



2024 Yearbook

Find Your Passion, Be Supported and Inspired

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Principal's Welcome

Kia ora e te whānau,

2024 has been a year of incredible growth and achievement at Twizel Area School, and I am so proud of what we've accomplished together. Our students have excelled academically and shone brightly in the arts, sports, and leadership, showcasing their immense talent and dedication.

In the Primary School, we focused on strengthening mathematical skills and boosting student agency, and we made remarkable progress. Our tamariki have met challenges head-on and surpassed expectations with our passionate teachers' unwavering commitment. Our ongoing collaboration with Massey University's DMIC research team continues to elevate our teaching strategies, and the improvement in Mathematics outcomes speaks for itself. Seeing the children take greater ownership of their learning journeys has been fantastic, and they are becoming more engaged and confident. fantastic, and they are becoming more engaged and confident.

In the Secondary School, 2024 marked a significant shift with the introduction of the new NCEA Level 1



standards and a start-up trial of Project-Based Learning (PBL). Our Year 11 students embraced the new NCEA standards, and we are eagerly awaiting the Literacy and Numeracy co-requisite results for our Year 10 students, who were given the chance to tackle this early. Across Years 7-10, the trial of PBL was an exciting innovation in Term Three, offering our students real-world learning experiences that fostered critical thinking, collaboration, and creativity. The enthusiasm from both students and teachers was inspiring, and we look forward to expanding this approach further.

In addition to mahi relating directly to our Strategic Plan, a group of talented students

across primary and secondary schools were identified for extension across the curriculum. This project was financially supported by the Ministry of Education. They researched and wrote three books, which we are looking forward to sharing with you in the near future.

Looking ahead to 2025, we will adapt to the significant changes in curriculum and learning requirements introduced by the New Zealand Government. These changes aim to modernise education, making it more relevant to the evolving world our students will face. We are confident that our school's strong foundation of WAKA values, innovation,

and academic excellence will ensure a smooth transition, enabling us to continue providing an outstanding learning experience for all our students.

Of course, none of this progress would be possible without the collective effort of our amazing community. I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to the dedicated teachers, supportive parents, and our wider whānau—your passion and commitment are the backbone of our school's success. To the many staff members, including those leaving us this year, your contributions have been invaluable, and we wish you all the best on your next adventure.

A special thank you goes out to our Head Students, Ralph and Finn, and our wider Executive team—Ella, Jack, and Ariki. We greatly appreciate your commitment to ārahi; you have upheld the mana of Twizel Area School. We are grateful for your hard work; you've left an indelible mark on our school.



2025 will also see the long-anticipated start of our new school build! While the road has been challenging, we are thrilled to have reached an agreement with all stakeholders, and construction is set to begin in early 2025. This new space will reflect our vision of a modern, innovative learning environment, and we are excited for the opportunities it will bring.

To our departing students, as you leave the safety of this waka and embark on new voyages, take with you the strength, resilience, and determination that have defined your time here. We are confident that you will continue to achieve greatness and make your mark in the



world, and we all look forward to hearing about the incredible things you will accomplish.

Kate Staniford
Principal | Tumuaki

As always, we stand united
—he waka eke noa.

A Year of Progress and Promise!

- Board of Trustees

As we reflect on this incredible school year, the Board is filled with pride over the achievements, growth, and community spirit we've witnessed across our school. From educational milestones to athletic victories, creative performances, and community outreach, this year has been nothing short of inspiring. Together, we've built a strong foundation for the Twizel Area School community's future success!

We're also excited to welcome our new Parent Board representatives and staff members who have joined us this year. Their energy, fresh ideas, and dedication are already making a positive impact, and we're thrilled to see the

continued growth and collaboration that lies ahead.

A special congratulations goes out to our graduates and seniors who are about to take their next big step! Your hard work, perseverance, and accomplishments have paved the way for your future, and we couldn't be more proud of all that you've achieved. We know you'll continue to shine wherever life takes you!

Looking ahead, we are beyond excited to share that 2025 will mark the groundbreaking of our brand-new school building! This state-of-the-art facility will enhance our ability to provide an even more dynamic and enriching environment for all students. With this new

chapter on the horizon, we're more committed than ever to shaping a bright future filled with opportunity, innovation, and excellence.

Here's to the amazing year we've had—and to the even greater things yet to come!

Sharon Blanchard
Chairman





Staff List

Back row:

Sharon Reid, Lynlee Officer, Hanna Devries, Freya Haanen, Sarah Henderson, Olivia Wise, Clare Frost.

Third Row:

Debbie Cain, Margaret White, Desiree Hooper, Jesse Purton, Josh Dicoski, Anne-Marie Povall, Sandy Nelson.

Second Row:

Amanda Sargeant, Robert Taylor, Richard Staniford, Pranal Prasad, John Van Mulbregt, Jimmy Robertson, Nic Lyons, Melissa Neill.

Front Row:

Brooke Smith, Karatī Metcalfe, Charlotte Saunders, Kate Staniford, Melissa McLellan, Taylor McGifford, Nyree Schaar.

Absent:

Heather Dixon, Stephanie Johnson, Elaine Lindsay, Chelsea Lousley, Michele O'Carroll, Anneke Smit, Sarah Thompson, Suzanne Warwood.



to staff

We have to bid farewell to several members of the Twizel Area School community. Discover more about their contributions to our school.

A Fond Farewell: Wishing Our Teachers the Best

Karati, your passion for Outdoor Education and your ability to inspire young men have left a lasting mark on our school. You've shown us all the value of stepping outside the classroom and embracing nature's lessons. Your energy, encouragement, and dedication to both physical fitness and personal growth will be sorely missed. Thank you for all the adventures, lessons, and memories you've given us. We wish you nothing but the best in your next chapter!

Pranal, your time with us, though short, has been impactful and appreciated. Your expertise in Physics and Maths has inspired both students and staff alike, and your positive energy brought a new dimension to our school. It's been a pleasure having you in our community, and we are grateful for the fresh perspective and enthusiasm you brought to your classes. Wishing you success in all your future endeavors, and we hope our paths cross again soon!



Taylor, your time with us has been marked by your unwavering commitment to our middle school students. As a teacher and dean, you've made a huge difference in shaping young minds and helping them grow, both academically and personally. Your caring nature, leadership, and ability to connect with each student have left a lasting legacy. We'll miss your guidance, but we know you'll continue to do incredible work wherever you go. Best of luck on your next adventure!

Jesse, your time with us has been truly appreciated, both as a full-time teacher last year and as a relief teacher this year. You've brought a unique energy to our school, and your ability to adapt to any situation and connect with students has made a real difference. Whether in the classroom or stepping in when needed, your dedication and positive attitude have been an inspiration. We'll miss your presence, but we know that wherever you go, you'll continue to make a great impact. All the best for your future!

Room 5 Miss Smith



Room 5 has had a fantastic year full of learning, growth, and fun! Our students have made great strides in literacy and numeracy, developing strong foundations in reading, writing, and maths. Through hands-on activities, creative projects, and group work, they've built important social skills, learned to work collaboratively, and gained confidence in their abilities. We've also celebrated their individual achievements and milestones, making the year special. It's been a joy to watch them grow both academically and personally. A big thank you to all the families for their continued support throughout the year! - Miss Smith xx

Student Voice

Journey Amarasinghe - I really enjoyed the Fun Run with the fire trucks. I also like maths because I like solving maths problems.

Huxley Amos - I liked playing with my friends, basketball and playing are my favourite. Building, creating and learning about maths have also been fun things to do in class.

Anjala B.K - I have liked coming to school and making new friends.

Samuel Bagale - I like coming to school and playing with my friends. PE is fun in Room 5, I like running and catching.

Levi Beer - I have liked being able to learn how to swim at school and swimming with my friends. The fun run was also cool and so was ice skating, the Dark Skies trip to Tekapo and the police car too.

Boston Burgess - I really enjoy playing sports at school. Maths has been fun to learn about too because it makes me feel smart.

Floyd Chapman - I have really liked playing with my friends at school. Reading has been my favourite class activity because I love the books and I get a sticker for good reading.

Harrison Frew - I really liked going to Kurow for athletics. Ipad learning is fun and playing with my friends at morning tea and lunchtime.

Reif Inglis - I have liked being able to learn about lots of different things at school since I have started.

Victor Knowles - I have enjoyed making new friends this year. Maths has been my favourite thing to learn this year because it can sometimes be hard and challenging and I like that!

Aedan Lemon - Reading has been fun to learn because I am excited to be able to read cool and interesting books.

Kobe McIntyre - I have liked getting better at reading and playing with all my friends.

Florence Poshyvay - My favourite parts of this school year have been the Fun Run, the swimming pool, ice skating and the Dark Skies Trip. Reading has been fun to learn to do too because everytime I read I get better.

Charlotte Turner - I have liked coming to school and making new friends. Practising my reading and writing has been lots of fun.

Madeline Turner - I like coming to school and doing lots of school things like reading, writing and maths!

