

# Taipa Area School

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## NEWS LETTER

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**3 - 6 June - Northland Area Schools Tournament - Whangarei - Yrs 9-13**

**6 June - Kiwi Netball - Kaitaia - Yrs 5-8**

**12 June - Kiwi Netball - Kaitaia Yrs 1-4**

**30 June - Matariki Week**

**1 July Kiwi Soccer - Yrs 3-6**

**1 July - Careers Roadshow**

**1 July - Immunisation Day - Yr 7 students**

**2-4 July Star Extravaganza - yrs 11- 13**

**3 July - Nga Manu Aute Puna Korero - Yrs 1-6**

Tena Koutou e nga Matua

#### ICT Matters

The school is now completely wireless and students are able to bring a device to aid their learning. The problems so far have been minimal but have included two cases of theft. We are looking at locker type solutions that will include device charging capabilities. Network For Learning (N4L) is the government's solution to providing free fast broadband to school. Amongst other things the initiative manages data traffic to ensure faster, more efficient and safer internet traffic. At present the school is in the process of carefully managing the change over from our present provider to ensure there are no interruptions to what teachers and students need in regards to learning.

The school is exploring a variety of options that will better enable all students and their families to purchase a suitable learning device at an affordable price. Watch this space.

#### Bullying Survey

The school is in process of collecting information on the extent and nature of bullying. Senior students with the help of Te Oranga have developed a student survey which they will administer this week. The information collected will be used to inform school policy and process. Current research suggests that young people themselves are better placed than adults to provide the solutions required to prevent bullying. There will be a strong emphasis on including student voice and action when developing next steps.

#### Dealing with Dyslexia

School staff had the privilege of listening to a presentation by Lawton King on dyslexia this week. Lawton provided teachers with a valuable insight into the nature of dyslexia and how their actions could either demoralize or encourage students with dyslexic tendencies. It is probable that we have more students than we realise with dyslexic tendencies and we need to do more as a school community to cater for their needs. The school is in the process of becoming a 4D school where we will be recognised as having processes in place that do this.

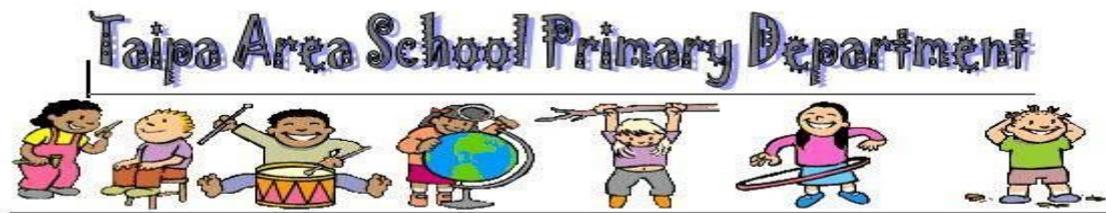
#### Mooting For The First Time

Taipa students Ezekiel Raui, Gabriella Johns and Quinn Moffat made school history this term by competing in their first Waikato University Secondary School mooting competition in Hamilton. Up against bigger and more experienced secondary schools the three novices presented their case to an actual court judge and then had to weather the scrutiny of law students as to the effectiveness of their work. After intensive preparation the students rose to the challenge and did themselves and the school

proud. The experience has encouraged all three students to pursue public speaking and consider a career in law.

## **NCEA SUBSIDY FORMS**

**These forms will be brought home by students sitting NCEA this year. Please return these to school with the money as soon as possible if you wish to take advantage of the subsidy**



## **Dates to remember:**

June 6th                      Kiwi Netball in Kaitaia for Years 5-8  
June 12th                     Kiwi Netball in Kaitaia for Years 1-4  
July 3rd                        Kiwi Soccer at Taipa for Years 3-6

## **Caught Being Good:**

I would like to make special mention of our sponsors, North Harbour Rotary Club, who help to fund our Duffy Books in Homes programme. Without their continued support, we would be unable to run this programme at school. Thank you - You Rock!! We love receiving books each term and so far, this year, the Duffy heros that have come to visit our school have been really interesting (Nathan Gray came in term one - visit our Blog site (<http://taipaprimery.blogspot.co.nz/>) to see what we learnt and how his visit has influenced our learning)



