

# Taipa Area School

Vibrant Dynamic Hub of the Community

## NEWS LETTER

26 September 2016

Up Coming Events	
10 October	Term 4 starts
1-2 November	Year 11 Caving trip

Dear Parents

### He Mihi Whakamutunga - *Principal's Farewell*

It's time for me to sign off as principal at Taipa Area school. When I start back at work next term it will be as principal of Opononi Area School, the school that I left ten years (to the day) to take up this position at Taipa. Being the Principal here has been the best job I have had and the longest position I have ever held. I am sad to leave but I have no regrets, It is just that time to go. The tides of Hokianga are calling and I have other things to do. It has been a privilege to lead a school as diverse, challenging and vibrant as Taipa is. I have learnt that people matter most and that when leading a school, students are most important. I have learnt that it is the principal's responsibility to press for change that will best serve those students - their achievement and their wellbeing. I have learnt that what you say to people is important, but the way in which you say it can be even more important. I have learnt that everyday is important so make everyday count. Make every hour count. Make everything you say count. Make everything you do count towards making a positive difference in the lives of the people around you.

Finally - on behalf of my family; thank you to all the students, teachers, support staff, parents and community members who have enriched our lives over these past ten years. *No reira ka mau tonu mai ko nga tini maumaharatanga. Noho ora mai koutou o te Kura nei i raro i nga manaakitanga o te Atua - tena ra tatou katoa.*



## **Manu Korero Nationals**



In Whangarei yesterday a group of Taipuna students joined with students from schools all around Taitokerau to welcome and host students from all over the country at the Manu Korero National Speech Competition. The opening ceremony was magnificent. We are especially proud of Whaea Manu, a lead teacher in Taipuna, who was at the forefront of organising the event.



## **Cake Day - and other assessment activities**

Year 11 and 12 students were involved in a hospitality assessment last week that involved designing and baking cakes. The students outdid themselves and staff were treated to the results - resulting in a sugar overload for the rest of the day. Well done and thank you to Mrs Karen O'Carroll who planned the assessment activity. NCEA students will continue to be involved in a range of assessment and learning activities right up until exam leave in week 5 of next term.



## **The 2017 School Ball**

This years Ball was a tremendous success. The event was well organised by senior students with the support of some dedicated teachers and support staff. The decorations were beautiful, the food was excellent and the DJ kept everyone on the dance floor. Students from both Opononi Area School and Te Rangianiwaniwa attended and their presence really enhanced the occasion. Both schools have sent messages of thanks and gratitude for being able to take part. Our students were great hosts and ambassadors.



It was great to witness our students socialising and enjoying the night. One of our year 13 boys, Uriah Murray was pronounced King of the Ball while another year 12 student, Mark Lang was pronounced Prince.

"How is rubbish managed at Taipa Area School and where does it go once the rubbish leaves school?"

ZEALAND BEAUTIFUL WEEK".  
The students are investigating how Transfer Stations work and participate in a beach clean up close to the Ahipara Landfill.

**Y 10 Social Studies** Students are conducting a social inquiry:

This involves interviewing members of our school community, taking photos for evidence and participating in the 2016 "KEEP NEW



### Polyglot Language Learning at Taipa Area School Information to students and their whanau:

**Parents and Caregivers are welcome in our classes to learn a language with the students. Come and have a go! Language learning is most successful when we speak new words and sentences with each other!**

Using ICT, the internet and individualized resources the teacher will help you to learn the language you want and set personal goals. The Ministry of Education websites and resources are available for:

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Spanish:	<b>Español</b>	Latin:	<b>LATINA</b>

<http://learning-languages.tki.org.nz/Language-Resources>

This term our students are learning: French, German, Spanish, Chinese, Japanese, Thai, Italian, Latin, Samoan, Hawaiian, Filipino, Balinese and Te Reo in their language class.

## Mid winter swim.

25 students from year 7 up braved a winter's day and set out for a mid winter swim during spirit week. The weather could not have been better for it but it did little to warm the water up but it did make getting out of the water a lot more bearable. Those who participated made lots of comments about how *refreshing* the water was, mainly through chattering teeth! The students were rewarded with a hot milo and a sausage and bread to warm them up. Well done to all of those who participated and made it a success. .



As part of the school's environmental plan, primary school students have been building a shadehouse made from recycled plastic bottles. Some of our local senior citizens from the Foreshore Protection Society have been providing hands-on expertise and experience to get the job done. A particular mention must be made of Mrs Wilkinson's effort and commitment in leading us towards achieving an Environmental Silver Award within the next two years.



## Did you know??

You can check the daily news, upcoming events on the school website  
[www.taipa.school.nz](http://www.taipa.school.nz).

You can also check your child's live record of learning and timetable on the Student\Parent Portal(you will need a username and password from the office).



## Science Fair

The 2016 science and technology fair was held in Kerikeri. Students in year 9 participated in research projects and six were selected to go. Sheree Lange was successful in earning a bronze prize for her project "master blaster" which involved an investigation into how accurate various brands of 0.22 ammunition were. Other Taipa projects include investigations into various horse treats, internet speed, ice cubes, effects of friction the cooling effect of peppermint lollies and the age old question of who does actually have the best memory - teachers of students. Well done to Tara Jones, Aaliyah Duval Pederson, Taliyah Erihe, Sarayah Ogden Hill, Chauntaye Pomare and Campbell Tatham for your contribution to the Farnorth science fair and representing Taipa Area School well.



## Whakapiki ake

On Thursday 8th September, 5 students attended a program run through Auckland University called Whakapiki ake aimed at secondary students. The program is a support system for maori students and it has a goal to increase maori participation in medical careers and get more maori into the medical professions, as nurses, doctors, OT's, Physiotherapists, radiologists, dentists and even the business and management administration side of the health sector. The students were told some interesting information such as the fact that there are only 9 maori physiotherapists in NZ and how the country and especially rural regions like the Far North need more maori health professionals. Students were also addressed by a former student of 13 years at Taipa Area School - Anya Yankee who is in her fifth year, who offered advice on how some of the programs work, and the issues she faced, and how she solved them when she left school to pursue a medical degree.



# Lunch time swimming at Taipa

The week after labour day is the time when Taipa Area School has traditionally begun supervised lunch time swims at Taipa beach in front of the school for year 7-13 students.  
This will be on Tuesday 18th October. Swimming commences 1:20pm and finishes at 1:45pm, to give the students time to get changed and eat before their next lesson. Students will need to bring a towel, appropriate swim wear and a bag to put wet swimwear in if they are to participate.

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