Bridie White - I really enjoyed the "Think Safe Brain Day". The police and the ambulance were really cool. Reading is what I am most excited to do because it is going to be cool to read books. I like having good teachers!



Room 6

Mrs Reid

Room 6 Highlights:

Kingston Andrews - I like learning and having fun.

Ollie Chiang - I like making new friends at school.

Brodie Connolly - I like playing with my friends and reading eggs, and iPad.

Gus Dacombe - We make stuff and do athletics, cross country and stuff. I like running!

Ashim Devkota - I like playing with friends, reading books and running. I love handwriting and phonics.

Nevio Ekerdt - I love learning new things. The colour run was exciting because you got sprayed by the fire hoses on the kids and you got covered in colours.

Ollie Hamilton - I like playing with my friends and hearing all the new library books read to me by the teachers.

Rosie Irving - I like playing with my friends, going to the library, and reading the books from the class library.

Veronica Metcalfe - I love learning and going to Kurow for our Junior Athletics. I love making new friends at school.

Lylah Ritchie - I like when we do maths, especially when I get everything correct. I am proud when I write sentences all by myself!

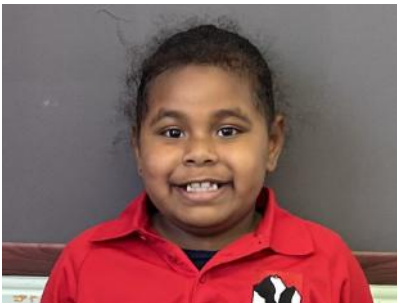
Benji Saywell - I liked the colour fun run, sitting with my friends at lunchtime and Fabulous Friday sharing.

Joanna Vuki - I love dancing, ballet, singing songs and playing with my friends.

Tiffany Wei - I like maths, singing, drawing, and playing outside with friends, especially Joanna.



Our Class – 2024



Room 9

Miss Hooper

2024 Highlights

Jasmine Morris-Bamber -
Swimming.

Charlotte Payne - Swimming
and fun run.

Lachie Peter - Friday sharing.

Thomas Pooley - Ice skating.

Kaea Rosanowski - Fun run
and the colour dye.

Bill Scarlett - Having Miss
Hooper as a teacher.

Oliver Smith - Friday sharing.

Abigail Underwood -
Swimming and fun run.

Jack White - Doing the fun
run.

Aria Auld - Swimming.

Ari McPherson - Swimming.

Archie Bee - Going to jump
jam.

William Borick - Friday
sharing.

Sune Boshoff - Swimming.

James Browning - Doing the
fun run.

Curtis Cocks - Swimming.

Bronson Heremaia -

Alexander Kilpatrick - Doing
Phonics.

Iva Larkins - Learning how to
write a piece of recount
writing.

Zoe Lee - Learning about
timelines in Maths.

Talai Lousley- Pouhila -
Having Miss Hooper as a
teacher and swimming.



A note from Miss Hooper

Room 9 has had a year packed with fun and adventure! We made a splash in swimming, showed off our skills and teamwork during athletics, and even glided across the ice during our ice skating trips. One of the highlights was definitely the Matariki Market, where we came together to celebrate culture and creativity. Alongside all the fun activities, we've grown so much—in height, in confidence, and in friendships. From losing teeth to gaining new experiences, this year has been one to remember for everyone in Room 9!



Room 13 Miss Wise

What an awesome year it's been! From gliding across the ice during our exciting ice skating trip to sprinting toward victory in athletics, each moment was filled with energy and excitement. Our swimming pushed us to new limits, while Roman Day let us dive into history for a fun and immersive experience. And, of course, our Mid-Winter Christmas celebration brought warmth and joy to all.

But what truly made this year unforgettable was the incredible mix of personalities that came together. Each of us brought something unique to the table, from creative ideas to a sense of humor, which made every event and challenge even more interesting. It was this diversity that made our year truly special, and we wouldn't have wanted it any other way!



Thank you for an incredible year, it has been an amazing experience teaching you all! All the best for next year!! - Miss Wise



Our Year



Room 4 Ms Sargeant

Room 4 has had an exciting and enriching year filled with memorable experiences and learning opportunities. Each week, we enjoyed visiting the Kindy, where we fostered connections, learned through play, and enjoyed reading to the younger children. We also had the fun adventure of ice skating in Tekapo, making memories on the ice. Our New Zealand Histories project allowed us to dive into the impact of earthquakes on people in New Zealand, giving us a deeper understanding of the country's history. We worked collaboratively on solving maths problems, strengthening our teamwork skills while enhancing our problem-solving abilities. Reading treat and vegetable books became a highlight, sparking our curiosity and love for learning. Additionally, we made great use of Chrome Books to support our learning, helping us engage with new technologies and explore topics in exciting ways.



What has been the highlight of your year?

- Safe Brain Day, because my mum was there and I liked the vet one because there was a dog the end.
- Doing Highland dance at assembly. I like Highland dance because it's fun and active. I did the Jig with Sophie.
- The Matariki Market, because the squishys were cute.
- Cross country, because I beat Alex.
- Netty Fest, because I liked being SpiderMan and it was fun in the vans.

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- Netty Fest, because we got to do netball.
- Athletics, because I tried to get first in shotput.
- Athletics, because I like sprints.
- At Athletics I made it up to North Otago, it was fun. Cross Country was good but I got 3rd place because I had a sore leg so I could not run.
- Netty Fest, because I was on the same team as one of my friends.

- At snow club when they closed the chair lift, me and Luna sat on my skis. I was on the front, she was on the back.
- Athletics, because it was really fun and I got to test my skills.
- In Athletics, I did good in the high jump.
- The fun run because we got BLASTED with colour.
- Athletics, because it was really fun.



Room 7

Miss Neill & Mr Byrne

Room 7 has been a hive of activity this year with some fantastic learning opportunities.

Term One saw the year kick off with a bang, featuring whole-school athletics, swimming sports, and Upper Waitaki swimming.

Term Two was a big term for the arts, with the production of Seussical providing both a challenging and fun opportunity for the students.

Term Three started out as normal, but partway through the term we had a change. We wished Miss Neill the best as she departed for maternity leave and welcomed Mr Byrne to Twizel and Twizel Area School. Mr Byrne's first day was one to remember as we headed to CBAY as a reward for earning \$800 from our Market Day stalls.



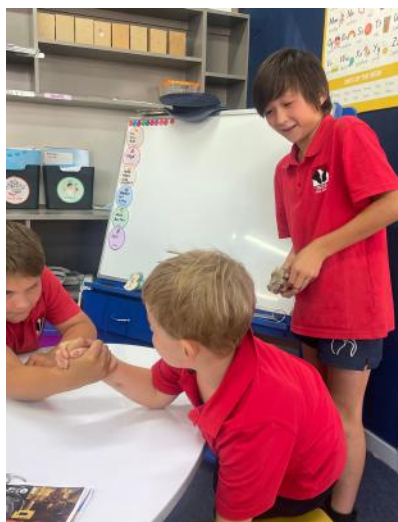
We had a great day playing at the pool and playground in the afternoon and enjoyed hot chips for lunch.



Term Four kicked off with a focus on the upcoming Upper Waitaki Athletics, held at TAS. Room Seven's training paid off, with a large number of students performing well and even reaching qualifying standards for a variety of events. Hot on the heels of athletics, we had the Fun Run, the Science Roadshow, the Think Safe Brain Campaign, and swimming.



Snapshot of our year



M1 Mrs Nelson

Mrs Nelson - My highlights this year have been seeing people enjoy Aoraki Mount Cook National Park, including the history stories I shared, and helping people broaden their understanding of the lives of people in Aotearoa and the world, both in the past and now. This group of awesome students has worked especially hard on maths, and I like the way they support each other in their learning and embrace every learning opportunity. Tino pai M1 2024. I wish you all well for your future learning.

Comments from some class members:

Fletcher Yates - I have enjoyed my class because we are always happy and kind to each other. I think the learning in this class has been amazing because Mrs Nelson is really good at teaching and if we are stuck on something people will help you. If people are sad our class is kind to them. I also



enjoyed our M1 camp because Mrs Nelson taught us a lot about the history of famous mountaineers from New Zealand.

Noah Sheridan - This year my highlights are going to M1 camp because it was my first ever school camp. This was one of my highlights because we went on a few real cool walks and we found heaps of cool insects and lizards and drank the fresh river water. We went for a walk at Mount Cook/Aoraki and high fived everyone.

Emilie Ward - I have enjoyed being in M1 because there are a lot more opportunities than the junior school. The thing that I enjoyed the most was when we went on camp with Mrs Nelson, Karati and Mrs Smit, and Mrs Nelson told us lots of stories. Thank you, Mrs Nelson.

Arlo Mackay - My highlights for the year were probably going to camp because I got to go on a trip with friends and my teacher Mrs Nelson. My other highlights are probably learning lots of new things in different



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classes instead of being in one class all day. All together it has been a great learning experience!