**Nga Manaia:** Karorina Davis making great progress in writing Keita Harrison making great progress in writing Lexus-Raui Munu making great progress in story writing Gemma Stacey writing her stories by herself Serenade Emery great story writing Watea Ashby great start at school.  
**Nga Tamure:** Dylin Emery learning her basic doubles halves facts Miracle Gear making a fantastic start showing great leaders.  
**Nga Mango:** Marie Meti working really hard in maths learning how to add instead of subtract for hard problems Capri Naicovi excellent effort in maths learning how to add instead of subtract some problems. Lyrik Puru moving up to level 6 in maths excellent effort. Azaria William making a excellent effort and learning how to add instead of subtract for harder problems. Andreyra Murray excellent effort in maths learning how to add instead of subtract problems.  
**Nga Naru Iti:** Tuhiana Eramiha tana kaha ki te korero maori me te mahi nga mahi me te mahai nga mahi o te ruma. Te Atenga raui tana kaha ki te awahi atu i tetahi atu. Aura Hark awahi i nga teina.



**Nga Manaia:** Karorina Davis having beautiful manners. Kauwa Parata-Davies making a great star at school.

**Nga Tamure:** Psalm Murray showing great leadership and improving in all areas. Rikki-lee kapea reaching purple level in reading. Mercedes Naicovi reaching purple level in reading.

**Nga Mango:** Te-Aroha Hesketh excellent effort in writing. Reuben Stacey excellent effort in writing. Aimee Harper settling well into taipa. Noah Harper settling well into taipa.

**Nga Naru Iti:** Katie-marie burkett. Te waero takerei.



**Nga Manaia:** Sould-Jah Erihe-Peneha for making wonderful contributions during during topic work

**Nga Tamure:** Zion Lawrence for putting 100% effort into every subject and therefore making good progress

**Nga Mango(given out by Mr Hageman):** Aimee Harper for being helpful and cooperative in everything that she does; Dylin Emery for having a cheerful positive attitude and for being helpful; Noak Harper for showing a positive attitude, being helpful and respectful to all!

**Nga Ngaru Iti:** Corey-leigh Tobin tuhитуhi; Peter Torrance Te hakatika i te ruma; Kaila Tobin Te mahi panarau

## Kiwi Netball Years 5-6

This year we have registered teams from Year 1 to 6 to play in our local tournament in Kaitaia and we have been practicing during school time to get ready. If you are able to help with trainings we would love some help. Also, please mark these days in your calendar as we will definitely need help with transport to Kaitaia on these dates. If we do not have enough transport we will have to pull out.

Year 5 and 6 are training on Mondays with Erina from 12.45 to 1.15 and Wednesdays from 2pm till 2.45pm on the netball courts by the Science block. The juniors are training when we can but are looking for a coach - if you can help, please let us Mrs Edwards or Mrs Ashby know ASAP!!

## Rippa Rugby

Last week two teams went to a Rippa Rugby tournament in Kaitaia to play against other Primary schools in the Far North. The Year 3 and 4 team lost all of their games but stayed positive. Players of the day were Miracle Gear for excellent defending and Zion Emery for great passing and teamwork. The Year 5 and 6 team lost their first game, won one and drew their last exciting game against Oturu. Many thanks to Islet and family, Te Ariki and John, Jamie, Hailey, Peter's Mum and Brooke for your great support!

# Recycling in the Primary

Please remember to encourage your child to eat "Nude Food" which is so much healthier and saves our school dumping fees as packets go into the landfill. Jo Shanks will be visiting classes this term to teach us the many ways that we can reuse materials in the home.



The infographic features the Heart Foundation and HealthyHeart+ logos at the top. It includes a list of three tips for maintaining energy levels: 1. Timing of eating, 2. Refuelling, and 3. Water is best. A photo shows three children jumping rope. At the bottom, it provides website information for more details.

**Energy support for active kids**

For kids to perform at their best, it's important for them to eat the right foods. Each child has different energy needs based on the physical activity they do. Here are three simple ideas to help kids maintain a healthy energy level:

1. **Timing of eating** - to maintain energy levels over the day, active kids need five to six small meals per day, or three meals plus two to three healthy snacks.
2. **Refuelling** - give back to the body what's been used up during being active. Some healthy refuelling snacks include a banana or other fruit, cheese and crackers, or a cup of yoghurt.
3. **Water is best** - drinking water before, during, and after physical activity (or an event) is the best way to stay hydrated.

