

TWIZEL
AREA SCHOOL
Yearbook 2023







































#### Kia ora e te whānau,

This year marks another point in the continued transformation of Twizel Area School. In the Primary School, we focused on Mathematics development and Student Agency, overcoming challenges to pave the way for success. Our students faced mathematical obstacles, but through their dedication and the support of our incredible staff, success emerged. With support from Massey University's DMIC research team, we've refined our learning outcomes and pedagogical style. Student leadership opportunities in the Primary School have significantly increased, as has engagement in our values outcome statements; these moves result in more substantial possibilities for students to guide their learning progress whilst gaining agency of self.

In the Secondary School, our focus was the NCEA change programme and Learning for Wellbeing. Our Year 11 learning programme is ready for 2024; the new standards for NCEA Level 1 will be implemented as planned. Our Year 10's have received the opportunity to complete the Literacy and Numeracy Co-requisites ahead of their Year 11 experience; their results will be available in January. Across the Year 7-13 age range, we extended the time in our timetable dedicated to student wellbeing with opt-in activities across a wide range of wellbeing needs. Alongside other curriculum improvements, this has positively impacted our Wellbeing @ School Survey data.

The use and demonstration of our WAKA Values are apparent across the school. We're proud of the progress made by our learners in demonstrating their shared values and proud of them as they continue their individual learning journeys. Next year, we will formalise our Graduate Profiles, which will further embed our values into expectation statements across the school.

Next year is also the last of our current Strategic Plan Implementation, so we'll be unleashing several consultations among our students, staff and community to develop the next steps for Twizel Area School together.

As we reflect on the progress made across the school, we acknowledge the collective effort that goes into shaping the lives of our students. The tireless dedication of our teachers, parents, whānau, and friends has created a masterpiece of learning and growth. We extend our gratitude to the unsung heroes – the whānau and the dedicated staff who endeavour to smoothly paddle the waka of education—your commitment, passion, and openness to change make you the true architects of our success.

To our departing Head Students - Monique, Billy, Fred, and Emily – you have held the school's mana with grace and strength. Thank you for your service.

As we bid farewell to some staff members, we express our heartfelt gratitude for their contributions and wish them well on their continued journeys. Their contributions are summarised and celebrated later in this Yearbook.

To our leaving students, your time at Twizel Area School has been a voyage of discovery. As you enter the next chapter of your life, remember the resilience and determination that brought you here. I know you have found your passion, been supported, and inspired along your journey to where you are now.

As always, he waka eke noa,

Kate Staniford
Tumuaki | Principal







# BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Kia ora koutou katoa!

First and foremost, let me extend our heartfelt congratulations to each and every student. Your hard work, dedication and passion have truly set a standard of excellence for us all. Whether it's academic success, artistic brilliance, sporting achievements, or simply the quiet determination to overcome challenges, you have made us immensely proud.

As a Board, we understand the importance of fostering an environment where students can thrive and reach their full potential. We are committed to supporting the leadership team, teachers and staff in their mission to provide a nurturing and inspiring educational experience for every student. Our responsibilities may not always be the most glamorous, but they are crucial in ensuring that the foundations of our school are strong, and the path for our students is clear.

I also want to take a moment to express our deep appreciation for the incredible educators who pour their passion into teaching and guiding our students. Your commitment does not go unnoticed, and we are grateful for the positive impact you have on the lives of these young individuals.

In the spirit of community, let us acknowledge the parents and families who have been unwavering in their support. Your encouragement, sacrifices, and belief in our school contribute significantly to the success we celebrate today.

To our graduates, congratulations on reaching this significant milestone in your journey! Your hard work and dedication have brought you to this moment. As you step into the next chapter of your lives, embrace the opportunities, learn from the challenges, and continue to pursue your dreams with passion. The future is bright and we believe in the incredible potential each of you holds. Well done and best wishes for the exciting adventures that lie ahead!

In closing, I want to emphasise that the Board is here to support and guide, but it is the collective effort of everyone in the school community that makes our kura truly exceptional.

Thank you, and congratulations to our outstanding students!

Kia kaha, kia maia, kia manawanui—be strong, be brave, be steadfast.

Dr. Sharon Blanchard (EdD)
Presiding Member
Board of Trustees, Twizel Area School



In 2023, we had Monique van der Westhuizen and Billy Garbutt as Head Students and Emily Schaar and Fred Grant as Deputy Head Students.

We have loved every day as members of the leadership team. We have learnt how to work as a team, help those around us and have made some great memories. Billy and Monique had the honour of speaking at the dawn memorial service, we have welcomed students and other members of the community, represented at the SAS tournament in Lawrence, run fundraisers and of course the weekly newsletter.

We have all learnt skills we couldn't have without being in these roles, so thank you TAS for trusting us and letting us grow as people. As we move on to the next stages of our lives, we hope to use these skills and develop them even more.

We wish next year's team the best of luck and hope they enjoy it every little bit as much as we did and even more! We are certain that we are leaving the school in some very capable hands.

Good luck!



# STAFF LIST



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# FAREWELLS

During the course of 2023, we experienced the departure of three longstanding and valued members of our staff, each marking a significant transition in their professional journeys.

Firstly, we said goodbye to Mark Frost, a dedicated team member who has been an integral part of our school since 1998. Mark chose to explore new horizons and has set his sights on Kazakhstan, bringing his expertise and passion to a different part of the world. We extend our gratitude for his contributions and wish him success in all his future endeavours.

Then it was the turn of Alison Holden. Alison took a huge step in her career, accepting the role of Principal at Omarama School. With this, it means we still get to see Alison regularly at sport events and sometimes even around school when she brings the Omarama Year 7 and 8 students to Technology. We appreciate Alison's hard work in many roles, like Junior school Dean and SENCo, over her time here.

Similarly, we bid farewell to Denise Arkless, another cornerstone of our team, as she embarks on an exciting new chapter in her career. Denise has chosen to bring her talents closer to home, joining the esteemed faculty at Mackenzie College. We express our sincere appreciation for her dedication and hard work and look forward to seeing the positive impact she will undoubtedly make in her new role.

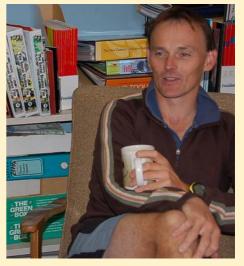
As we say goodbye to Mark, Denise and Alison, we reflect on the indelible mark they've left on our students, teachers and community, and express our gratitude for their unwavering commitment. We wish them all the very best in their respective journeys and eagerly anticipate the continued success they are bound to achieve.





















## ROOMFOUR

In Room 4, a lively group of 5-year-olds have embarked on an enriching educational adventure. Their year was a whirlwind of exploration and discovery. Basic literacy and numeracy skills became their new best friends, and they have enjoyed the immense amount of opportunities that we have had on offer throughout the year which included ice skating, skiing, swimming, fun runs, athletics and so much more!

The Room 4 family continued to grow in numbers as the year went on with strong bonds of friendship being formed. While their educational journey had just begun, these young learners embraced every moment with enthusiasm and curiosity.

Thank you for such a fantastic year, tamariki - I wish you all the best for your new adventure!

Miss Smith

Aria Auld - I have liked seeing Miss Smith everyday and making new friends.

William Borick - I have loved coming to school and reading really cool and interesting books.

Boston Burgess - I liked doing the fun run because it was cool.

**Floyd Chapman** - I have loved coming to school and making stuff. I have made lots of new friends too.

**Gus Dacombe** - I have loved playing with my friends Kaea and Bronson. Maths has been fun to learn about too.

**Nevio Ekerdt** - I like coming to school for the playtime and working hard.

Mckenzie Friend - I have loved coming to school and playing with Jasmine. She is my best friend.

**Bronson Heremaia** - I have loved coming to school. I am passionate about numbers, puzzles, playing and being cheeky.

**Alexander Kilpatrick** - I liked ice skating because I like the frames that helped me get better. The playground at school is pretty cool too.

Iva Larkins - I have loved making new friends this year.

**Zoe Lee** - I like playing with my friends and getting better at my reading.

**Talai Lousley-Pouhila** - I have really liked swimming. The fun run was cool to get coloured in powder.

**Kobe McIntyre** - I have liked learning how to read and making new friends. The swimming pool has been lots of fun!

**Veronica Metcalfe** - My favourite part about school has been going to the pool and learning to swim! I have liked reading too.

Jasmine Morris-Bamber - I really love coming to school because I love learning stuff.

Lachie Peter - I have loved coming to school to do art and draw cool things.

**Lylah Ritchie** - I have really liked learning about some hard things so I can get better at my learning. **Kaea Rosanowski** - I loved getting WAKA certificates and making new friends.

Ollie Smith - I love doing all the sports at school like athletics, the fun run and cross country.

**Agam Thind** - I have liked making new friends and doing my writing.

**Abigail Underwood** - I loved meeting Bear, Miss Smith's dog, and I have liked getting better at my writing.

Jack White - I have loved seeing Miss Smith everyday.













# ROOM EIGHT



**Charlotte Payne**: I enjoyed the fun run and getting covered in lots of colours. It is fun going to the swimming pool and ice skating.

Curtis Lee -Cocks: In Room 8 this year I am getting a lot braver at swimming and getting my head under the water. Math is lots of fun!

**Sune Boshoff**: I had lots of fun going swimming and doing Highland Dancing. I like writing and playing with my friend.

**Aurora Grinter**: I joined TAS at the start of Term 2 and loved skating, swimming, going to Kurow for athletics, and making new friends. I will miss my friend next year.