Tia Reese Henry - This year has been an absolute blast! I have had many memories with the teachers and classmates this year, especially at camp. My brain is filled with knowledge, and stories and there is some more room for next year coming up. I also had an excellent day going to Aoraki Mt Cook for the M1 camp it was super fun being with my friends and seeing the animals and nature around us!

Nina Brown - This year I have enjoyed learning and I have actually put some effort into it. My favourite thing this year was the M1 camp. I had heaps of fun learning about DOC and how they work and Mrs Nelson's stories about Freda Du Faur and how she had a rock at the Aoraki Mount Cook National Park that she used to hide behind to get changed after she went mountain climbing.

Jun Liang - My highlights this year, I've been enjoying playing sports with Mr Robertson, and we went to Freda's rock during our camp and we went to see Aoraki Mount Cook School and we met Emosi and lots of his friends and other students. We went to the Aoraki Mount Cook National park and we had fun there.

Kaliyah Jo Wilson - This year has been a good year now that I have my normal class back, I'm also glad that I got Mrs Nelson for two years :). I have improved so much in my learning this year. My highlight this year was cooking. I've loved cooking and doing PE this year.

Leithen Beattie - I really enjoyed M1 and it has definitely been my favourite class in my school learning. I learnt a lot this year and I think you are strict but that is how we learn so much. My favourite parts of this year were doing research about people and cooking.

Ollie Waldie - My highlights of 2024 have been our camp at Aoraki Mt Cook National Park. Another highlight has been our information reports about a person who changed the world for the better and I picked Sir Edmund Hillary.

Nurbu Sherpa - This year in M1 I really enjoyed being with Mrs Nelson and doing PE with Mr Robertson. I like how I learn more about English, Math, some history about NZ history and some science learning with Ms Dixon.

Chloe Barranta - I really enjoyed the M1 class. I mostly enjoyed art and options. It was really fun being an M1 student and Mrs Nelson made me better at writing and also math and I also enjoyed learning electricity

and I loved hiking with Mrs Nelson and Mrs Frost that was really fun and reading. I enjoyed the Brain Day because I learned a lot from the day.

Aaliyah Heremaia - I had a wonderful year in middle school, doing so much, learning much more and getting to know and do new things this year. I learnt to enjoy writing in my life and how to make it sound better thanks to Mrs Nelson. I loved to do drama this year. That is one of the best things in my life.

Dominic Newlands - My highlights of the year were in the fun run because there was a waterslide and fire trucks. I also liked doing PE with Mr Robertson because we always had a new fun game to play every lesson so we didn't get bored of playing lots of one game.

Brydie Ferguson - This year has been so much fun! I have so many great memories. My highlights this year was joining TAS. I think I have improved in my learning, especially in my maths. Mrs Nelson has helped me a lot with this.

Baxter Turner - This year I have enjoyed learning about New Zealand's history with Mrs Nelson. It has been very interesting. I have also loved cooking, PE and health because I didn't know anything about my body but now I know heaps of things.

M2

Mr Robertson

What has been your favourite part of the year M2?

Hey, my name is Felix. My favourite part about his year in M2 was hanging out with my friends and playing sports. I like doing this because I enjoyed playing basketball with my friends.

Hello, my name is Kuinsa. Choosing my favourite part about being in M2 this year is a bit hard because this whole year we have been doing lots of things that are fun, but if I had to choose one thing, it would be going on camp. I liked going to camp because we played lots of games inside and outside, we learnt lots of new things, and even some of my favourite teachers came with us.

Hi, my name is Troy. My favourite part of this year in M2 is Maths as I learnt a lot of things that will benefit me in life.
Quote - "All of our dreams can come true if you have the courage to pursue them."

Hey, my name is Stevie and my favourite part of being in M2 this year was PE, because we got to dance to music every period.

Hey, my name is Xavier. My favourite part about being in M2 was our camp. I liked this because it was good bonding time with my friends.

Hey, my name is Dani. My favourite part of being in M2 this year was being able to make a book. I liked this because I love art and I'm able to do art every Monday.

Hi, I'm Suki. My favourite part of being in M2 is the humor, jokes in the class. This is my favourite part because it was funny and made me laugh.

Hi, I'm Ashleigh. My favourite part about being in M2 is being able to tell my best friend Kaliyah, who is in M1 all the laughs, jokes and drama that happens in M2.

Hey, my name is Jacob and my favourite part about M2 this year was all the amazing camps and trips. I liked this because I got to chill with my friends.

Hi, my name is Maddie. My favourite part of being in M2 in this year was the camp. It's my favourite, because we got to do fun things, activities, explore, and learn more about others.

Hey, my name is Darcy. My favourite part about being in M2 this year was the camp, going to Snow Club and also volleyball. I liked this because I got to hang out with my friends.

My name is Andre and my favourite part of being in M2 was the camp. I liked this because it was outdoors and with my friends.

Hey, my name is Mandip. My favourite part of the year is M2 maths. This is because I learnt many things. I do many things in M2. I enjoy all my friends and teachers helping me to do anything.

Hey, my name is Rimsha. My favourite part about being M2 this year is doing PE and Art. Because my favourite hobby is to draw sketches and I like to play soccer and we play that sometimes in PE.

Hey, my name is Ruby Baikie. My favourite part about M2 was camp and I got proposed to by Sophie, then we had a marriage in the cabin. I liked this because it was really funny and Sophie was rizzing me up.

Hey, my name is Harvey. My favourite part about being in M2 this year was building stronger bonds and working together to solve problems with my friends. I liked this because teamwork can help solve problems faster.

Hey, I'm Sophie. My favourite part about being in M2 this year is when I proposed to Ruby on camp and she did not reject me. I liked this because she could not resist my RIZZ.

Hi my name is Bailey, My favourite part of being in M2 this year was going on Camp. I liked camp because we got to tell ghost stories, play massive rounds of hide and seek, explore tracks around Ōhau, and do fun activities.

M3 Mrs Smit

M3 have had an amazing year with highlights including:

Connor H - The best bit of 2024 was probably the opportunity to snowboard for Snow Club. It was my first year and I think I learned a lot.

Conner S - I loved Snow Club, dissecting the eyeballs in Science, and painting Grant's boat on our mural.

Kanoa T - One of the best things about 2024 would have to be maybe netball, it was a really great season and maybe just learning a lot in school this year.

Paige F - The best thing about this year was dissecting cows' eyeballs.

William N - The best bit of 2024 was dissecting the cows eye, the slip and slide at the fun run and Snow Club.

Mason - My favourite part of 2024 was Snow Club, it was an awesome season, lot's of powder and snowboarding with all of my friends

Sukrit T - One of my favourite moments this year was when we dissected a cow's eye.

Isla M - My favourite parts of 2024 was being able to do Snow Club every Friday and being one of the dinosaurs on the fun run.



Students get a taste of "Real" life

M4 students spent two weeks towards the end of the year using a career education resource called "The Real Game". The game introduces students to the world of work and helps them develop an understanding of the options and opportunities available to them and the implications and importance of their choices. The students worked through a series of modules starting with a 'dream cloud' where they could choose different types of housing, travel, transport and leisure activities. Following this activity, they were handed an envelope with two job roles. They could pick the role that they thought they would enjoy the most. Whilst for some students the role was not one that they would ever imagine doing, they all stayed with their chosen roles and "walked in the shoes" of that role for the remainder of the game.

Opportunity was given for the students to find out about each other's role profiles, including approx. salary, hours of work, educational requirements etc. Midway through the unit the students were given the task of dressing up as their "role" for a day.

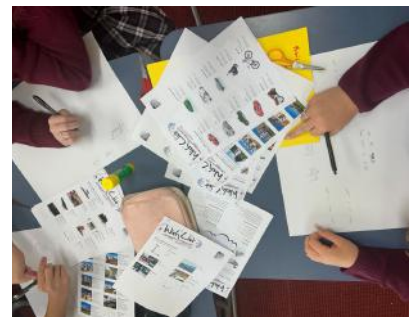
The students' arrived at school the following day with the majority being creative and dressing up as their role. The next module was all about

income and expenses. Using a worksheet, the students entered their income from their role profile and then calculated expenses based on their dream cloud the day before. Some students found out that they could not afford to live in the accommodation they had previously chosen and some also needed to change their transport options.

Manipulating of expenses had to take place until there was a nil or credit balance. Following this the students learned about employment related issues such as gender discrimination, disability and equal opportunity.

Compassion and the ability to be resilient were needed, as the next module introduced the very real issue of redundancy. One member of each group was handed an envelope giving reasons for their redundancy. The reasons included advancement of technology, economic decline, cheap imports and company competition. Each group had to come up with a solution for their redundant member. Some of the solutions included retraining, setting up business for themselves and taking on a different role until they could rectify their situation - all real life stuff!

