



# Heriot School

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## VISIT TO TAPANUI FOR THE **SCIENCE ROADSHOW & POMAHAKA WATER CARE GROUP** ACTIVITIES – Y4-6 Only

Dear Year Four, Five and Six Parents and Caregivers

On Friday 16 November (the same day that we are going to the Science Roadshow at BMC) the Pomahaka Water Care Group have planned some activities around stream health assessment, a visit to Otago University's Aquavan, and a riparian planting activity. These activities will be based at Tapanui School and the riparian planting/stream health assessment will be close to the Tapanui township.

This is a wonderful opportunity for us to better understand the catchment's aquatic environment, and that what happens on the land in the catchment ultimately is felt by the marine environment.

ALL Year 4-6 (23) students will be involved in these activities. The plan is to take two minivans from Heriot School, (*we will require one person to drive a van and remain with us for the day*).

This is an approximate schedule for the day;

9.00am	Depart Heriot School
9.20am	Arrive BMC
9.30–10.50am	Science Roadshow
11.00–12.30pm	Riparian planting and stream health assessment
12.30–1.30pm	Lunch
1.30–2.30pm	Aquavan
2.30pm	Travel back to school in time for buses

### Aquavan

*The Marine Studies Centre from the University of Otago will bring their Aquavan to Tapanui. The Aquavan is specially designed to transport marine species, and is equipped with chilled re-circulating seawater tanks.*

*Staff with the Aquavan will present a 2 hour session with hands-on activities for students to learn about the marine ecosystem. The marine animals and plants will provide a focus for discovery, learning and stimulus for discussion about environmental issues and responsibilities.*

This notice is to inform you about the changes in our plans for the day and to invite you along to some, or all, of these activities. It is expected that all students will wear the correct school uniform as they will be representing Heriot School. The Science Roadshow transport requests are still being returned to school and if you can take a car or even drive our minivan then please let me know as soon as you can.

This is a wonderful learning opportunity for us and we are looking forward to an exciting day.

**Colin McHutchon**  
Tumuaki/Principal  
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