**William Scarlett**: I joined Rm 8 in Term 3 and have loved doing Math and swimming. I loved doing the artwork.

**Archie Bee**: I joined Room 8 in Term 3 and the best part has been visiting the Dark Sky and colouring in activities.

**Beau Dacombe**: I liked reading, ice-skating, and the Jump Jam competition in Timaru. Music and Art are my favourite things to do in class.

**Amos Rosanowski**: I liked being at the Jump Jam competition in Timaru and going swimming in the pool. Kapa Haka is special to me as I learn more about Māori.

**Flynn Beer**: I had fun at the Fire Station asking lots of questions. I loved doing all the art activities in class and swimming in the pool.

**Cruz Williams**: I liked going to the Dark Sky and the Fire Station. I loved doing Jump Jam and playing soccer on the school field with my friends.

**George Frew**: I like going swimming and playing outside in the playground. The Fire Station trip was fun!

**Te Ake Tonihi-Wilson**: I think Kapa Haka is very good and I like going to this each week. Swimming is awesome!

Abel Wilson: I enjoyed doing work in the class and doing athletics, and ice skating.

**Thomas Pooley**: I have loved the Dark Sky visit to Tekapo and going to the Fire Station for a visit. I have made some new friends this year.

**James Browning**: I loved taking my class to the Fire Station to see what my Dad does as a volunteer. I loved doing Art and Math and everyone in the class is my friend.

**Oscar Oughton**: I have loved doing swimming this year and getting some "free time" in the pool. I have enjoyed all the class trips this year. I have made lots of friends while in Room 8. I will miss them next year.

**Charlie Kyd**: I have loved being in the Ski Club and doing Maths. The Dark Sky visit was amazing seeing the planets on the ceiling.







## ROOM NINE

#### **Evangeline Arumugam**

My favourite thing during 2023 was leading assembly. One thing I loved about Room 9 was Miss Hooper.

#### Elizabeth Borick

My favourite thing during 2023 was coming back to Twizel after my holiday to see my friends again.

One thing I loved about Room 9 was how nice everyone was.



My favourite thing during 2023 was swimming.
One thing I loved about Room 9 was having all of my friends in my class.

#### Dylan Cadigan

My favourite thing during 2023 was ice skating. One thing I loved about Room 9 was being with all of my friends.

#### **Emma Clark**

My favourite thing during 2023 was the school fun run. One thing I loved about Room 9 was Bob, our class pet.



#### **Hunter Currall**

My favourite thing during 2023 was swimming. One thing I loved about Room 9 was golden time.

#### **Oliver Currall**

My favourite thing during 2023 was running.
One thing I loved about Room 9 was having a fish tank.



My favourite thing during 2023 was the fun run. One thing I loved about Room 9 was Miss Hooper.



My favourite thing during 2023 was ice skating. One thing I loved about Room 9 was the fish.

#### Jordan Hiroki

My favourite thing during 2023 was ice skating. One thing I loved about Room 9 was my friends and Bob.

#### **Liam Kaeppler- Brooks**

My favourite thing during 2023 was being at school. One thing I loved about Room 9 was having Bob in our class.









#### **Ronan Lemon**

My favourite thing during 2023 was ice skating. One thing I loved about Room 9 was having the fish.

#### **Andy Liang**

My favourite thing during 2023 was ice skating. One thing I loved about Room 9 was drawing.

#### **Braxton McIntyre**

My favourite thing during 2023 was cross country. One thing I loved about Room 9 was Bob.

#### **Kyine Morris- Bamber**

My favourite thing during 2023 was learning about maths. One thing I loved about Room 9 was playing with the blocks.

#### **Jamiee Pooley**

My favourite thing during 2023 was making a witches hat. One thing I loved about Room 9 was everyone was kind.

#### Isabel Waldie

My favourite thing during 2023 was Snow Club One thing I loved about Room 9 was Bob and the fish.

#### **Luke Ward**

My favourite thing during 2023 was doing Maths. One thing I loved about Room 9 was Bob.

#### **George White**

My favourite thing during 2023 was Mrs Nelson's Te Reo Māori class.

One thing I loved about Room 9 was shared news.

































## ROOM THIRTEEN

Wow, what a year it's been! From the first day of school to now, we've shared so many laughs, learned a ton, and grown together. Let's not forget the special moments – the class parties, field trips, and all of the cool dress up days. Each one of you has a unique talent and personality that added something special to our classroom.

As we wrap up this school year, I want to take a moment to express my sincere appreciation for each of you. Teaching you during my first year has been an incredible experience. Your dedication, progress, and positive energy have made our classroom an exciting and super fun place!

Thank you for an amazing year and I wish you all the best next year!









#### What was your favourite thing from this year?

Murphy Turner - I really liked doing the big animal picture on the wall.

**Ruby Sheridan** - I really liked crazy hair day. I liked seeing everyone's crazy hair.

**Summer Smith** - I really enjoyed our class parties, especially the first one.

Chloe Sutherland - How nice everyone in this class is. Everyone was really

nice to me at the beginning of the year.

**Sophie Lee** - The mid-winter Christmas party.

Alex Underwood - Arts and Crafts.

**Chloe Connolly** - Doing the bird posters.

**Nya Taia-Boyd** - The desk group competition.

**Ahorangi Wilson** - Everything!

Georgie Gray - When the lambs came to visit.

Immy Ivey - Snow Club

Ivy Reid - Miss Wise was cool!

Johnny Peter - I loved our skating trip.

Aria Kilpatrick - All of the art we did.

Abbey Martin - All of the writing we did, I really like writing.

Alice Larkins - Reading.

Sapphire Denny - All of the writing we did.











#### What do you want to be when you grow up?

Murphy Turner - I want to be a professional Highland Dancer.

Ruby Sheridan - I really want to be a party planner.

Summer Smith - A professional Highland Dancer.

**Chloe Sutherland** - I want to be a teacher, because I want to help people learn, especially the little kids.

Sophie Lee - A vet, because I love animals.

**Alex Underwood** - I want to be James Bond.

**Chloe Connolly** - I want to be a teacher.

**Nya Taia-Boyd** - I want to be a teacher.

**Ahorangi Wilson** - I want to be a teacher because me and my little brother want to be teachers together.

Georgie Gray - A journalist because I love to read and write

Immy Ivey - Professional skier.

Ivy Reid - An artist and chef and seamstress.

Johnny Peter - An engineer.

**Aria Kilpatrick** - Bus driver, baker, spy and scientist.

**Abbey Martin** - Either a doctor or an arborist (climbing up trees and cutting off branches).

Alice Larkins - A farmer.

**Sapphire Denny** - A marine biologist and I want to play netball for NZ.











## ROOM SEVEN

**Ryder Heremaia** - DEAR (Drop Everything And Read) time and going to the library and picking rugby books to read were my favourite class activities.

**Poppy Reid** - I liked the Fun Run this year because you could earn money for the school and get prizes as well.

Theo Brown - I enjoyed doing our Science Fair project about, 'Does Colour Affect Taste?'.

**Charlotte Bee** - I especially liked Music with Mrs Sweney because it was really fun singing the medley and learning the ukulele.

**Harriet Kyd** - I enjoyed Reading about the FIFA World Cup Soccer this year and learning Statistics in Mathematics.

**Audra Davis** - I liked the egg hatching because I wanted to see a baby chicken. I also like to draw and paint because it inspires me.

**Alakai Fox** - I liked Mathematics this year, especially Geometry.

**Henry Scarlett** - This year in class I liked Mathematics because we learnt lots of new ways to divide and take away.

Henry Waldie - This year I liked Mathematics, especially working out the formulas in Algebra.

Sebastian Irving - I liked writing the 'I Am' poem and going on the computer.

Oisin Lemon - I liked the class Ski Trip and Ice Skating Trip.

**Louis Feck** - I liked all subjects this year, especially Mathematics and Algebra was my favourite.

Miley McIntyre - I liked Art because I found it easy to stay focused.

Neil Menard - I liked everything this year; it was the best, especially Mathematics.

**Ayesha Tarrobago** - I liked Science Fair and writing the instructions for our topic, 'What Makes Ice Melt the Fastest?'

Tallulah Mackay - I liked sketching because it helps me relax.

**Sam Arumugam** - I liked all the reading activities this year because I like learning about things that we read about and I also liked learning new word meanings.

Alanna Kaeppler-Brooks - I liked all the art this year and DEAR time.

**Alexis Bacchus** - I liked DEAR time because you can block out all the noise when you're reading and books are interesting to read because you don't know what will happen next.

**Aaron Cookson** - I've enjoyed making new friends in Room Seven this year. I've enjoyed all the art and also all the Mathematics also.

**Mia Ross** - I enjoyed Art the most this year and I also enjoyed swimming in the Twizel pool. **Zaiden Metcalf** - I enjoyed DEAR time, going to the library and art at school this year.













































## ROOM FIVE

Room 5 flourished throughout the year as it cultivated a culture of kindness and collaboration, fostering a positive and enriching learning environment. Our engagement extended beyond the classroom, particularly in the realm of sports, where we enthusiastically supported our TAS rowers at Maadi and established an energetic Fan Zone. This zone served as a vibrant hub during the Maadi Cup, where students showcased their school spirit and rallied behind their older peers.

Within our own class, we embraced the opportunity to represent our school in various sporting endeavours, including netball, swimming, athletics, cross country, and rippa rugby. A notable highlight was our spirited participation in Team Time with Sadie, where our collective goal was to outshine M2 in Bench Ball – a formidable challenge given the height difference between Year 6 and Year 8.