The unit ended with the students reviewing what they had learned and looking at how their skills, qualities and education will all enhance their prospects of employment enjoyment. Well done to all the M4 students for being such willing participants and congratulations to Will for being the winner of the "dress for your profile" competition. The Blue Team consisting of Lulu, Mako and Melinda were the winners of the overall competition for participating and knowledge.



Seniors Year 11-13

The Year 11 to 13 students have had a busy year again this year.

The year started off with a leadership day with activities designed to promote teamwork, followed by them planning and executing the first WAKA house competition for the middle school students on the first day of the year.

In the classroom, students participated in a wide range of topics and activities from Foods students hosting a party for a junior class focusing on healthy party food to the Science students dissecting in the lab. PE students have been out on field trips and Art students showed their creative sides working on their assessment art panels. The Construction students mastered techniques to produce some amazing projects and the Drama Students strutted their stuff on stage at the Sheilah Winn Competition. Outside the classroom, they have had many opportunities to expand their knowledge and interests, including attending open days at universities in preparation for their move out of school into tertiary education.

The time and energy and effort put into this year's production of *Seussical Jnr*, where the senior students not only performed and managed the production but also supported the junior students on and off stage.

Medical and Dentistry students visited the school and our seniors got to see careers in the medical profession.

Towards the end of the year they attended their formal, a nice way to round off their academic year before heading away on study leave.

The senior students have had a successful 2024 and we look forward to seeing more of their achievements as they move through the senior school. For those leaving Twizel Area School to pursue tertiary education, an apprenticeship or to move into the workforce, we wish you the best of luck. Take the knowledge and skills you have learnt at Twizel Area School into the world with you and you will do great things.

Mrs Schaar
Senior Dean



School Events



Junior Market Day





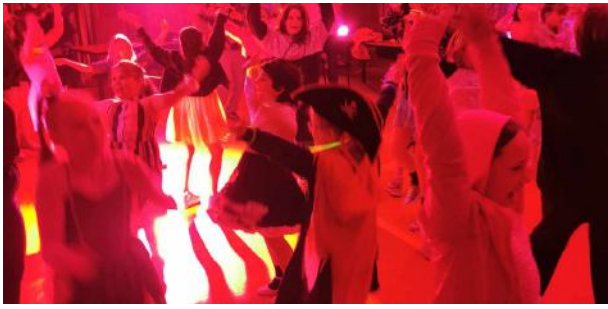


Junior Disco

On Friday 23rd August, our junior students danced their hearts out at our Glow-in-the-dark Disco. We couldn't have done it without the help of our awesome Home & School committee.

The Junior Disco was a night to remember, filled with laughter, dancing, and unforgettable memories! Students came together to show off their best dance moves, enjoy some fantastic music, and simply have a blast. The energy was electric as everyone danced the night away, creating an atmosphere of joy and excitement.





Senior Formal



Jump Jam

Jump Jam is a big hit with the TAS tamariki!

This year we have continued to encourage the movement of Jump Jam to be incorporated within everyday learning, whether it takes place as a quick movement break, a PE lesson or just for the enjoyment of grooving and moving.

Jump Jam Extravaganza was a massive highlight for a group of 18 boys who took to the stage in Timaru. Our All Boys Squad looked super slick in their neon kit and stole the show performing to the song "Freaks". They showed energy, good use of the stage and got the crowd hyped up!

We were also impressed with Bailey Bacchus and Kuinsa Williams for getting up and doing a jump jam leadership performance where they led a massive group of kids, talking into the mic and making sure everyone was having fun.

In Term 4 we introduced "Jump Jam - TAS Edition." This was an in-school competition that saw classes each perform a dance and present it to the community, whilst getting scored from guest judges.

Tamariki absolutely loved this afternoon!



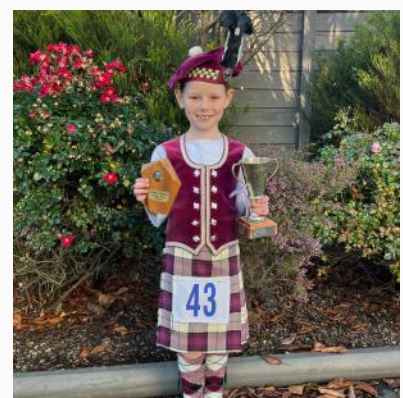
Highland Dancing

This year, the Brooke Smith School of Highland Dance has continued to grow, with lots of school kids getting involved! We now have 20 pupils in the dance school with 18 of them being Twizel Area School students.

Nine students from the dance school have taken their dancing to the next level, starting to compete at regional competitions. This takes a lot of drive, resilience, patience and skill and we couldn't be prouder of what they have achieved. As well as competitions, we have also had students sit Highland dance examinations for Preparatory and Grade 1.

The enthusiasm of our students is amazing! They love sharing their skills and can often be found practising or teaching their fellow peers during morning tea and lunch. They are even looking to continue on their hard work during the summer school holiday break by attending "Summer Fling" in Christchurch - a 4 day long summer school for highland dance where they get tutored by the best Highland Dance Teachers in New Zealand!

We're so proud of the Twizel Area School tamariki who are part of this dance school and we can't wait to continue to share their achievements over the upcoming years.



Southern Area Schools Update

The Southern Area Schools Tournament is a pinnacle event on TAS's sports calendar.

This year, our journey led us to Tuatapere at Waiau Area School, where 30 students showcased their talents across various sports over three days.

Participating schools included Waiau Area School, Lawrence Area School, Roxburgh Area School, The Catlins Area School, and Maniototo Area School. The tournament's opening ceremony, a cherished tradition, featured entertaining skits from each school. The skits are often laced with friendly jests aimed at one another. This year, TAS presented 'Area Schools Got Talent' However, Twizel's poignant waiata and haka were the highlights of our opening ceremony experience.

Thursday night saw students immersing themselves in a social gathering themed around the vibrant era of the '90s.

This allowed students from

the schools to interact in a relaxed atmosphere, fostering camaraderie beyond the competitive arena.

Celebrating Twizel Area School's notable achievements:

1st place in Boys Basketball
1st place in Girls Basketball
1st place in Boys Netball
1st place in Girls Netball
1st place in Squash
1st place in Ki-O-Rahi
2nd place in Hockey
3rd place in Pool

We thank Mr Metcalfe, Mr van Mulbregt, Mrs Frost, Chelsea, Monica, and Les for their dedicated support and guidance throughout the tournament.

Following the main days of competition, exciting news emerged. Twizel Area School secured 14 spots to represent the Southern Zone Area Schools at the National Area Schools event during the July school holidays in Te Awamutu.

Congratulations to the following outstanding individuals:

Sadie Mason: Netball, Volleyball, Basketball
Kiara Thyne: Netball, Basketball
Hazel Mason: Netball, Basketball, Ki-O-Rahi
Riley Beattie: Netball, Basketball
Hazel Henderson: Football
Amelia Aldridge Marshall: Football
Cameron Smith: Basketball, Ki-O-Rahi, Volleyball
Dave White: Basketball, Rugby, Volleyball
Ralph Henderson: Basketball, Rugby
Jack McLellan: Basketball, Volleyball, Ki-O-Rahi
Jackson Parata: Basketball, Football, Ki-O-Rahi
Finn McKinley: Rugby, Football, Ki-O-Rahi
Mark Lavina: Football
Jaxon Shaw: Football

Warm regards,

Chelsea Lousley
Sports Coordinator | TAS

SISS 2024

Due to winning the C Grade last year, we were moved up to B Grade and competed in that division at SISS Netball this year. It was a fantastic opportunity to experience a higher level of competition, which allowed us to compare ourselves with some of the bigger schools. We were initially ranked 29th, but by the end of the tournament, we had climbed to 17th place! This was a huge achievement for us. Despite facing some tough games that challenged us, we remained competitive and positive.

I loved spending the week with such an amazing group of girls and building and developing a stronger team. One of the best aspects of this experience was gaining insight into our competitive standing compared to other schools and identifying the skills we need to develop to be more competitive next year.

Overall, I can speak on behalf of the entire team when I say this was an incredibly enjoyable and educational experience, and we can't wait for next year! A huge thank you to everyone who supported us in getting there; we wouldn't have had this opportunity without your help.

Sadie Mason,
Captain







Performing Arts

This year in June, Twizel Area School staged their rendition of Seussical Jr.—a production that brought Dr. Seuss’s beloved characters to life. The process was a rollercoaster of emotions, with a term of rehearsals building up to a spectacular performance. The journey was exhausting but ultimately rewarding, as students from across all year levels collaborated to create something truly special. For most, this was their first experience performing on stage, and the transformation from participants to performers was incredible to witness.



In the weeks leading up to show week a significant portion of the junior school fell ill, leaving a noticeable gap in the ensemble cast and it started getting to the middle and senior cast as well. Despite this the show had to go on.

The senior drama class, consisting of only five students, stepped up in every way to ensure the production's success. We all took on responsibilities far beyond acting, managing crucial elements such as sound and lighting under Arika Puron, hair and makeup under Mackenzie Dunnicliff and Ella Ferguson, and even assembling the set falling onto all of us, including Alexandria Swain and Taylor McPherson. I believe our dedication and resourcefulness were instrumental in keeping the production on track, proving that a small group can make a huge impact when they work together.

