

# eTAN - Twizel Area News



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Tēnā koutou and Welcome

This week we have a message from:

- Our Principal, Kate Staniford

We have messages about:

- Upcoming Events
- Star Students
- Student Activities
- Request for Bells and Chimes
- No Rock Climbing
- Home and School Meeting
- A Magician coming to Twizel



## **STOP PRESS ... 2nd Place!**

Congratulations to our Year 8 Mathematicians who competed against 26 other teams at the Aoraki Maths Competition last night in Timaru and won a tie-breaker to gain 2nd place.



Ka mau te wehi Quinn, Sam, Lachlan and Grace (absent). (Full report in our Student Activities section!)

## *From the Principal*

Kia ora e te whanau!

After a beautiful wintry start to the week, the students have needed to return to normal interval and lunch activities - no more snowmen to make now! However, we do have a lot of other activities to look forward to as the term progresses.

Today, I am away from school with members of the Board of Trustees visiting the new build at Maniototo Area School. Their build is a four phase development with demolition between each section. At present they have completed their specialist teaching areas such as Technology, Art, Music and Science with a new block of classrooms. A newly commenced block of classrooms is under construction. We're visiting this build to hear the positives and negatives of their experience, and to meet with the Ministry of Education team and architect allocated to our build. We're hoping it will be a very informative visit and will help us to work with the MoE to form plans for our own site during the master planning phase.

Later this week, we hope to release our new school website. It can be found on the URL [twizel.school.nz](http://twizel.school.nz) from late Friday. Check it out - feedback welcome! We'll be improving our Curricular and Extra-Curricular sections in coming weeks, but the rest of the site is generally complete.

Next week, I'm looking forward to seeing all the entries for the Science Fair. The buzz around the school as the students prepare their experiments is amazing! Our Science Fair is held on Monday and Tuesday, with the

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regional entries heading to Fairlie on Thursday.

Thank you to M4 this week for sharing your learning about the UN global priorities. M4 have been taking steps to contribute to reducing world hunger. There has been a website created, an 'eat like a refugee' day, and, of course, the PJ Foodbank Donation Day. Thank you to everyone who participated and donated.

And finally... don't forget it is a Teacher Only Day on Friday!

He waka eke noa,  
Kate Staniford, Tumuaki

## Star Students



### Upcoming Events

**Thursdays in Term 3** - Junior Snow club

**Fridays in Term 3** - Senior Snow Club

**Thursday 12 August** - Aoraki Maths Competition - Years 9 & 10.

**Thursday 12 August** - Aoraki Badminton Championships (Yrs 9-13 Team)

**Friday 13 August - Teacher Only Day** - NCEA Accord and Primary Professional Learning

**Monday 16 - Tuesday 17 August** -TAS Science Fair

**Monday 16 August** - Home and School Fundraising Meeting. 7pm in the Library

**Wednesday 18 August** - Room 9/13 Ice skating

**Monday 23 August** - Room 9 Skiing (Roundhill)

**Monday 23 August** - Rooms 8,4 and 5. Iceskating at Tekapo.

**Wednesday 25 August** - BOT meeting 5.30pm

**Monday 30 August** - School Photos

**Wednesday 8 September** - TAS Cross Country

**Room 7** - Maansu being a star in Room 7 this week.

**Room 8** - Alice for working hard on her reading and writing.

**Room 9** - Aaron shining brightly in all curriculum areas.

**Room 13** - Zaiden for working hard to develop his reading skills.

**Room 4** - Danielle for showing a real understanding and enthusiasm in science.

**Room 5** - Tye working well to complete his country research.



## STUDENT ACTIVITIES

### M2 attend the DOC Kaki Release



On the 5th of August 2021 M2 was able to release the Kaki, an endangered species, at the Mt Gerald station. As soon as we got there we saw an adult Kaki which was pretty amazing because only 30% live after they get

### House Colours

Pukaki



Ruataniwha



Ohau



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released. It was pretty cool to be able to see them up close.

Thank you DOC for letting us have to opportunity to release the Kaki and to see where you do all your magic.