Venturing into the Arts Arena, Room 5 students proudly represented TAS in events like Band Quest and Jump Jam. The diversity of our extracurricular involvement certainly enriched our overall school experience.

Two standout moments of the year were our exhilarating skiing excursion at Ōhau and the skating escapade at Tekapo Springs. These outings not only provided exciting experiences but also strengthened the students' bonds, creating lasting memories.

Reflecting on Room 5's journey in 2023, it's evident that our collective efforts wove a rich tapestry of kindness, teamwork, leadership, and personal growth. These elements combined to form a vibrant and supportive class culture, making our academic year truly exceptional.

















Chloe Barranta - I have really enjoyed doing PE and playing lots of sports and games.

**Leithen Beattie** - I liked representing our school at lots of different sports like basketball and Rippa. **Nina Brown** - I really enjoyed taking part in the Fun Run.

**Harrison Browning** - I really enjoyed going skiing with our class at Ōhau this year. I found it tricky to start with but then I found I got better and better as I persevered with it.

**Lottie Clearwater** - I have enjoyed getting badges (my WAKA ones and the Peer Mediator one).

**Dayne Connolly** - I really enjoyed the Middle School Transition Day.

Millie Dodds - I really enjoyed our 100 #kindness day that we had when we got to 100 #kindness.

**Tia Henry** - I loved getting my WAKA badges, and I enjoyed representing TAS at Rippa Rugby and Netty Fest.

**Aaliyah Heremaia** - I really enjoyed drawing my flower for the 3 Colour Art Work Challenge.

**Jun Liang** - My highlight for the year was our Blooket challenges. I still haven't managed to beat "Timothy" yet though.

Arlo Mackay - I loved skiing and learning new tricks.

**Finlay Martin** - I really enjoyed the opportunity to teach Joe and Harri how to ski on our class ski trip to Ōhau.

**Romy Menard** - My favourite memory this year is when we launched the rockets with Jenny.

Mahalia Metcalfe-Taylor - I have really enjoyed sport and PE as well as our movie reward.

**Elyh Middleton** - I enjoyed doing the Literacy Challenges each week, and I really enjoyed playing different games with the rest of the class.

Mia Murfitt - I really enjoyed going to Netty Fest in Oamaru.

Joe Perniskie - I loved learning to ski on our class ski trip to Ōhau.

**Noah Sheridan** - My favourite memory is when the teacher pretended to be a robot, and I really enjoyed doing sport and PE.

Nurbu Sherpa - I really enjoyed going on the class ski trip to Ōhau.

Anya Smit - I really enjoyed being a Kai Warmer monitor, and going to Netty Fest in Oamaru.



















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# MEMORIES FROM M1

**Bailey Bacchus** - In writing this year we have done a lot of creative writing. I have learnt a lot about surface features this year.

**Suki Clearwater** - One of the favorite poems we have studied are I Wandered Lonely As a Cloud because it is a very strong poem. A poem I enjoyed was The Magpies by Denis Glover. This is quite a sad poem but the magpies did not care.

Harvey Feck - This term we have been studying and learning the interesting but gruesome history of Parihaka, it also has a song that tells the story of the invasion and how the leaders were pacifists and didn't want to fight.

**Danni Lloyd** - We researched about weather with Mrs Nelson for our Science Fair. We also learnt the scientific process and how to get information efficiently. Science was an enjoyable topic.

**Rosie Ritchie** - We did a lot of science in term one with Ms Blanchard. We went to the science lab to learn how to use microscopes and looked at different stuff under a microscope.

**Zoe Wilson** - We did a weather study and we got the pick what type of weather we would research and do an information report about, I chose weather and did snow for my Science Fair with Sophie. We got first overall up to Year 10 and first in our class.

**Ruby Baikie** - This year we have been doing a lot of maths and I'm proud of how far I have come. I liked doing PE this year because I learnt how to belay someone when they are rock climbing.

Andre Davis - We have done some work down at the Twizel River about what wildlife is living there and how the climate works. We took some water samples and let the water settle in a jar to see what bugs, rocks and dirt would be sitting in the bottom of the jar.

**Blake Meyerhoff** - We have been writing about deep features and creative writing. I regularly use a Thesaurus to help me find strong words to make my writing more strong.

**Stevie Fincham-Putter** - I am very proud of the progress I have made in Maths all year. I think that working with other people helps me to learn and understand better.

**Jacob Moore** - This year we have been cooking a lot of delicious food with Mrs Schaar. We made apple crumble and ANZAC cookies.

**Sophie Scarlett** - For writing we did a lot in term 2 and 3. We would get a photo of something and we would have to try and come up with a background for the image or a story in first person, second person and third person.

**Zavier Beaumont** - In the middle of the year we started a poem study and my favourite poem was The Magpies poem. I find wood work quite fun because it is a fun way in school to make new things like the bird feeder.

**Maddie Donaldson** - In Social Science we learned about Vikings, governments, people in the world, children in the world, Parihaka, map work, general knowledge and China, Canada and New Zealand.

Felix Jones - We learned that at Parihaka there were people who want to take other people's land they said no, so the people who tried to take their land declared war but the people at Parihaka wanted peace for their land so when the soldiers came instead of fighting they sang to welcome them but they still took over.

**Darcy Perniskie** - P.E. is my favourite subject of all the subjects because it is fun. I like multi-sport the most. I like cooking. The best thing I made was pancakes.

**Kuinsa Williams** - I enjoy writing a lot. Mrs Nelson taught us about synonyms and that has helped me a lot throughout this year.

**Kaliyah Jo Wilson** - In term 4 we have been learning about Parihaka and a lot of maths.

**Troy Smith** - Social Studies is a subject that I will be interested to learn more about in the future. There are many aspects of it but I am especially interested in history.

**Mrs Nelson** - This class has been a pleasure to work with for the last three terms. They are a co-operative and caring group of young people. I wish them well for their future learning. Highlights for me have been the progress made in maths, the interest shown in learning about the world around them, and the place-based learning centred around our time at Aoraki.

# M2 THOUGHTS: CONTINUE YEAR

#### **Paige Firman**

I enjoyed the Year 7 and 8 netball tournament in Timaru. I enjoyed this tournament because it was fun to play with my team and vs people I haven't met before. Also in between games we played lots of games with all the teams which I enjoyed.

#### **Sukrit Timilsina**

The camp was really fun and I learned a lot from it. It was a good experience, like what to do if it's raining a lot and also how the wind comes after the rain to take it away. We also got told a scary Māori story about creatures that went into your dreams and the kids in the old days were told to not make any sound after a certain time. I also learned a new card game.

#### Keira Taia-Boyd

I liked netball because it was fun to play with my team and VS different people.

#### **Jaxon Shaw**

In 2023 I enjoyed lots of things like snowboarding at Snow Club, the basketball tournament, cross country was fun and so was swimming but my favourite thing was when Mr Purton gave us hot chips.

#### **Tom Gould**

Snowboarding was so fun and tiring. I was nervous as a first experience in the snow having to get all the stuff and everything else but after you got used to it is the best thing ever except for if you clip your edge. It's by far the best sport to play in winter!

#### **Heber Aethan Barranta**

This year my favourite thing we did was camp. One thing I liked about camp was swimming.

#### **Conner Smit**

Camp was the best time at school for me because I met my new teacher. My favourite time on camp was hearing the class screaming from a ghost story.

#### **Connor Hayes**

I really enjoyed this year, especially when I went skiing. I started with an instructor and started learning the basics for skiing and by the end of the season I was able to ski well and have a lot of control in my skis.

#### **Kanoa Thompson**

My favourite memory from this year would have to be the Netball season. The van rides were always so much fun and singing in the van would have to be the highlight of those van rides.

#### **Noah Ward**

My favourite memory of this year was netball. It was so iconic we would sing and laugh. I also loved skiing with Isla on Fridays. I also enjoyed Snow Club.

#### Tye Baikie

Teachers kind of annoyed me. I had a really good time at Snow Club.

#### **Levi Baty**

School was all good, the basketball tournament was the best.

#### Isla Mcleod

My favourite memory of this year is Snow Club and netball. I only started netball half way through the session but it was still good, the van rides there were iconic and playing with my team was great. My ski instructor was amazing and skiing with my friends was fun.

#### **Skye Frank**

I liked going to the netball tournament and all the opportunities.

#### Orlando Narruhn

I enjoyed going to the basketball comp, and it was really fun. I got carried by the team especially Troy,and we ended up coming last. What a way to finish the comp. Also when me, Ralph and Dave went to the sevens rugby comp, we had a really fun time, but at the end we ended up coming 2nd.

#### **Emma Gardiner**

This year I enjoyed lots of different things, I had fun at camp even though it rained half the time. Snow Club and netball were also fun and I enjoyed the Cardrona Races and touch rugby on a Thursday night. It was fun when it wasn't cold and raining.

#### **Mason Crawford**

My favourite memory of the year is when Snow Club started and Connor, Tom, Jaxon and I were snowboarding together, hitting jumps and carving through the ice.

# M3 MARKET DAY

In Term 3, M3 was involved in a Market Day Project as part of their Year 9 Social Sciences course. This project enabled students to work in small groups to plan and run a short-term business enterprise. They developed their own stall ideas and worked cooperatively with their group to produce, market and sell their product(s).

