feel free to just show up on the day!**

Or contact Jo for more info:  
gtrcanterbury@parent2parent.org.nz | 022 088 0327

## FIREWOOD RAFFLE

**Twizel Area School Raffle**

**6 Draws of approximately 5 cubic metres of firewood.**

**\$10.00 per ticket - available at the School Office - last day to buy - Friday 18 June.**



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 whānau 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!

**Draws will be made and winners will be announced in next week's E-Tan!**