By the time the curtain rose on opening night, the hard work of everyone involved had paid off. The costumes, sets, and music captivated the audience, leaving smiles on faces of all ages in both the cast and audience. Although the road to show week had been fraught with challenges, from illness to technical hiccups and trust me, there were lots of technical problems, the experience brought the school community closer together. For the cast and crew, it formed bonds between kids that wouldn't normally talk to each other and more importantly it opened up opportunities for the kids that our school doesn't normally have.

Mackenzie Dunnicliff

A note from Ms Saunders

The highlight of the year for Performing Arts at Twizel Area School was the whole school production of Seussical Jr. It was wonderful to see students who had been really nervous about performing at the beginning of rehearsals really shine when they got on the stage for the performances, pushing through their nerves. We were unlucky to have a number get sick in the week of the performances, but still lots of them pushed through and managed to perform. There were so many standout performers, particularly our middle school students who hadn't performed before. I was incredibly grateful for the support of the senior students, who stepped in to help at rehearsals and supported with a number of backstage tasks, too.

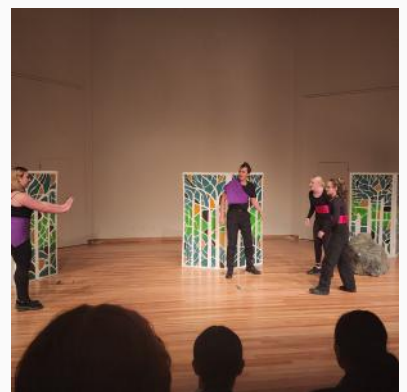
Once again, we entered a team in the Sheilah Winn Shakespeare Festival. This year, the students chose a scene from 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'. In an unfortunate twist, Geraldine High School chose to do the same scene - which was disappointing for the students, as there are so many different options they could have chosen from, and it isn't common to have two schools choosing the same scene. The students: Ariki Purton, Ella Ferguson, Mackenzie Dunncliff and Alexandria Swain, performed admirably, challenging themselves to step outside their comfort zone. While they didn't receive any awards, they should be proud of their performance.

Arts in Action week was a bit different this year, with students in Years 1-8 given the chance to have a music lesson with Mrs A's Music Bus. Students spent the first part of the session working with Mrs Sweney, getting used to the instruments, before moving into the bus to work on a song in a small group.

For the first time since pre-Covid, in November we had a visit from a dance educator from the Royal New Zealand Ballet visit. Jordana ran three sessions throughout her time here, taking students from all levels through some basic movements, before teaching students a simple dance sequence. We were also joined by the students of Aoraki Mount Cook School, in another great opportunity for us to work together. The students had a great time, and showed huge improvement in the short time they had to work with her. We are looking forward to welcoming the RNZ Ballet next year.

Finally, I wanted to take the chance to thank Ella Ferguson and Ariki Purton for their huge contribution to the Performing Arts, as they graduate from TAS this year. From setting up technology for any member of staff, often at the drop of a hat, to their leadership through the whole process of Seussical Jr, they could be relied on to help with anything. They will leave a huge gap as they move on to their next adventures.

Charlotte Saunders
TIC Performing Arts



Rippa Rugby

This year we had students take part in the Year 3-8 North Otago Rippa Rugby competition.

All teams competed extremely well against the tough competition!

Our Year 3-4 group was up against 11 other teams. In their first game they took a tough loss, although it was a high scoring game with lots of fast breaks and tries being scored on both ends. Their second game they came away with a convincing win.

The Year 5-6 had a large competition, up against 20 other team's. They started off the morning with a couple of losses, before finding their footing to take out a couple of wins. The speedy trio of Henry Waldie, Henry Scarlett and Ryder Heremaia took out multiple tries throughout the day.

The Year 7-8 squad also went up against 20 other teams, having a strong pool play. Despite this they consistently kept up with the competition by gaining multiple draws, just falling short to the semi final play offs.

All students participated well, it was a pleasure to take such a great bunch down to represent the school!

Touch Rugby

TAS Touch Rugby this year has continued to be a highlight for our senior and junior players.

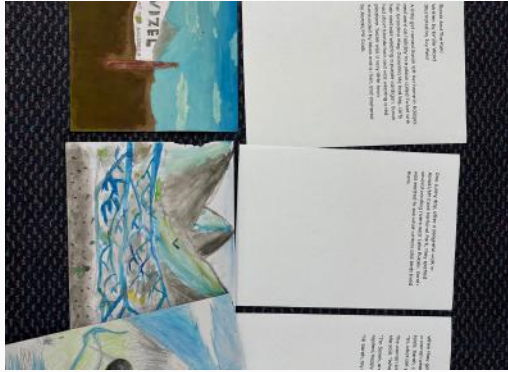
This year Junior and Senior students were lucky enough to participate in an eight week touch competition that took place on a Friday night during Term 4.

The Junior teams are made up of three teams in the 7 - 9 year old category as well as three teams in the 10 - 13 years category. These teams play in their division and go head-to-head against fellow peers from TAS as well as a team from Ōmarama.

The Senior Team is made up of students between Years 9 - 13. They have a strong side and are currently playing very well, up against some adult teams in the senior grade.

This competition gives the students the ability to work on the basic skills of Touch Rugby, learn the rules and grow as a team so that when they are given the opportunity to take part in Touch, Rippa or Rugby 7s tournaments they will dominate against other schools in the region!

Mrs M's Writing Group



In 2023, Mrs M applied for a Gifted and Talented award, which was successfully granted. A plan was implemented involving a team of Year 5- 10 students who spent the year creating three professionally printed books. Each book highlights local stories or information.

- **Sarah and the Kākī: Written by Emilie Ward and Ivy Reid. This story focuses on the Kākī, a unique and endangered bird.**
- **Hebe the Hero: Authored by Bailey Bacchus, Audra Davis, Romy Menard, and Dani Lloyd. This story tells the tale of the Ōhau Fires.**
- **Te Manahuna Sports Stars: Henry Waldie and William Newlands wrote this book, featuring profiles of local sports stars, including Karatī Metcalfe, Sadie Mason, Kiara Thyne, Jack Andrew, and Mackenzie Frost.**



The students took on both writing and illustrating responsibilities, working under the guidance of Hollie Morton, who supported the design and printing process. They gained valuable skills in layout design, creating blurbs, author bios, and other aspects of book production.

Once printed, these books will be available for purchase, showcasing the creativity and effort of the students involved.



Room 5, Year 1 & 2 - Miss Smith



Back row: Huxley Amos, Floyd Chapman, Victor Knowles, Brooke Smith (Teacher).
Front Row: Florence Poshyvay, Boston Burgess, Kobe McIntyre, Levi Beer, Journey Amarasinge.

Room 6, Year 1 & 2 - Mrs Reid



Back row: Margaret White (Teacher), Lylah Ritchie, Benji Saywell, Brodie Connolly, Sharon Reid (Teacher).
Front Row: Ollie Hamilton, Ashim Devkota, Gus Dacombe, Veronica Metcalfe, Rosie Irving
Absent: Nevio Ekerdt

Room 9, Year 2 & 3 - Miss Hooper



Back row: Desiree Hooper (Teacher), William Scarlett, Jack White, Bronson Heremaia, Oliver

Smith, Talai Lousley-Pouhila, Sarah Henderson (Teacher Aide)

Second Row: Archie Bee, James Browning, Ari McPherson, Thomas Pooley, Curtis Cocks, Jasmine Morris-Bamber, William Borick

Front Row: Abigail Underwood, Charlotte Payne, Suné Boshoff, Iva Larkins, Kaea Rosanowski, Alexander Kilpatrick, Aria Auld

Absent: Jordan Hiroki, Zoe Lee, Lachie Peter

Room 13, Year 3 & 4 - Miss Wise



Back Row: George White, Kyine Morris-Bamber, Pippa Burke, Flynn Beer

Third Row: Cruz Williams, Andy Liang, Abel Wilson, Ronan Lemon, George Frew, Luke Ward, Braxton McIntyre

Second Row: Evangeline Arumugam, Emma Clark, Jamiee Pooley, Brianna Bryan, Te Akerautangi Tonihi-Wilson, Isabel Waldie, Olivia Wise (Teacher)

Front Row: Beau Dacombe, Amos Rosanowski, Liam Kaeppler-Brooks, Aruna Tamang, Elizabeth Borick, Dylan Cadigan, Lewis Galvin

Room 4, Year 4 & 5 - Ms Sargeant



Back Row: Ivy Reid, Keziah Fox, Chloe Connolly, Georgie Gray, Elijah Neill
Second Row: Ryder Heremaia, Summer Smith, Sapphire Denny, Nya Taia-Boyd, Amanda Sargeant (Teacher)
Front Row: Luna Fadden, Alex Underwood, Chloe Sutherland, Aria Kilpatrick, Sophie Lee, Theo Brown, Aaron Cookson, Hunter Currall, Oliver Currall, Immy Ivey, Alice Larkins,
Absent: Jarvis McPherson, Johnny Peter, Ruby Sheridan, Murphy Turner, Ahorangi Wilson