Each group was given start-up capital to help buy the necessary resources to make/market their product. One of the day's aims was for the students to profit from the sale of their products. Students then pay back the start-up capital to the class budget, and then the profits are donated to community/charity groups chosen by the class, alongside some funds being used by the class for a fun activity for the middle school. Altogether, the class raised just over \$680 - so we are excited to choose the charities/local groups that some of these monies will go towards.

Thanks so much to the school for supporting the M3 Market Day. We would also like to thank all the M3 whānau, Mint Folk and Co, Cadigan Engineering, The Twizel Op Shop, and Kitchens for Less LTD for their donations to the project - they were very appreciated.

Mrs Smit and the M3 Class













## LOOKING BACK AT 2023 WITH M4

M4 has experienced an exceptional academic year in 2023, demonstrating unwavering dedication to earning credits and securing a substantial head start for L1 2024. Despite the initial challenges posed by the postponement of our camp due to the ongoing COVID-19 situation, we triumphantly immersed ourselves in the outdoors, forging unforgettable memories at Twin Lakes and conquering a challenging hike up a steep cliff, followed by a descent into Dumbbell.

The camp served as an incredible kick-off to the year, fostering camaraderie among our classmates, whether they were returning from the previous year or newcomers to Twizel. M4 has been bestowed with a multitude of opportunities throughout the year. Our scientific exploration included an enlightening tour of the power station with Genesis and a captivating visit to the Tekapo Dark Sky Reserve, laying a solid foundation for our studies in physics and the solar system.

A highlight of our year was the visit from Hannah Beer, who shared invaluable insights on entering the workforce. Serving as a beacon of inspiration, she guided us in crafting effective CVs and led a trip to the Top Hut, providing firsthand experiences on achieving success in the workplace while enjoying what you do.

In essence, M4 has exemplified productivity and focus, overcoming the various challenges encountered in 2023 with determination and resilience.

















## SENIORS





















# YEAR 13

As the saying goes "all good things must come to an end."

Some of us are "lifers" meaning we have spent the whole 13 years at Twizel Area School! We thank the teachers for putting up with us this long, it is truly a miracle!

We have made some great memories this year and have very much enjoyed the benefits of being Year 13's. It all started with re-decorating the common room at the start of the year. We couldn't believe we were finally on the last stretch, and before we knew it, it was over. This year has gone by so quickly but some key moments were unforgettable - our last ever SAS tournament, the Formal, House Sport and farewelling some of our favourite teachers and staff.

We wanted to say a huge thank you to everyone who has helped us come this far, without you, we would be lost.

As some of us are going into full time jobs and university, we must learn to go our separate ways. We will miss our lunchtime coffees in the Foods Room, our rants about school in the Common Room, and all the "studying" in the Study Room.

We look forward to keeping in touch and following each other's journeys, and wish next year's Year 13's all the best! Remember to put in the effort and you will be rewarded.















# 2 0 2 3 S P O R T S R O U N D U

As the curtain draws on another exhilarating year of athletic endeavours, our school stands proud, having showcased a commendable display of talent, sportsmanship and collective effort across various sporting events. The 2023 school sports season has been nothing short of awesome, leaving an indelible mark on the memories of athletes, coaches, and spectators alike.

Starting off the year, we held our TAS Swimming and Athletic events with beautiful weather. Three van loads of senior students travelled to Mackenzie College to participate in Country High Schools Athletics, which then saw a number of our students selected for the Aoraki and South Island Secondary Schools athletic events.

21 Year 5-8 students attended Upper Waitaki Swimming Sports in Kurow with 15 of those students being selected to go to North Otago Swimming. It is so amazing to see our students succeeding in the water, which brings me to the golden success of our Rowers. This tight knit team has gone from strength to strength with all members of the rowing team receiving a medal throughout the season. The real excitement came at SISS Rowing when the realisation hit as to how well our students were doing amongst the other South Island schools and a call came for our rowers to attend Maddi Cup at Lake Karapiro. A call went out to the community to financially help our team, as there was a matter of a few weeks between events. The community rose to the occasion and some sparkly silverware made its way back to Twizel (more information in the Rowing article).

Early in Term 2, the highlight for most of our seniors is the Southern Area School Tournament, which was held in Lawrence this year. This is the perfect opportunity for our students to make connections with other area school children. Three full days of sport and some outstanding results ensued. Our school emerged victorious in basketball, netball, football, e-sports, chess, rippa rugby and squash. The commitment and hard work paid off, and we are incredibly proud of their achievements. Eleven of our students were selected to represent the Southern Area Schools at the National Area School Tournament in Rangiora in a vast variety of sports: netball, volleyball, basketball, Ki o Rahi, rugby and football. Sadie Mason was selected in the New Zealand Area School Team for basketball and netball.

Whilst this tournament was on, for the first time in a number of years we sent a team to Junior SISS Netball in Christchurch. This was an amazing experience for those who attended, getting to learn and see how a sporting tournament works.

Another highlight of the year for our senior netball team was competing at the SISS Netball Tournament in Invercargill. A full week of netball, with plenty of new experiences for all. Our Team WON SISS C Grade. Congratulations to all.

- 48-18 win vs. Kaikorai Valley College
- 42-9 win vs. East Otago High School
- 33-21 win vs. Catholic Cathedral College
- 47-17 win vs. Mountain View High School
- 34-21 win vs. Lawrence Area School
- 29-13 win vs. Mackenzie College
- 35-28 win vs. Northern Southland College
- FINAL vs Northern Southland College 28-26

Our junior school is also thriving in the sporting arena. We welcomed North Otago Netball and Rugby to run development sessions, focusing on ball skills and participation. We travelled down the valley to compete in Cross Country and Junior Athletic, touch and netball.

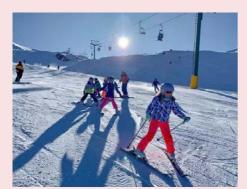
We had students make the next stage in both Cross Country and Athletics, travelling to Oamaru to represent the Waitaki region.

Snow Club was another hit with our Year 2-13 students being able to participate in weekly lessons up at Ōhau. Class ski trips and ice skating were able to happen this year, travelling to Ōhau, Round Hill and Tekapo Springs. These trips give the students a taster of the sport. It's always a delight to see the smiling faces as they accomplish a new move.

The last week of school is always a great week for our middle school. This year we were able to offer an adapted outdoor education week called Activities Week. The focus this week was to create a fun environment for our middle school to show their leadership skills in a wide variety of events. It was fantastic to see that every single student had something to contribute. We look forward to having a more outdoor education component in Term 1 2024.

It's been an absolute pleasure to be able to coordinate sports this year and I look forward to being able to offer more opportunities for our students in 2024.

### Chelsea Lousley Sports Coordinator







# SWIMMING SPORTS





































# ATHLETICS

































































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## NETBALL























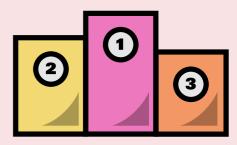








# SOUTHERN AREA SCHOOL OO TOURNAMENT



































## JUMP JAM



Jump Jam continues to be a resounding success within our school. This year, our involvement reached new heights as we proudly showcase our talent at the annual Jump Jam Extravaganza hosted at the Events Centre in Timaru. Twizel Area School marked a significant milestone by entering two teams into this competition, a first ever for our school.

Performing in front of 50 other teams from all over South Canterbury was such an awesome experience for all Twizel students, staff and supporters involved. Our first team, an all-boys group from Room 8, left a lasting impression with their mesmerising performance of "Witch Doctor." Their show-stealing act was a testament to their dedication and hard work. The other team, composed of a mix of Year 6 and Year 7 students, dazzled the audience with their impeccable coordination, sparkling costumes, and masterful use of the stage.

Furthermore, our school enthusiastically embraced the spirit of "Breathe Better September." Throughout the entire month, we came together for the final 10 minutes of each school day to dance, groove, and breathe better.

We are excited to continue to see Dance and the Performing Arts continue to grow at Twizel Area School!





## Twizel Rowing 2022/23 - What a Season!

Twizel Area School rowing was resurrected in 2022, with a surge of enthusiastic pupils eager to give this amazing sport a go.

Joining an already experienced member of the Twizel Rowing Club, Luka Upson-Mains, the group steadily settled into a rigorous rowing program. Their dedication to the training and more importantly, the respect they gave to each throughout some of the 'character building' moments ultimately formed a tight bond amongst them all, in a season, (I predict) will be kept close to their hearts for a very long time.

I could dive into all the incredible results that occurred during the season but there are actually too many. Fifteen podium results to be exact, spread over the South Island Championships, National Championships, Secondary School championships and of course Aon Maadi Cup, the biggest School competition in the Southern Hemisphere.

These results ultimately came about because these students did the 'hard yards'. Early morning training, 20km at a time, up and down the length of the lake, sometimes with a frown but mostly with an expression of inner strength and drive rarely seen in teenagers.

After the NZ National Championships where the green and black made their strong presence felt, winning one gold, two silvers and a bronze, the questions from all around the rowing community (including the General Manager of Rowing NZ) were being asked as to whether or not TAS would be making an appearance at the Aon Maadi Cup.





















Coaches Kelvin Maker and myself decided that the 'fairytale' of our season wasn't quite over and the commitment was made to get these oarsome and deserving kids to Maadi. An event that would usually take at least a year to organise/fundraise for was now needed to be jammed into a fortnight. Thank goodness we had experts like Mrs M and Chelsea on board to see us through!