For more information, visit [www.heartfoundation.org.nz](http://www.heartfoundation.org.nz) or [eating for school children](#)

## A Message from the heart Foundation

## Yummy Apple Stickers and labels



Once again we are collecting yummy stickers and cut out labels from apple bags for the next couple of terms. Please help us out. At the end of term 3 we are able to redeem what we have collected for sports equipment. Please send in what you have collected into the front office or to the classroom teacher. Many thanks in advance for your support!. If you would like a collection sheet to put stickers on, please let Mrs Edwards or Mrs Dormer know.

## After School Sports

It is great to see so many of our students playing after school sports. This is just a friendly reminder - if your child(ren) need to go to a practice after school, please send a note into school so that we know they will not be catching the bus. We have a primary teacher available to help students across the road also.

## Year 9 Health Assessments

Taipa Area School is pleased to support a new and positive health initiative that provides an opportunity for all rangatahi in year 9 to have a health screening assessment. We want to identify any health needs that students may have so that we can support families in providing services to meet them, and to ensure that students are in class ready and able to learn. The public health nurse will interview each student about their health and wellbeing. The discussion with the Nurse will cover topics such as:

- Visits to health services such as the GP
- Health factors relating to home
- Interests outside of school
- Education and advice on drugs, alcohol and sexual health

A vision hearing technician will conduct a vision hearing screening. Every student is asked for their consent before an assessment is undertaken, and has the right to refuse if they choose to. Parents can also withdraw their child from the screening programme by contacting the school; and request that they do not participate.

This is a Ministry of Health led initiative.

For more information please contact the Public Health Nurse - Julia Monaghan 0212732556 or 08005374342



## Library News

**Welcome to all our tamariki and their whanau to Term Two from the Library Team**

**All students may take home up to 10 books at a time, I would like to remind parents that they are very welcome to come into the library and choose books for themselves and younger siblings who are still at home:**

***'take the plunge & get your pre-schoolers into a culture of books and reading'***

**The New Zealand Post Book Awards for children and young adults are held annually to celebrate the best New Zealand literacy for kiwi kids. These awards are a celebration of excellence for our kiwi authors, each year a portion of the library budget is set aside to purchase the nominated books to ensure that our tamariki are exposed to the very best New Zealand literature available, the winners will be announced on 23 June 2014.**

**The primary *BOYZ Book Club* consisting of boys from Mrs Edward' & Mrs Wilkinson' classes is still happening weekly with great gusto & enthusiasm, they will come home with a *Book Club* book to read and an accompanying worksheet that they have six days to complete.**

**A gentle reminder about reading:**

***'little & often & make it fun'***

**15 minutes a day helps promote their reading levels & creates *lifelong readers***

**Chaz Busby off on the R Tucker Thompson** as this newsletter goes to print. If you want to follow his voyage, Google Tucker Thompson or check it out on Facebook.



## **Northland Youth Summit**

The Northland Youth Summit was about getting youth from all around the far north, together in one spot to come up with young innovational ideas that we thought would support our communities.

### Personal thoughts: Zeek

I thought the Northland Youth Summit was awesome, It was good to meet with like minded youth throughout Te Tai Tokerau and be able identify negative aspects within our communities that we intend to counter. Also, it was awesome to be able construct projects that we as a collective thought would benefit our communities and counter the negative aspects.

### Outcome:

As a result of the Northland Youth Summit, my team and I came up with "Project Opportunity" which is all about offering opportunities to not only our rangatahi but also our whanau who are struggling. We intend to fundraise and continue to find funding for our tamariki and whanau and as a result provide them with the necessities (eg. pens, pencils, bags, books, mentors, kai gardens, etc.) that they need to get them to where they wish to be.

Ezekiel Raui

## **Northland Youth Summit**

On Thursday the 22nd of May all of the year 9 boys attended the opening of the Northland Youth Summit.

Madeleine Sami was the guest speaker. She is a very talented New Zealand actress and comedian who has starred in many movies (Sione's Wedding) and many plays. She's also the main character in the programme Super City.

She told us her story of what she did to get to her point in her career. She told us to do what you want and how to get there. Her biggest message was to try doing scary stuff and push yourself out of your comfort zone, and also don't be a snob and try every job and opportunity before you judge it, because you never know where it might lead to!

Thank you to Mr Lee and Miss Skeen-Toia for giving us this awesome opportunity. We really enjoyed the chance to go meet Madeleine and listen to her. I think that her advice will really help all of us with the big decisions we will have to make in the future.

Rawiri Beazley



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