Room 7, Year 5 & 6 - Miss Neill



Back Row: Lottie Clearwater, Sebastian Irving, Zaiden Metcalfe-Taylor, Oisin Lemon
Third Row: Finn Martin, Harrison Browning, Neil Menard, Sam Arumugam, Joe Perniskie, Poppy Reid, Alanna Kaeppler-Brooks, Lynlee Officer (Teacher Aide)
Second Row: Melissa Neill (Teacher), Henry Scarlett, Alexis Bacchus, Louis Feck, Gurmilandeep Singh, Alakai Fox, Tallulah Mackay, Audra Davis
Front Row: Sarah Thompson (Teacher Aide), Arun Tamang, Millie Dodds, Ayesha Tarrobago, Miley McIntyre, Charlotte Bee, Henry Waldie
Absent: Mia Ross

M1, Year 7 – Mrs Nelson



Back Row: Jun Liang, Antonella Soca, Nurbu Sherpa, Mahalia Metcalfe-Taylor, Baxter Turner

Second Row: Mia Murfitt, Leithen Beattie, Brydie Ferguson, Kaliyah Jo Wilson, Arlo Mackay, Sandy Nelson (Teacher)

Front Row: Tia Henry, Elyh Middleton, Aaliyah Heremaia, Dayne Connolly, Emilie Ward, Ollie Waldie, Chloe Barranta

M2, Year 8 – Mr Robertson



Back Row: Stevie Fincham-Putter, Sophie Scarlett, Andre Davis, Bailey Bacchus, Danielle Lloyd

Second Row: Troy Smith, Rosie Ritchie, Darcy Perniskie, Harvey Feck, Ruby Baikie, Jimmy Robertson (Teacher)

Front Row: Maddie Donaldson, Xavier Beaumont, Ashleigh Rusbatch, Jacob Moore, Suki Clearwater, Felix Jones, Kuinsa Williams

M3, Year 9 – Mrs McGifford



Back Row: Tom Gould, Paige Firman, Heber Aethan Barranta
Second Row: Devon McPherson, Jaxon Shaw, Conner Smit, Mason Crawford, Sukrit Timilsina, Taylor McGifford (Teacher)
Front Row: Isla Mcleod, Connor Hayes, Taylor Buckland, Noah Ward, Kanoa Thompson

M4, Year 10 – Ms Haanen



Back Row:

Second Row:

Front Row:

Make Donaldson, Lucie Yates, Yug Thapa, Angus Holden, Riley Beattie, Daisy

Year 11



Back Row: Mark Lavina, Zack White, Lily Burgess, Taylah Marsh
Second Row: Matt Graham, Charlie McLellan, Alex McCabe, Bryn Smit, Travis Rocha, Desmond Kahukura, Nyree Schaar (Dean)
Front Row: Poppy Staniford, Chase Baty, Taylor McPherson, Teihana Thompson, James King, Hazel Henderson
Absent: Carlos Bryant-Anderson, Lachlan Dodds

Year 12



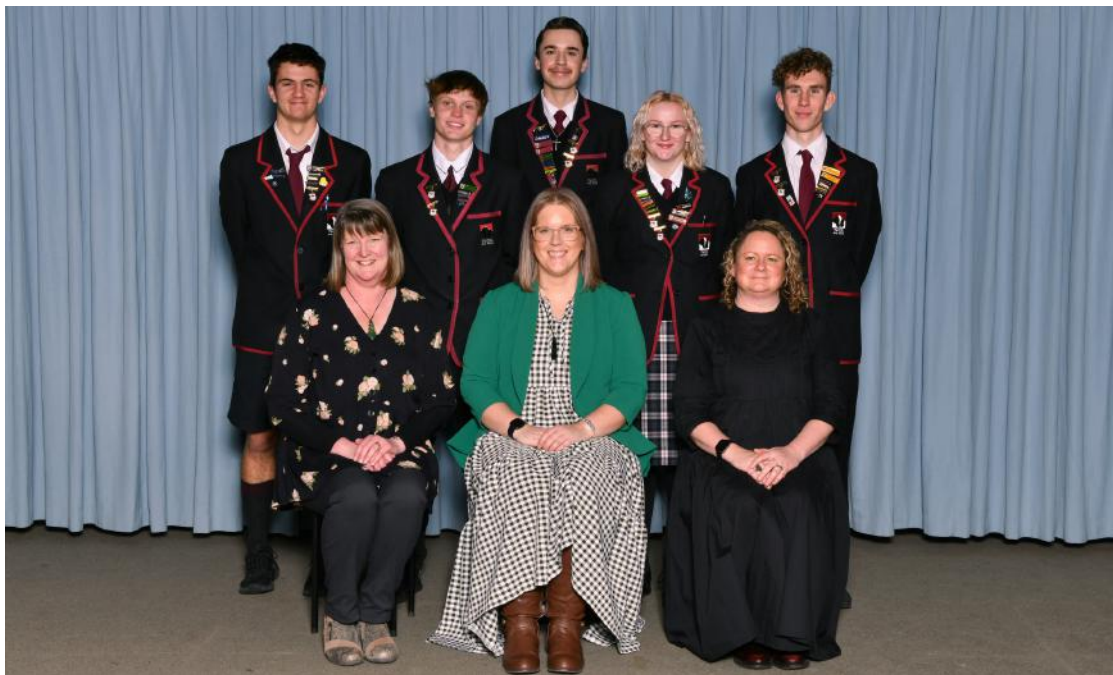
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Second Row: Dave White, Sadie Mason, Corbin Lloyd, Cameron Smith, Jack Lennon, Jackson Parata
Front Row: Carys Connolly, Ashlin Marsh, Luke McKenzie, Mackenzie Dunncliff, Carter Hayes, Maddy Alty, Amelia Marshall

Year 13



Back Row: Nyree Schaar (Dean), Jack McLellan, Kate Staniford (Principal)
Front Row: Ella Ferguson, Finn McKinley, Cameron MacDiarmid, Ariki Purton, Ralph Henderson
Absent: Nexis McIntyre

Student Leader



Back Row: Ariki Purton
Second Row: Jack McLellan, Ralph Henderson, Ella Ferguson, Finn McKinley
Front Row: Nyree Schaar (Dean), Charlotte Saunders (Deputy Principal), Kate Staniford (Principal)

Basketball Aoraki Open Boys



Back Row: Desmond Kahukura, Mason Crawford, Jackson Parata
Second Row: Jack McLellan, Bryn Smit, Cameron Smith, Clare Frost (Teacher)
Front Row: Dejay Parata, Sukrit Timilsina, Dave White, Ralph Henderson, Tom Gould

Basketball Aoraki Open Girls



Back Row: Kiara Thyne, Paige Firman, Maddy Alty
Second Row: Lily Burgess, Hazel Mason, Indie Thyne, Myah Templeton-Gilchrist, Clare Frost (Teacher)
Front Row: Hazel Henderson, Lucia Yates, Sadie Mason, Riley Beattie, Jazmine Baikie



Back Row: Amelia Marshall, Luke McKenzie, Carter Hayes, Luka Mains-Upson, James King
Second Row: Chase Baty, Travis Rocha, Ariki Purton, Finn McKinley, Cameron Smith, Balin Sole
Front Row: Alexandria Swain, Taylah Marsh, Ella Ferguson, Ashlin Marsh, Mackenzie Dunnicliff, Maddy Alty, Carys Connolly

House Captins



Back Row: Kiara Thyne, Paige Firman, Dave White
Second Row: Corbin Lloyd, Jackson Parata, Bryn Smit, Nyree Schaar (Teacher)
Front Row: Lulu Dodds, Ella Ferguson, Sadie Mason, Ariki Purton, Jazmine Baikie

Jump Jam Extravaganza



Back Row: Abel Wilson, Andy Liang, Luke Ward
Second Row: Bailey Bacchus, Ronan Lemon, Thomas Pooley, Amos Rosanowski, Te Akerautangi Tonihi-Wilson, George White, Kuinsa Williams, Brooke Smith (Teacher)
Front Row: Jack White, William Scarlett, Beau Dacombe, George Frew, Archie Bee, Braxton McIntyre, James Browning

Maadi Rowing



Back Row: Kiara Thyne, Luka Mains-Upson, Troy Smith, Riley Beattie, Dave White
Second Row: Ralph Henderson, Sadie Mason, Bryn Smit, Jack McLellan, Hazel Mason, Sarah Henderson (Coach)
Front Row: Stevie Fincham-Putter, Hazel Henderson, Lucia Yates, Taylah Marsh, Indie Thyne, Poppy Staniford, Jazmine Baikie