With little time to fundraise, the plea to the Twizel Community was circulated and the people of this amazing town made incredible contributions to our school rowing team. Without the support of our community this trip to the Aon Maadi Cup at Lake Karapiro would never have happened. Feeling the support of the whole school and wider community we set our sights on making everyone proud.

By the end of the competition week all seven of our crews had qualified for the A final and two of the crews made it onto the podium. **Ralph Henderson** and **Kobe Narruhn** finished third in the Boys Under 18 Novice Double, and **Sadie Mason** and **Kiara Thyne** won gold in the Girls Under 18 Novice double.

An incredible way to cap off what was the most amazing season!

Sarah Henderson and Kelvin Maker



























# TOUCH RUGBY

Touch Rugby at Twizel Area School has continued to engage a large number of students within our middle and senior school. Now in our second year of building the mix team of boys and girls we are starting to see huge progress in how our team works and cooperates together.

This year we were very grateful to gain some funding from the Te Whatu Ora Foundation which went towards new training tops and playing singlets from XCM Timaru, as well as essential equipment to help better our team's involvement.







In recent times, the team has enthusiastically participated in the newly formed twilight touch competitions which are held on a Thursday night on the school field. This is where the school team has been competing against other talented community members, showcasing their dedication to the sport and enhancing their skills.

We also attended the Aoraki Touch Competition in Timaru for Year 8-10 students. This was an awesome competition against schools throughout South and Mid Canterbury. We managed to bring home a silver medal, which was an exceptional effort!

With their eyes firmly set on the future, this team is eager to extend their reach to inter-school competitions and compete at the South Island's next year. Their journey is more than just about scoring tries and winning; it's a testament to the power of unity, teamwork, and dreams of success for these promising athletes.

# ACTIVITIES WEEK











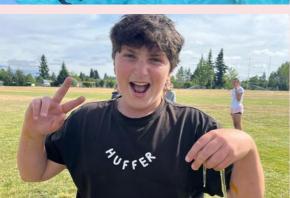






















# CAMPS OF 2023





























































## SGCNZ DRAMA













Term One was a busy term in Drama as we prepared for our annual entry in the SGCNZ University of Otago Sheilah Winn Aoraki Shakespeare Festival. Once again, the festival was hosted by Geraldine High School. This year we entered two excerpts - both 5 minute student-directed scenes from 'Romeo and Juliet'. There were a range of performances from a number of very different Shakespearean plays, performed by Twizel Area School, Geraldine High School and Craighead Diocesan School Drama students.

From this festival, Joshua Murray was selected as the Aoraki representative in the NSSP (National Shakespeare Schools Production), which was held at Scots College in Wellington during the October holidays. SGCNZ's NSSP is a week-long intensive course, studying aspects of Shakespeare's works and three of his plays. Josh participated in workshops throughout the week, and rehearsed for a public performance of scenes from the play his group studied, at the end of the week. There are only 46 students chosen to participate in NSSP - 24 students are chosen from each regional festival, and the remaining 22 students are chosen from the National Festival held during King's Birthday weekend. From this week, a group of 24 students are then chosen to form SGCNZ Young Shakespeare Company, which travels to the Globe every year. Elizabeth Brophy and Louie Skinner made this trip to the Globe this year. On their return, they came and spoke to our Senior Drama students about the experience, and how eye-opening their time in London was - and how different it is to Twizel!

We are looking forward to heading to Craighead Diocesan for the festival in 2024.



#### JUNIOR MĀORI LANGUAGE AND KNOWLEDGE CLASSES

For three terms Year 1-5 students have attended weekly classes with Mrs Nelson to build on their in-class learning. The programme has included:

- Pūrākau the historical stories of our area, especially the purakau of Aoraki and Rākaihautū, the legendary creator of the roto (lakes).
- Mapping tasks of Te Manahuna (the Mackenzie Country) with a focus on roto (lakes) and their placement in relation to each other and to awa (rivers) and Kā Tiritiri o te Moana (the Southern Alps) and correct pronunciation. Tasks included chalk art, watercolour painting, puzzles, and model making.
- Manu (birds) of Te Awa Whakamau ('the river that carries things,' the Tasman River) and their names.
- Mapping tasks to better understand places on Te Waka a Aoraki / Te Wai Pounamu (the South Island)
- Kupu hou (new words) colours, animal names, action words, and others. Lots of this learning has been done through games.
- Rākau (stick games) and poi.

It has been a pleasure to work with the young tamariki and support this important learning.













# GATEWAY

Gateway is about students experiencing placements with individuals and businesses to find out what career they do or don't want to pursue. To our employers out there, thank you for giving our students the opportunity to be in your workplace and the part that you all play in assisting them with skills and knowledge in your area of expertise.

The Gateway course is treated like a subject in our school and for the funding that we received for Gateway, students are expected to gain 20 credits that are applicable to their placement. The students that participated in Gateway this year are:

**Shelton Taylor** – Shelton went out with Genesis Energy for a term and then has spent the rest of the year with Altitude Electrical. Shelton has been working hard towards his Level 2 certificate and plans to pursue a career in the electrical industry.

**Jack McLellan** – Jack was on Gateway with South Canterbury Aero Club. The funding enabled Jack to receive the booklets needed to pass his Private Pilot's Licence, however, it was always the plan that this would take over two years to achieve.

**Finn McKinley** – Finn has been out with Meridian Energy looking at the software programmes that the company uses. This experience has shown Finn how companies use IT software in real situations.

**Ariki Purton** – Ariki spent time with Twizel Community Care Centre finding out what they do to support people in our community.









**Ella Ferguson** – Ella has been with our local hairdressing salon, Edit Hairdressers, working in the beauty side of things. Ella also attended a Creative Makeup course in Christchurch at Yoobee College, which she thoroughly enjoyed.

**Fred Grant** – Fred also spent time with Genesis Energy and then for the remainder of the year went out exploring careers with Twizel Auto, Ben Aldridge Building, Brad White Building, DOC, and McIntyre's Dairy Farm.

**Monique van der Westhuizen** – Monique has been working with Southern Salmon Lights, in particular the management side of things of a business.

**Cameron Smith** – Cameron spent time with Cadigans Engineering, getting an insight into an engineering company.

**Taya Hawkins** – Taya enjoyed her time at Twizel Early Learning Centre and completed numerous Plunket Unit Standards

**Jayla Wright** – Jayla spent time with the Twizel Kindergarten and also completed numerous Plunket Unit Standards as part of her experience

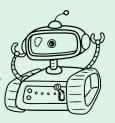
**Nexis McIntyre** – Nexis has been experiencing what is has been like in the working environment with placements at High Country Salmon, Southern Lakes Laundry and Mackenzie Four Square. **Luka Mains-Upson** – Luka was lucky enough to work with both Ben Aldridge and Brad White in the building trade.

**Amelia Marshall** – Amelia was another student who chose to do work experience in the building trade, this time with Simon and Hunter at Fraemohs Building.

**Luke McKenzie** – Luke spent time out with Aoraki Tree and Scrub and chopped down some wilding pines and completed a chemical course.

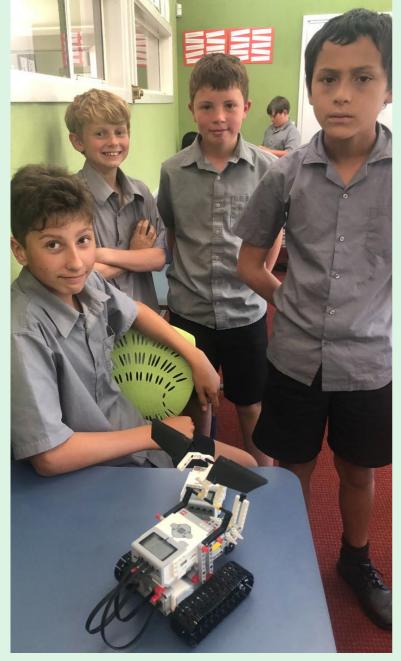
And lastly **Sadie Mason** – Sadie had a placement at school in the primary area taking students for Physical Education. Sadie planned her lessons with the students meticulously and worked with several classes and ages. She received great feedback from the teachers and because of this, Sadie is our Gateway Student of the Year. Well done, Sadie.

## R O B O T I C S



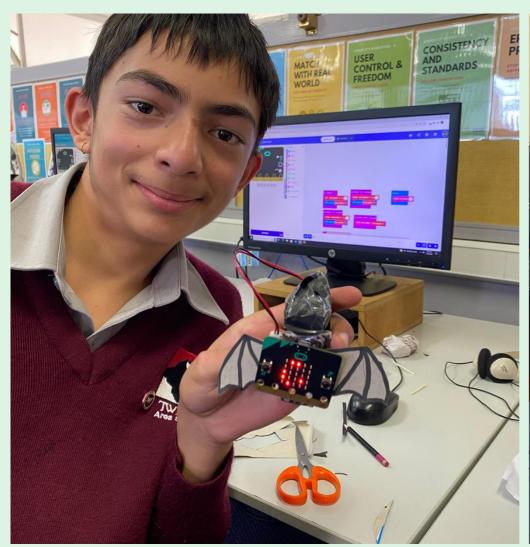
Robotics has been an option for the Middle School since 2014. I attended an "Introduction to EV3 Mindstorm" robots at the University of Otago. The main aim was to enable those with the aptitude the opportunity to develop their skills around robots; specifically the programming needed to operate them. They had run this course for teachers as they were aware that many schools were not offering such opportunities due, in the main, to not having teachers with the knowledge needed to do so.

