## **WAVE Award**

## Lake Tekapo School Māori Health 2018

During term 4 of 2018, Lake Tekapo School received their WAVE award for Māori Health. This award sits alongside their Physical Activity WAVE award they received in 2016. During the end of year prize-giving, the WAVE award was received as well as a native plant symbolising all the hard mahi the school has done in the area of Māori Health.

The school's goal was to embed Māori tikanga and Te Ao Māori into the school's strategic plan, vision and values. This was accomplished through teachers and students using resources that have a bicultural context in their teaching and learning, planned visits to Arowhenua Marae and the Te Ana Rock Art Centre, traditional Māori games, support from Mackenzie College with local Haka, and a book developed by students about the local Māori history of the Lake Tekapo and Mackenzie region including illustrations by a local photographer.

"It was great to have WAVE's support through our Māori Health journey. The teachers and students really embraced the true value of Māori Health into the school's curriculum, vision, values and culture" said Simon Waymouth, Principal.

Lake Tekapo School would like to thank Suzy Waaka (Māori Health Promoter) and their WAVE facilitator Greg Newton for support and guidance in the area of Māori Health.



Lake Tekapo School receiving their WAVE Award



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