Lily Burgess and Taylah Marsh



The M2 class were lucky enough to go on a trip to release the endangered species of bird, the Kaki. We were allowed to open a cage and let the kaki out. We also got to do lots of other things like quizzes, looking at what the kaki likes to eat and we even got to visit the kaki that were being released the next day. (I named one Patrisha)

The second we got there we saw a wild kaki looking for food. It was also pretty sad though because only 30% of them will survive.

We also had snowball fights with each other after lunch. It HURT!

Thank you DOC for letting us have the opportunity to go and visit the kaki!

Poppy Staniford



## Snow on Monday



## Room 13



Tallulah with her medal from the Adaptive Snow Festival.



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## Pyjamas Day

PJs day was a great success! Many of our students came in their PJs or in comfy casual, and M4 (our organisers) collected a magnificent load of goodies to help stock our local foodbank.

Can you guess who? (From Room 5)



On behalf of myself and the M4 class I would like to thank the wider Twizel Area School community for the support and aroha shown as we undertook several social actions. Thank-you to Twizel Four Square for the donations of all the goods needed for Jack and Jotaro's 'Eat like a Refugee' challenge. In this project the boys aimed to raise awareness of hunger around the world by challenging their classmates to eat like a refugee for 24 hours. We had lunch together the first day - consisting of flatbread and plain rice.



We would also like to thank the Mackenzie Four Square for kicking off the donations for the Foodbank for Danielle, Rory & Shelton's project - it was much appreciated. Again - thanks to the wider school community for

coming alongside and supporting these learners.



Anneke Smit  
HOD English

## Aoraki Mathematics

Wednesday 11 August - Years 7/8

Two very enthusiastic teams, one each from Years 7 and 8, headed to Timaru after school to represent Twizel Area School for this annual event, which pits teams of four in a Problem Solving competition against each other.

First up were first timers; our Year 7 team of Lucia, Charlie, Isabella and Indie. They started well and were determined to answer their questions. They learned from this experience and I'm sure will be better prepared for next time.

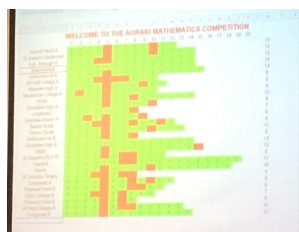


Next were the Year 8 team of Quinn, Grace, Lachlan and Sam. This team started very well and managed to lead the competition for most of the event. Interestingly this Twizel team passed on two questions that the winning team answered, but managed to answer the two questions the winning team passed on.

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The scoreboard showing Twizel in the lead.

All was going well until the very last question which the Twizel team reached first. Question 20 stumped all teams reaching it, apart from the one team that managed to answer it; this being the winning team.

Twizel was then tied for second with two other teams but went on to win the tie-breaker question resulting in a 2nd place overall finish!

This is a very good achievement given that most of the other 26 teams come from larger schools.

The Year 8 team then got to cross the stage to receive their prizes and all seemed very happy with their efforts.

*Question 20 and the techniques needed to deal with it, will be the first thing we attempt next time these students are in my class!*

It was a rather noisy return trip with all students home by 11pm.

All the students seemed to enjoy themselves (especially Subway and the fizz machine) and learned from the experience. They were a pleasure to take away and myself and Taylor enjoyed taking them.

The result from this Year 8 team is the best that I have been involved with and they came so close to winning.

Jim O'Carroll



Hello Everyone!

I'm currently working on an art project and need some bells or chimes, if you have any of these that you don't want anymore, please can you drop them off at the school office, it can be second hand, or slightly broken, I'm happy to recycle.

Thank you so much  
Mackenzie Dunncliff



**No Rock Climbing this week due to Teacher Only Day on Friday.**



**HOME AND SCHOOL FUNDRAISING MEETING**  
**Monday 16th August - 7pm**  
**Twizel Community Library**  
**See you there!**

**LJ Hooker**  
Magicians Country and more... since 1988



**Elgregoe is coming to town!**

We are super excited to be bringing Elgregoe & his amazing magic show to Twizel. Tickets available from the LJ Hooker Twizel office for just a gold coin donation. All proceeds go to our local Twizel Early Learning Centre & Twizel Kindy.

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**The Event Centre Theatre**  
**Sunday 12 September**  
**11am & 1pm**