Once a student starts wanting to program, they quickly identify the need to get their head around Algorithms or a logical sequence of steps. I see quite a connection between the needs of programming and the requirements for success in senior Mathematics; a sort of Win Win situation from a Mathematics teaching perspective.











A former student, Finn McKinley, (the first one to figure out how to get into background code), volunteered to assist this year as he had noted that Robotics was not offered in the first Semester. Finn has assisted with the class in his own time and has been invaluable. He has been very patient, explaining to those that ask, when they are ready to ask.

Last year, I was also fortunate to have two very motivated students who took the opportunity to a whole new level. One of them (Sukrit) has written the following;

"Robotics is one of the option classes that the middle school can choose from many other options. It is an interesting class with many things to make and the only limit is your imagination. There are many things to learn from this class like programming, building robots and many other things. I chose robotics this year and have seen many more kids and lots of new things that the kids have learned. I have been helping around and also learning python, a type of programming system. I can see that the kids have had a lot of fun while learning many new things."

Jim O'Carroll, teacher of Mathematics and Robotics



# DARK SKY TEKAPO





















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# ARTZ IN ACTION



























## FORMAL 2023











































#### **ROOM 4**



**Back Row:** Sarah Henderson (Teacher Aide), Jack White, Talai Lousley-Pouhila, Iva Larkins, William Borick, McKenzie Friend, Lynlee Officer (Teacher Aide)

**2nd Row:** Archie Bee, Zoe Lee, Bronson Heremaia, Jasmine Morris-Bamber, Lachie Peter, Boston Burgess, Oliver Smith

**Front Row:** William Scarlett, Kaea Rosanowski, Alexander Kilpatrick, Lylah Ritchie, Abigail Underwood, Nevio Eckardt, Aria Auld, Brooke Smith (Teacher)

### ROOM 8



Back Row: James Browning, Abel Wilson, Curtis Cocks, Cruz Williams

**2nd Row:** Charlie Kyd, Beau Dacombe, Oscar Oughton, Te Akerautangi Tonihi- Wilson, Thomas

Pooley, Amos Rosanowski

**Front Row:** William Scarlett, Charlotte Payne, Suné Boshoff, Aurora Grinter, Flynn Beer, Archie Bee

### ROOM 9



**Back Row:** Desiree Hooper (Teacher), Pippa Burke, Braxton McIntyre, Elizabeth Borick, Liam Kaeppler-Brooks, Melissa McLellan (Teacher)

**2nd Row:** Evangeline Arumugan, Jamiee Pooley, Hunter Currall, Keziah Fox, Emma Clark, Oliver Currall

**Front Row:** George White, Kyine Morris-Bamber, Lewis Galvin, Ronan Lemon, Dylan Cadigan, Andy Liang, Jordan Hiroki

### **ROOM 13**



**Back Row:** Melissa McLellan (Teacher), Chloe Sutherland, Imogen Ivey, Ivy Reid, Abbey Martin, Johnny Peter

**2nd Row:** Chloe Connolly, Georgie Gray, Ahorangi Wilson, Sapphire Denny, Summer Smith, Nya Taia-Boyd, Olivia Wise (Teacher)

**Front Row:** Mali Watkins, Sophie Lee, Alex Underwood, Alice Larkins, Babish Gautam, Aria Kilpatrick, Murphy Turner

#### ROOM 7



**Back Row:** Sam Arumugam, Harriet Kyd, Ayesha Tarrobago, Charlotte Bee **2nd Row:** Erin Miller (Teacher Aide), Tallulah Mackay, Alexis Bacchus, Henry Scarlett, Louis Feck, Alakai Fox, Mia Ross, Theo Brown, Stephanie Johnson (Teacher) **Front Row:** Audra Davis, Oisin Lemon, Poppy Reid, Ryder Heremaia, Neil Menard, Miley

McIntyre, Sebastian Irving, Alanna Kaeppler-Brooks

#### ROOM 5



**Back Row:** Millie Dodds, Mahalia Metcalfe-Taylor, Dayne Connolly, Jun Xu, Romy Menard, Fletcher Yates, Baxter Turner

**2nd Row:** Nurbu Sherpa, Aaliyah Heremaia, Nina Brown, Anya Smit, Leithen Beattie, Arlo Mackay, Mia Murfitt, Amanda Sargeant (Teacher)

**Front Row:** Lottie Clearwater, Chloe Barranta, Harrison Browning, Finlay Martin, Tia Henry, Joe Perniskie, Efa Watkins

### M1



**Back Row:** Felix Jones, Kaliyah Wilson, Zavier Beaumont, Bailey Bacchus, Blake Meyerhoff **2nd Row:** Andre Davis, Jacob Moore, Rosie Ritchie, Harvey Feck, Troy Smith, Ruby Baikie, Darcy Perniskie, Sandy Nelson (Teacher)

**Front Row:** Kuinsa Williams, Suki Clearwater, Maddie Donaldson, Stevie Fincham-Putter, Sophie Scarlett, Danielle Lloyd, Zoe Wilson

### M2



**Back Row:** Tye Baikie, Tom Gould, Connor Hayes, Jaxon Shaw, Heber Aethan Barranta **2nd Row:** Paige Firman, Conner Smit, Mason Crawford, Orlando Narruhn, Sukrit Timilsina, Jesse Purton (Teacher)

Front Row: Kanoa Thompson, Keira Taia-Boyd, Skye Frank, Isla Mcleod, Emma Gardiner

#### **M3**



Back Row: Zarena Cadigan, Mako Donaldson, Dejay Parata, Jake O'Sullivan-McCabe, Olivia Ivey 2nd Row: Anneke Smit (Teacher), Hyrum Barranta, Jaxon Alty, Myah Templeton-Gilchrist, Hazel Mason, Indie Thyne, Will McBride, Jacob Smith, Nic Lyons (Teacher Aide)
Front Row: Lulu Dodds, Isabella Borjas, Melinda Smit, Miley Wilson, Riley Beattie, Lucia Yates, Lilly McCabe, Jazmine Baikie

#### **M4**



**Back Row:** Mark Lavina, Chase Baty, Zack White, Charlie McLellan, Huxley Jones, James King **2nd Row:** Lachlan Dodds, Desmond Kahukura, Alex McCabe, Bryn Smit, Travis Rocha, Kobie Sole, Jesse Purton (Teacher)

**Front Row:** Hazel Henderson, Teihana Thompson, Rosie Frank, Lily Burgess, Taylah Marsh, Poppy Staniford

### **YEAR 11**



**Back Row:** Amelia Aldridge-Marshall, Luke McKenzie, Carter Hayes, Luka Upson, Dave White **2nd Row:** Jack Lennon, Jackson Parata, Sadie Mason, Corbin Lloyd, Cameron Smith, Balin Sole, Denise Arkless (Teacher)

**Front Row:** Carys Connolly, Allie Swain, Kiara Thyne, Mackenzie Dunnicliff, Maddy Alty, Ashlin Marsh

### **YEAR 12**



**Back Row:** Ralph Henderson, Shelton Taylor, Jack McLellan, Finn McKinley, Joshua Murray,

Denise Arkless (Teacher)

Front Row: Ella Ferguson, Soffe Shaw, Ariki Purton, Taya Hawkins, Jayla Wright

### **YEAR 13**



Back Row: Corey Jones

2nd Row: Fred Grant, Cameron MacDiarmid, Brandon Anderson, Denise Arkless (Teacher)

**Front Row:** Monique van der Westhuizen, Emily Schaar, Billy Garbutt

#### HEAD STUDENTS



Back Row: Emily Schaar, Kate Staniford (Teacher)

Front Row: Fred Grant, Billy Garbutt, Monique van der Westhuizen

#### **BADMINTON**



**Back Row:** Dave White, Jackson Parata, Billy Garbutt, Kobie Sole, Ralph Henderson **2nd Row:** Clare Frost (Teacher), Joshua Murray, Bryn Smit, Corbin Lloyd, Corey Jones, Jack McLellan, Sadie Mason, Hazel Mason

**Front Row:** Jaxon Shaw, Rosie Frank, Allie Swain, Monique van der Westhuizen, Mackenzie Dunnicliff, Kiara Thyne, Desmond Kahukura

#### **BASKETBALL**

#### JUNIOR TWIZEL TURBINES



Back Row: Felix Jones, Leithen Beattie, Troy Smith

Front Row: Jaxon Shaw, Mason Crawford, Orlando Narruhn, Sukrit Timilsina

## BASKETBALL SENIOR BOYS



Back Row: Joshua Murray, Cameron Smith, Jack McLellan

Front Row: Dave White, Desmond Kahukura, Ralph Henderson, Kobie Sole, Jackson Parata

#### BASKETBALL SENIOR GIRLS



**Back Row:** Kiara Thyne, Lily Burgess, Sadie Mason, Hazel Mason, Myah Templeton-Gilchrist **Front Row:** Hazel Henderson, Riley Beattie, Rosie Frank, Taylah Marsh, Lucia Yates

#### **GATEWAY**



**Back Row:** Shelton Taylor, Finn McKinley, Cameron Smith, Fred Grant, Luke McKenzie **2nd Row:** Michele O'Carroll (Teacher), Luka Upson, Ariki Purton, Jack McLellan, Sadie Mason, Elaine Lindsay (Teacher)

**Front Row:** Monique van der Westhuizen, Ashlin Marsh, Taya Hawkins, Jayla Wright, Ella Ferguson

#### GUITAR GROUP



Mia Murfitt, Bailey Bacchus, Tia Henry, Anne Sweney (Teacher)