Nationals Representatives



Back Row: Mark Lavina, Kiara Thyne, Riley Beattie

Second Row: Finn McKinley, Sadie Mason, Cameron Smith, Hazel Mason, Jack McLellan, Karati Metcalfe (Teacher)

Front Row: Hazel Henderson, Dave White, Ralph Henderson, Jackson Parata, Amelia Marshall

Senior Netball



Back Row: Lily Burgess, Hazel Mason, Indie Thyne, Myah Templeton-Gilchrist

Front Row: Hazel Henderson, Kiara Thyne, Sadie Mason, Paige Firman, Riley Beattie

Rippa Rugby North Otago Year 3-8



Back Row: George White, Amos Rosanowski, Braxton McIntyre, Luke Ward
Third Row: George Frew, Isabel Waldie, Keziah Fox, Joe Perniskie, Nya Taia-Boyd, Elijah Neill, Elizabeth Borick
Second Row: Louis Feck, Arlo Mackay, Kaliyah Jo Wilson, Ruby Baikie, Leithen Beattie, Henry Scarlett, Brooke Smith (Teacher)
Front Row: Ryder Heremaia, Emilie Ward, Ollie Waldie, Sophie Scarlett, Baxter Turner, Tia Henry, Henry Waldie

Group Southern Area Schools Tournament - Tuatapere



Back Row: Maddy Alty, Riley Beattie, Tom Gould, Kiara Thyne, Sukrit Timilsina, Myah Templeton-Gilchrist, Paige Firman
Third Row: John van Mulbregt (Teacher), Ralph Henderson, Indie Thyne, Jackson Parata, Jaxon Shaw, Mason Crawford, Balin Sole, Charlie McLellan, Dave White
Second Row: Hazel Henderson, Finn McKinley, Desmond Kahukura, Sadie Mason, Bryn Smit, Cameron Smith, Hazel Mason, Jack McLellan, Clare Frost (Teacher)
Front Row: Amelia Marshall, Luke McKenzie, Jazmine Baikie, Lily Burgess, Carys Connolly, Lucia Yates, Mark Lavina, Karatī Metcalfe (Teacher)

Upper Waitaki Swimming - Kurow



Back Row: Miley McIntyre, Henry Waldie, Ollie Waldie, Sapphire Denny, Jamiee Pooley
Second Row: Sebastian Irving, Kuinsa Williams, Louis Feck, Andre Davis, Felix Jones, Millie Dodds, Emilie Ward
Front Row: Henry Scarlett, Suki Clearwater, Leithen Beattie, Harvey Feck, Troy Smith, Bailey Bacchus, Charlotte Bee

Group Southern Area Schools Tournament - Tuatapere



Back Row: Hazel Henderson, Ralph Henderson, Finn McKinley, Desmond Kahukura, Kiara Thyne
Second Row: Jazmine Baikie, Sadie Mason, Bryn Smit, Cameron Smith, Hazel Mason, Brooke Smith (Teacher)
Front Row: Riley Beattie, Dave White, Jackson Parata, Balin Sole, Myah Templeton-Gilchrist

Prize Giving

Primary Class WAKA awards

Room 5
Te Ao Māori:
Room 5:

Boston Burgess
Florence Poshyvay

Room 6
Te Ao Māori:
Room 6:

Nevio Ekerdt
Lylah Ritchie

Room 9
Te Ao Māori:
Room 9:

Ari McPherson
Jack White

Room 13
Te Ao Māori:
Room 13:

Liam Kaeppler-Brooks
Jamiee Pooley

Room 4
Te Ao Māori:
Room 4:

Ryder Heremaia
Immy Ivey

Room 7
Te Ao Māori:
Room 7:

Alexis Bacchus
Henry Scarlett

M1

**WAKA for Digital
Technology**

WAKA for Science

WAKA for Health

Merit in PE

Merit in Reading

WAKA for Art

**Merit in Foods and
Fabrics**

Merit in Art

Merit in Metal Work

**WAKA for Social
Studies**

Merit in PE

WAKA for Maths

**WAKA for Foods
and Fabrics, and
Reading.**

**Merit in Art and
Maths**

**WAKA for
Filmmaking and
Merit for Digital
Technology**

**WAKA for PE and
Merit in Social
Studies**

**Merit in Health and
Science**

Middle School WAKA and Merit Awards

Nina Brown

Tia Henry

Aaliyah Heremaia

Arlo Mackay

Romy Menard

Mahalia Metcalfe-Taylor

Dominic Newlands

Antonella Soca

Noah Sheridan

Baxter Turner

Kaliyah Wilson

Fletcher Yates

Brydie Ferguson

Jun Liang

Anyia Smit

Ollie Waldie

Emilie Ward

M2

WAKA for PE

Felix Jones

WAKA for PE

Darcy Perniskie

**Merit in Maths and
Metal Work**

Andre Davis

**WAKA for Foods
and Fabrics and
Social Studies**

Jacob Moore

**Merit in Metal Work
and PE**

Sophie Scarlett

**WAKA for Market
Day, and
Merit in Digital
Technology, Foods
and Fabrics and
Science**

Bailey Bacchus

**WAKA for Art and
Health, and
Merit in English and
Maths**

Danielle Lloyd

**WAKA for Digital
Technology and
English, and Merit in
Art and Social
Studies**

Kuinsa Williams

**WAKA for Maths,
Metal Work and
Science, and
Merit in Art and
Health**

Zavier Beaumont

M3

Merit in PE

Mason Crawford

WAKA for Science

Isla McLeod

WAKA for PE

William Newlands

**WAKA for Maths,
and Merit in Art**

Tom Gould

**M4
Merit in PE**

Riley Beattie

**WAKA for Digital
Technology**

Melinda Smit

**WAKA for English and
Health**

Jazmine Baikie

Merit in Art and Health

Zarena Cadigan

**WAKA for Maths and
PE**

Myah Templeton-Gilchrist

**WAKA for Art and
Merit in Social Studies**

Lucia Yates

**WAKA for Social
Studies, and
Merit in Digital
Technology and
Science**

Lulu Dodds

**WAKA for Hard
Materials and Science,
and Merit in Art**

Lilly McCabe

**Merit in Hard Materials,
Maths and PE**

Indie Thyne

**Year 11
WAKA for Foods**

Senior School WAKA and Merit Awards

Carlos Bryant-Anderson

Merit in Foods

Lachlan Dodds

Merit in Art

Taylor McPherson

**WAKA for Engineering
and PE**

Chase Baty

**WAKA for History, and
Merit in English**

Hazel Henderson

**Merit in Construction
and English**

Taylah Marsh

Merit in English and PE

Charlie McLellan

WAKA for Construction and Merit in Science

Bryn Smit

Merit in Engineering, English and Science

Mark Lavina

WAKA for Art, English and Science and Merit in English and PE

Lily Burgess

Year 12 Merit in Foods and Hospitality

Carter Hayes

Merit in Visual Arts

Jack Lennon

Merit in Construction

Balin Sole

Merit in Drama

Alexandria Swain

WAKA for Foods and Hospitality and Merit in Photography

Ashlin Marsh

Merit in Engineering and PE

Cameron Smith

WAKA for Biology and Engineering, and Merit in English

Corbin Lloyd

WAKA for Construction, and Merit in English and PE

Amelia Marshall

WAKA for Art, and Merit in Biology and English

Sadie Mason

**WAKA and Merit for
both English and
Photography**

**WAKA for Drama and
Music, and
Merit in Business
Studies and English**

**Year 13
WAKA for PE**

Merit in Art

Merit in English

Merit in English

**WAKA for Art, and
Merit in Art and Drama**

**WAKA for English, and
Merit in English and
PE**

**WAKA for Drama and
Photography,
and Merit in Gateway**

***Our Courtesy awards
are awarded to
students who are
always polite, display
manners, show
respect to others and
to their teachers. They
are often the students
who also consistently
display our WAKA
values.***

Maddy Alty

Mackenzie Dunnicliff

Cameron MacDiarmid

Nexis McIntyre

Finn McKinley

Jack McLellan

Ella Ferguson

Ralph Henderson

Ariki Purton

Primary Courtesy and Achievement awards:

Reif Inglis

Ashim Devkota

Ollie Hamilton

Boston Burgess

Charlotte Payne

Kaea Rosanowski

Amos Rosanowski

Evangeline Arumugam

Alex Underwood

Sophie Lee

Sam Arumugam

Zaiden Metcalfe-Taylor

Our achievement awards are presented to students who are achieving at the top level in each year group

Mt Cook Salmon Primary Achievement Awards

For Achievement in Year 1:

**Journey Amarasinghe
Victor Knowles
Rosie Irving
Veronica Metcalfe**

For Achievement in Year 2:

**Nevio Ekerdt
Zoe Lee
Jasmine Morris-Bamber
Bill Scarlett**

For Achievement in Year 3:

**Liam Kaeppler-Brooks
Andy Liang
Braxton McIntyre
Thomas Pooley**

For Achievement in Year 4:

**Elizabeth Borick
Pippa Burke
Georgie Gray
Johnny Peter**

For Achievement in Year 5:

**Ryder Heremaia
Summer Smith
Louis Feck
Sebastian Irving
Henry Waldie**

For Achievement in Year 6:

**Charlotte Bee
Millie Dodds
Finn Martin
Joe Perniskie**

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Excellence awards for the Middle and Senior School and our Top in Class for our Year 11 to 13 students

M1

Aaliyah Heremaia

Excellence in Art

Romy Menard

Excellence in Art

Ollie Waldie

Excellence in PE

Emilie Ward

Excellence in Foods and Fabrics and Reading

Dominic Newlands

Excellence in Digital Technology, Maths and Metal Work

Noah Sheridan

Excellence in Health, Science and Social Studies

M2

Harvey Feck

Excellence in Social Studies

Ashleigh Rusbatch

Excellence in Health

Troy Smith

Excellence in PE

Kuinsa Williams

Excellence in Foods and Fabrics

Bailey Bacchus

Excellence in English and Maths

Danielle Lloyd

Excellence in Art, Digital Technology, Metal Work and Science

M3

Tom Gould

Excellence in Health

Isla McLeod

Excellence in Art

Devon McPherson

Excellence in Art

Paige Firman

Excellence in PE and Science

Sukrit Timilsina

Excellence in Art, Maths and Social Studies

William Newlands

Excellence in Digital Technology, Hard Materials, Maths and Science

Our achievement awards are presented to students who are achieving at the top level in each year group. Our Y11 awards are sponsored by High Country Salmon, and are awarded to:

M4

Zarena Cadigan

Excellence in Digital Technology

Lucia Yates

Excellence in Hard Materials

Lulu Dodds

Excellence in Health and Science

Hazel Mason

Excellence in Art, Maths and PE

Indie Thyne

Excellence in Art, English and Social Studies

Year 11

Chase Baty

First in Gateway

Lily Burgess

First in Foods

Bryn Smit

First in Commerce

Mark Lavina

First in Digital Technology

Alex McCabe

Excellence in Engineering

Taylah Marsh

Excellence in Art and First in English

Poppy Staniford

Excellence in Fabrics and Foods

Charlie McLellan

Excellence in Construction and First in Construction and Engineering

Hazel Henderson

Excellence in PE and Science, and First in History, PE and Science

Year 12

Maddy Alty

Excellence in Foods and Hospitality

Jack Lennon

First in Sculpture

Corbin Lloyd

Excellence in Biology

Cameron Smith

Excellence in Construction

Balin Sole

Excellence in Engineering and First in Tourism

Alexandria Swain

Excellence in English and Music

Amelia Marshall

First in Construction, Engineering and Gateway

Sadie Mason

Excellence in Art and PE, and First in Painting

Mackenzie Dunnicliff

Excellence in Drama and Music, and First in Business Studies, Drama and Music

Kiara Thyne

Excellence in Biology, Chemistry, English and PE. First in Biology, English, Foods and Hospitality and PE. She also receives a NetNZ Excellence Award in Level 2 Chemistry

Year 13**Ralph Henderson**

First in Foods

Jack McLellan

Excellence in PE and First in Geography

Ariki Purton

Excellence in Photography and First in Tourism

Ella Ferguson

Excellence in Photography and First in Drama and Photography and Design

Finn McKinley

Excellence in Engineering and First in Calculus, Engineering and English.

Special Awards

***Outstanding
Engagement in STEM
Year 9 or 10***

The scholarship is intended to provide a student with a financial contribution to recognise their engagement in STEM and encourage their continued engagement in STEM subjects.

Awarded to William Newlands

***Outstanding
Engagement in STEM
Year 11 or 12***

The scholarship is intended to provide a student with a financial contribution to recognise their engagement in STEM and encourage their continued engagement in STEM subjects.

Awarded to Corbin Lloyd

***Outstanding
Engagement in STEM
Year 12 or 13***

\$1,200 per student. For those who go onto tertiary study, this includes the opportunity to apply early for a paid Summer Internship with Genesis the following year.

Awarded to Kiara Thyne

***Genesis Ngā Ara Work
Experience
Opportunity - Year 11,
12 or 13***

The scholarship is intended to recognise a student who has shown outstanding engagement in their work experience opportunity at Genesis.

Awarded to Finn McKinley

Gateway Student of the Year

Amelia Marshall

Upper Waitaki Primary Schools' Sports Association

Leithen Beattie

1st place 11 year old long jump, high jump and sprints

Dominic Newlands

1st place 12 year old long jump, discuss and 400m, 1st equal High Jump, 2nd place shotput and sprints

Baxter Turner

2nd place 11 year old long jump

Emilie Ward

3rd place 11 year old discus

Ollie Waldie

3rd equal 11 year old long jump and 2nd place in 400m

Dayne Connolly

3rd equal 11 year old long jump, 1st place shotput and 3rd place high jump

Kaliyah Wilson

1st place 11 year old shotput, sprints, and long jump, 3rd place high jump and 400m.

Micro-credential in Introduction to the Electricity Supply Industry Level 2:

Taylah Marsh

Special Awards

Troy Smith

***Award for best Y7-9
Athlete***

Award for effort in netball

Myah Templeton-Gilchrist

Award for contribution to netball

Lily Burgess

Lakeline Trophy for Fairplay and Sporting Achievement in Year 6

Miley McIntyre

Thom Sweney Memorial Award for Snowboarding

Corbin Lloyd

The award for contribution to basketball

Ralph Henderson and Sadie Mason

The award for the most improved basketball player

Desmond Kahukura and Paige Firman

Contribution to rowing

Lucia Yates

The award for most improved skier

Zavier Beaumont and Kuinsa Williams

Twizel Businessmen's Association Cup for Most Valuable Netball Player

Sadie Mason

Gunn Trophy for Most Valuable Girl's Basketball Player

Hazel Mason

Anderson's Bay Trophy for Most Valuable Boy's Basketball Player

Jackson Parata

McMillan Cup for most valuable rowing crew member

NZ Honours Badges: presented to students who played in a New Zealand team or placed at a National event.

The O'Neill Cup for Senior Public Speaking

Twizel Community Arts Council Awards for Senior Music

Benmore Salmon Trophy for Arts in the Junior School

Arts in Action Trophy for Middle School Special Achievement in the Arts

The Katie Lamb Trophy for Junior Drama Performance

Sadie Mason

**Netball
Sadie Mason**

**Rowing
Sadie Mason
Kiara Thyne
Hazel Henderson
Hazel Mason
Jasmine Baikie
Lucia Yates
Taylah Marsh**

Cultural Awards

Jack McLellan

Mackenzie Dunnicliff

Ivy Reid

Aaliyah Heremaia

Jamiee Pooley

***The K&N Potter Cup
for Drama***

Tauira Māori

Rangatahi Māori

***Te Ara Tawhito a
Raureka***

***Achievement in
Crafted writing Y1-3***

***Achievement in
Crafted writing Y4-6***

***Achievement in
Crafted writing Y7-10***

***Achievement in
Crafted writing Y11-13***

***The Enthusiastic
Reader Cup (Reading
Recovery)***

***The J&B Turner Cup
for Academic
Achievement in Year 3***

***The Lindsay Cup for
Overall Diligence in
Year 6***

***The McKinnel
Memorial Trophy for
Year 6 Pupil who Tried
Hardest***

Ella Ferguson

Alexis Bacchus

Kanoa Thompson

Ralph Henderson

Academic Awards

Aria Auld

Joe Perniskie

Devon McPherson

Alexandria Swain

Kyine Morris-Bamber

Braxton McIntyre

Joe Perniskie and Charlotte Bee

Poppy Reid

***Benmore Salmon
Trophy for Year 3
Leadership***

***Award for Middle
School Citizenship***

***Award for Senior
School Citizenship***

***Contribution to the
Student Body***

***Pratt Cup for Middle
School Values***

***YK Richards Memorial
Cup for Leadership***

***Midland Masonic Choir
Music Scholarship***

***Sharon's 'Big Heart'
Award***

Op Shop Award

Breen Scholarship

***TAS Vocational
Excellence Award***

***Mackenzie County
Scholarship***

***Line Trust South
Canterbury
Scholarship***

Citizenship and Leadership Awards

George Frew and Thomas Pooley

Kuinsa Williams

Ella Ferguson

Danielle Lloyd, Kuinsa Williams and Anya Smit

Danielle Lloyd

Ella Ferguson and Ariki Purton

Scholarships

Mackenzie Dunnicliff

Ariki Purton

Ariki Purton

Amelia Marshall

Amelia Marshall

Finn McKinley

Finn McKinley

***Mackenzie Country Inn
Trophy for Best All
Round Sportsman***

Ralph Henderson

***Mackenzie Country Inn
Trophy for Best All
Round Sportswoman***

Sadie Mason

Sara's Oarsome Award

Ralph Henderson

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Finn McKinley

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