#### HOUSE LEADERS



Back Row: Ralph Henderson, Finn McKinley, Jack McLellan, Kate Staniford (Principal)

Front Row: Monique van der Westhuizen, Kiara Thyne, Ella Ferguson

#### JUMP JAM



Back Row: Oscar Oughton, Kuinsa Williams, Efa Watkins

2nd Row: Felix Jones, Nina Brown, Bailey Bacchus, Brooke Smith (Teacher)

Front Row: Cruz Williams, Abel Wilson, Beau Dacombe, Thomas Pooley, Amos Rosanowski

#### KAPA HAKA JUNIORS



**Back Row:** Amos Rosanowski, Oscar Oughton, Emma Clark, Chloe Connolly, Chloe Sutherland, Thomas Pooley, Cruz Williams, Beau Dacombe

**2nd Row:** Anne Sweney (Teacher), Ryder Heremaia, Theo Brown, Louis Feck, Alexis Bacchus, Ahorangi Wilson, Jamiee Pooley, Abbey Martin, Karatī Metcalfe (Teacher)

**Front Row:** William Scarlett, Talai Lousley-Pouhila, Lachie Peter, Braxton McIntyre, Aurora Grinter, Jordan Hiroki, Kaea Rosanowski, Aria Auld

#### KAPA HAKA SENIORS



**Back Row:** Kanoa Thompson, Kiara Thyne, Billy Garbutt, Desmond Kahukura, Ralph Henderson, Dave White, Hazel Henderson

**2nd Row:** Anne Sweney (Teacher), Jackson Parata, Joshua Murray, Jack McLellan, Finn McKinley, Sadie Mason, Hazel Mason, Karati Metcalfe (Teacher)

**Front Row:** Baxter Turner, Nurbu Sherpa, Arlo Mackay, Aaliyah Heremaia, Leithen Beattie, Mia Murfitt, Mahalia Metcalfe-Taylor

#### NATIONALS REPRESENTATIVES



Back Row: Dave White, Jackson Parata, Ralph Henderson
 2nd Row: Chelsea Lousley (Teacher), Finn McKinley, Jack McLellan, Clare Frost (Teacher)
 Front Row: Riley Beattie, Hazel Mason, Cameron Smith, Sadie Mason, Kiara Thyne

#### NEW ZEALAND REPRESENTATIVE



Sadie Mason

#### RIPPA RUGBY



**Back Row:** Ryder Heremaia, Harriet Kyd, Henry Scarlett, Ahorangi Wilson, Oisin Lemon **2nd Row:** Baxter Turner, Nina Brown, Leithen Beattie, Arlo Mackay, Alakai Fox,

Brooke Smith (Teacher)

Front Row: Tia Henry, Oliver Currall, Efa Watkins, Keziah Fox, Hunter Currall, Mali Watkins

#### **ROWING**



**Back Row:** Sarah Henderson (Teacher), Kiara Thyne, Ralph Henderson, Luka Upson **2nd Row:** Orlando Narruhn, Sadie Mason, Corbin Lloyd, Bryn Smit, Jack McLellan, Kelvin Maker (Coach)

Front Row: Stevie Fincham-Putter, Poppy Staniford, Allie Swain, Lucia Yates, Hazel Henderson

#### SENIOR NETBALL



**Back Row:** Chelsea Lousley (Teacher), Sadie Mason, Hazel Mason **Front Row:** Hazel Henderson, Kiara Thyne, Lily Burgess, Riley Beattie

## SNOW CLUB JUNIOR



**Back Row:** Hunter Currall, Imogen Ivey, Abbey Martin, Harriet Kyd, Sapphire Denny, Alanna Kaeppler-Brooks, Sophie Lee

**2nd Row:** Baxter Turner, Alexis Bacchus, Arlo Mackay, Tallulah Mackay, Henry Scarlett, Finlay Martin, Clare Frost (Teacher)

**Front Row:** Pippa Burke, George White, Charlie Kyd, Elizabeth Borick, Sebastian Irving, Oliver Currall, Murphy Turner

## SNOW CLUB SENIOR



**Back Row:** Zavier Beaumont, Bailey Bacchus, Emma Gardiner, Blake Meyerhoff **3rd Row:** Charlie McLellan, Mason Crawford, Connor Hayes, Taylah Marsh, Jaxon Shaw, Huxley Jones, Alex McCabe

**2nd Row:** Balin Sole, Kobie Sole, Corbin Lloyd, Jack McLellan, Bryn Smit, Hazel Mason, Clare Frost (Teacher)

**Front Row:** Tye Baikie, Ashlin Marsh, Conner Smit, Carys Connolly, Hazel Henderson, Allie Swain, Tom Gould

#### **SGCNZ**



**Back Row:** Joshua Murray, Ariki Purton, Charlotte Saunders (Teacher) **Front Row:** Mackenzie Dunnicliff, Ella Ferguson, Allie Swain

#### STUDENT COUNCIL



Back Row: Monique van der Westhuizen, Emily Schaar, Fred Grant

2nd Row: Ella Ferguson, Ariki Purton, Finn McKinley, Billy Garbutt, Charlotte Saunders

(Teacher)

Front Row: Kuinsa Williams, Mia Murfitt, Bailey Bacchus, Nina Brown, Isabella Borjas

#### TOUCH RUGBY



Back Row: Tye Baikie, Jazmine Baikie, Tom Gould, Hazel Henderson

**3rd Row:** Alison Blanchard (Teacher), Ralph Henderson, Taylah Marsh, Joshua Murray, Mason Crawford, Emma Gardiner

**2nd Row:** Karatī Metcalfe (Teacher), Finn McKinley, Bryn Smit, Corbin Lloyd, Cameron Smith, Travis Rocha, Orlando Narruhn, Brooke Smith (Teacher)

**Front Row:** Jaxon Shaw, Desmond Kahukura, Myah Templeton-Gilchrist, Sadie Mason, Hazel Mason, Kobie Sole, Balin Sole

#### SOUTHERN AREA SCHOOLS TOURNAMENT



**Back Row:** Riley Beattie, Monique van der Westhuizen, Hazel Henderson, Carys Connolly, Rosie Frank

**3rd Row:** Luke McKenzie, Myah Templeton-Gilchrist, Ralph Henderson, Joshua Murray, Sadie Mason, Shelton Taylor, Kobie Sole, Maddy Alty

**2nd Row:** Chelsea Lousley (Teacher), Hazel Mason, Finn McKinley, Cameron Smith, Corbin Lloyd, Corey Jones, Jack McLellan, Denise Arkless (Teacher), Clare Frost (Teacher)

**Front Row:** Kiara Thyne, Indie Thyne, Dave White, Balin Sole, Brandon Anderson, Jackson Parata, Lily Burgess, Jayla Wright

#### UPPER WAITAKI SWIMMING



Back Row: Andre Davis, Bailey Bacchus, Jacob Moore

2nd Row: Louis Feck, Orlando Narruhn, Jaxon Shaw, Nina Brown, Chelsea Lousley (Teacher)

Front Row: Mali Watkins, Sebastian Irving, Efa Watkins, Harriet Kyd, Henry Scarlett

#### **VOLLEYBALL**



**Back Row:** Clare Frost (Teacher), Joshua Murray, Jack McLellan, Corey Jones, Sadie Mason **Front Row:** Monique van der Westhuizen, Kiara Thyne, Billy Garbutt, Brandon Anderson, Dave White

#### YOUNG ENTERPRISE



Ella Ferguson, Ralph Henderson, Ariki Purton, Finn McKinley, Monique van der Westhuizen



## SPORTS

Lakeline Trophy and Shaws' Hardware Award
FAIRPLAY AND SPORTING ACHIEVEMENT IN YEAR 6 - **Noah Sheridan** 

Anderson's Bay Trophy and Shaws' Hardware Award MOST VALUABLE BOY'S BASKETBALL PLAYER - **Ralph Henderson** 

Gunn Trophy and Shaws' Hardware Award
MOST VALUABLE GIRL'S BASKETBALL PLAYER - **Kiara Thyne** 

Twizel Businessmen's Association Cup and Shaws' Hardware Award MOST VALUABLE NETBALL PLAYER - **Sadie Mason** 

Öhau Lodge Twizel Traders Trophy for SKIING - **Jack McLellan** Öhau Lodge Öhau Snow Holdings Trophy for SKIING - **Emma Gardener** 

Fraemohs Homes Mackenzie Country Inn Trophy
BEST ALL ROUND SPORTSMAN - Ralph Henderson
BEST ALL ROUND SPORTSWOMAN - Sadie Mason

The Shaws' Hardware Award
BEST YEAR 7-9 ATHLETE - **Orlando Narruhn** 

The Twizel Auto Award
CONTRIBUTION TO BASKETBALL - Jackson Parata

The Fraemohs Homes Award for EFFORT in NETBALL - Kiara Thyne

The Fraemohs Homes Award for CONTRIBUTION to NETBALL - Hazel Henderson

The McMillan Cup and Shaws' Hardware Award MOST VALUABLE ROWING CREW MEMBER - Ralph Henderson

The Award for CONTRIBUTION to ROWING - Sadie Mason and Kiara Thyne

Thom Sweney Memorial Award for SNOWBOARDING - Finn McKinley



## CULTURAL

Mountain Chalet Motels Rebuttal Cup and Cadigan Engineering Award for DEBATING - Allie Swain and Mackenzie Dunnicliff

Mountain Chalet Motels Benmore Salmon Trophy for ARTS IN THE JUNIOR SCHOOL - **Nina Brown** 

Mountain Chalet Motels Arts in Action Trophy for MIDDLE SCHOOL SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT IN THE ARTS - **Bailey Bacchus** 

The Mountain Chalet Motels Potter Cup for SENIOR DRAMA - Ella Ferguson

LJ Hooker Twizel Community Arts Council Awards for Music Junior - Nina Brown & Emilie Ward Senior - Allie Swain and Mackenzie Dunnicliff

Tauira Māori - Emma Clark
Te Poho Kereru - Emilie Ward
He kakano ahau kia koe - Felix Jones
Rangatahi Kahungunu Māori - Kanoa Thompson
Puketeraki te marae Te Ara Tawhito a Raureka - Jackson Parata

Senior Award for CONTRIBUTION to TE AO MĀORI - Billy Garbutt

## ACADEMIC

Reading Recovery Completion - Isabel Waldie
George White
Luke Ward

Braille Authority of New Zealand Aotearoa Trust certificate for completing the BANZAT Braille Challenge 2023 - **Tallulah Mackay** 

Achievement in Crafted writing Y1-3 - **Georgie Gray**Achievement in Crafted writing Y4-6 - **Romy Menard**Achievement in Crafted writing Y7-10 - **Taylah Marsh**Achievement in Crafted writing Y11-13 - **Billy Garbutt** 



The Mackenzie District Council Enthusiastic Reader Cup (Reading Recovery) - Luke Ward

J&B Turner Cup for Academic Achievement in Year 3 - Georgie Gray

The Mt Cook Alpine Salmon Lindsay Cup for Overall Diligence in Year 6 - Emilie Ward

The Shaws Hardware, McKinnel Memorial Trophy for Year 6 Pupil who Tried Hardest - Mia Murfitt

Gateway Student of the Year - Sadie Mason

## JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT

Ohau Lodge and Mountain Chalet Motels Year 1-3 PRIMARY ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS For Achievement in Year 1 For Achievement in Year 2

Zoe Lee

**Jasmine Morris-Bamber** 

**Charlotte Payne** 

William Scarlett

**Beau Dacombe** 

**Liam Kaeppler-Brooks** 

**Braxton McIntyre** 

**Abel Wilson** 

For Achievement in Year 3

**Elizabeth Borick Hunter Currall Abbey Martin** 

**Ruby Sheridan** 

Ohau Lodge and LJ Hooker Year 4-6 PRIMARY ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS For Achievement in Year 5

For Achievement in Year 4

Louis Feck **Charlotte Bee Summer Smith Audra Davis** Millie Dodds **Murphy Turner** 

Alakai Fox **Henry Waldie** 

For Achievement in Year 6

**Jun Liang** 

**Romy Menard** 

**Noah Sheridan** 

**Baxter Turner** 



Mt Cook Alpine Salmon COURTESY AWARDS for the Junior School

Jack White Imogen Ivey
Aria Auld Sophie Lee
Curtis Cocks Miley McIntyre

Luke Ward Tia Henry

Suné Boshoff

Oliver Currall Fletcher Yates

### MIDDLE SCHOOL MERIT

Ayesha Tarrobago

Middle School MERIT AWARDS - M1

Stevie Fincham-Putter - Merit in Home Room

Kuinsa Williams - Merit in Art, Foods and Homeroom

Bailey Bacchus - Merit in Science

Harvey Feck - Merit in Health

Zavier Beaumont - Merit in Homeroom, Mathematics, and Science

Andre Davis - Merit in Mathematics and Science

Sophie Scarlett - Merit in Art, Drama and Homeroom

Danielle Lloyd - Merit in Digital Technology, Mathematics and Homeroom

Middle School MERIT AWARDS - M2

Skye Frank - Merit in Foods and Health

Paige Firman - Merit in Homeroom

Emma Gardiner - Merit in Art

Middle School MERIT AWARDS - M3

Myah Templeton-Gilchrist - Merit in Homeroom

Indie Thyne - Merit in Homeroom

Zarena Cadigan - Merit in Health and Homeroom

Isabella Borjas - Merit in Art

**Lilly McCabe** - Merit in Hard Materials

Lucia Yates - Merit in Digital Technology and Mathematics

Jazmine Baikie - Merit in Art

Middle School MERIT AWARDS - M4

Poppy Staniford - Merit in Health and Homeroom

**Lachlan Dodds** - Merit in Art and Mathematics

Hazel Henderson - Merit in Art, Digital Technology and Science



## MIDDLE SCHOOL EXCELLENCE

Middle School EXCELLENCE AWARDS
Sponsored by LJ Hooker and Cadigan Engineering

Bailey Bacchus - Excellence in Health, Homeroom and Mathematics

Danielle Lloyd - Excellence in Art, Foods and Science

Skye Frank - Excellence in Art

Paige Firman - Excellence in Health

Emma Gardiner - Excellence in Homeroom

Sukrit Timilsina - Excellence in Art and Foods

Hazel Mason - Excellence in Art

Jazmine Baikie - Excellence in Homeroom

Indie Thyne - Excellence in Art

Lucia Yates - Excellence in Art and Mathematics

Isabella Borjas - Excellence in Drama, Health and Mathematics

Rosie Frank - Excellence in Art

Mark Lavina - Excellence in Science

Taylah Marsh - Excellence in Art

Hazel Henderson - Excellence in Health, Homeroom and Mathematics









## SENIOR MERIT AND EXCELLENCE

Senior School MERIT AWARDS - Year 11

Maddy Alty - Merit in Art

Allie Swain - Merit in English

Dave White - Merit in English

Jack Lennon - Merit in Art

Balin Sole - Merit in Engineering

Mackenzie Dunnicliff - Merit in Drama and Music

Amelia Marshall - Merit in Fabrics

Corbin Lloyd - Merit in Art and Mathematics

Senior School MERIT AWARDS - Year 12

Jack McLellan - Merit in English

**Taya Hawkins** - Merit in Art and Photography

Ralph Henderson - Merit in English and Foods

Finn McKinley - Merit in English and Mathematics

Ella Ferguson - Merit in Chemistry, Drama, Business Studies and Photography

Senior School MERIT AWARDS - Year 13

**Brandon Anderson** - Merit in Physics

Monique van der Westhuizen - Merit in Biology and Foods

Billy Garbutt - Merit in Physics and Statistics

Senior School EXCELLENCE AWARDS

Sponsored by LJ Hooker, Ohau Lodge and Alty Cleaning

Amelia Marshall - Excellence in Construction

Sadie Mason - Excellence in Art

Cameron Smith - Excellence in Construction and Engineering

Kiara Thyne - Excellence in English, Foods, Geography, Mathematics and Science

**Ariki Purton** - Excellence in Photography

Billy Garbutt - Excellence in Chemistry

Emily Schaar - Excellence in Foods

Monique van der Westhuizen - Excellence in Art

**Brandon Anderson** - Excellence in Chemistry









## SENIOR TOP IN CLASS

Senior School TOP in CLASS AWARDS Sponsored by LJ Hooker, Ōhau Lodge and Alty Cleaning

Ralph Henderson - First place in Y12 Foods

Taya Hawkins - First place in Y12 Gateway

Jack McLellan - First place in Y12 Geography

Corey Jones - First place in Y13 Engineering

**Ariki Purton** - First place in Y12 Photography

Ella Ferguson - First place in Y12 Chemistry and Y12 Drama

Billy Garbutt - First place in Y13 Chemistry and First equal in Y13 English

Emily Schaar - First place in Y13 Foods and Y13 Health

**Monique van der Westhuizen** - First place in Y13 Art, Y13 Biology and in Y13 Business Studies

**Finn McKinley** - First place in Y12 Physics, Y12 Engineering, Y12 English, and Y13 Digital Technology

**Brandon Anderson** - First equal in Y13 English. First place in Y13 Physics, Y13 Calculus, and Y13 Psychology



## CITIZENSHIP

Award for Leadership and Contribution to Breakfast Club - Anya Smit

Twizel Auto Award for MIDDLE SCHOOL CITIZENSHIP - Hazel Henderson

Award for SENIOR SCHOOL CITIZENSHIP - Monique van der Westhuizen

Ohau Lodge Benmore Salmon Trophy for Year 3 LEADERSHIP - Jamiee Pooley

The Mt Cook Alpine Salmon Pratt Cup for Middle School Values - Lulu Dodds

Mountain Chalet Motels YK Richards Memorial Cup for LEADERSHIP - **Monique van der**Westhuizen

CONTRIBUTION TO THE STUDENT BODY - Ella Ferguson and Ariki Purton

SARA'S OARSUM and YOUNG FAMILY Award - Monique van der Westhuizen

## SCHOLARSHIPS

BREEN SCHOLARSHIP **Shelton Taylor** 

TWIZEL OP SHOP VOCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP

**Fred Grant** 

LEADERS OF TOMORROW SCHOLARSHIP

Monique van der Westhuizen

MĀORI ENTRANCE SCHOLARSHIP

**Billy Garbutt** 

PASIFIKA ENTRANCE SCHOLARSHIP

**Brandon Anderson** 

PRIME MINISTER'S VOCATIONAL

**EXCELLENCE AWARD** 

Finn McKinley

MACKENZIE COUNTRY SCHOLARSHIP

Monique van der Westhuizen

BRUCE SCOTT MEMORIAL PRIZE

Finn McKinley

TWIZEL AREA SCHOOL DUX

**Brandon Anderson** 







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