



Taipa Area School

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Kia ora whānau it was a very sad week last week as Tā Hekenukumai Puhipi was farewelled by whānau, hapū and iwi. AT Taipa Area School we have enjoyed sharing time with Papa Hek and Nainoa and our Hawaiian whānau who have visited our shores regularly over the years. Moe moe moe mai rā e te Rangatira.



Sports

The Northland Regional Areas Tournament was held this week on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Taipa Area School entered teams into Basketball, Football, Netball, Rugby, Kī-o-Rahi and Volleyball (which was played in Term 1.) All students that attended played extremely well. The results were as follows:

- Girls Volleyball placing 3rd
- Boys Volleyball placing 2nd
- Girls Basketball placing 1st
- Boys Basketball placing 2nd
- Girls Football placing 2nd
- Girls Netball placing 1st
- Kī-o-rahi placing 2nd and 5th

The following students have been selected for The Northland team to represent them at the National Tournament at Rotorua:

Eli Adlington, Oshean Ashby, Tayla Bristowe, Anthony Harrison-Duval, Tryneece Heta-Tomars, Lucas Hohaiatara, Dion Johnston, Tara Jones, Paige Jury, Karisma Kingi, Nikau Mocaraka, Mena Nikora, Julius Peterson, Shalynd Rau, Daisy Seabourne and Chantel Togiaua.



DO YOU KNOW YOUR ZONE IN THE EVENT OF A TSUNAMI?

As part of our commitment in helping to keep your tamariki safe Taipa Area School has recently purchased an Indoor Tsunami Siren. These have been developed by Northland Civil Defence to complement the outdoor tsunami siren network to help keep you and your whanau safe in the event of a Tsunami.

In conjunction with the purchase of the alarm we have also updated our evacuation plans if a tsunami is expected.

We are ready and prepared for evacuation. Remember what never happens.... Happens! It is also a timely reminder as a household to identify whether you live, work or play within a tsunami evacuation zone. To help your family plan your evacuation hīkoi to higher ground you can check out the interactive map at nrc.govt.nz/evacuationzones

KNOW YOUR ZONE

NCEA FEES NOW FREE

The Ministry of Education has announced that families of secondary students will no longer have to pay fees to enter NCEA and New Zealand Scholarship.

Fees paid for 2019 will be refunded so if this applies to you come in and see Lisa Baker for a refund.

Board of Trustees

We are encouraging you to join our Board of Trustees. Taipa Area School has moved forward with very good progress over the last two years. Positive outcomes that we are extremely proud of are:

- an increased and stable roll
- resourcing and finances are positive
- improved pastoral care of students
- improved Careers and Guidance support
- a clear vision of every student leaving our school with a pathway to their future
- apprenticeships for senior students
- movement to digital learning
- upgrades to our Hard Materials room and the Primary Block and major refurbishment of the Main Block and Gymnasium due to start.

Our staff are hardworking and dedicated to make a difference. Being on part of our Board of Trustees will strengthen and continue our journey.



Nominations for the board of trustees will have been sent out to whanau of Taipa Area School students. There will be a voting slip for whanau to nominate anyone of their choosing but the nominated person must be chosen by caregivers of a Taipa Area School student.

Message from the Northland Public Health Unit

With 28 cases of measles in Canterbury, and two new cases in Auckland, now is the perfect time to make sure your child is up to date with their immunisations against measles.

Two doses of the MMR vaccine are needed for maximum protection, but if your child is under 4, one dose of MMR is considered enough as they are still 'on

schedule' for immunisations – the second dose is given at age 4.

If you are not sure if your child is immunised, check in your Well Child book, or talk to the Practice Nurse at your usual General Practice.

If your child is not up to date with their measles vaccines, they are at higher risk of contracting measles. Unimmunised children (or children who have only had one MMR after they turn 4) who are even only exposed to measles could face up to two weeks off school while they wait to see if measles develops, causing enormous disruption in families.

Those who actually contract measles fare worse, as measles is a very unpleasant illness. Make sure your child is up to date with their MMRs!

We suspect cases in Northland soon, so please don't delay.

Careers Corner

Shane Sutton

Shane has been very successful recently, in gaining an apprenticeship in Glazing with Doubtless Bay Windscreens & Glass Ltd. After completing the Infrastructure Programme with the Solomon Group in Kaitaia as part of a TAS Careers opportunity in 2018, Shane gained 42 Credits at Level 2 and worked extremely hard in all the practical aspects of the course last year which led him to be placed in a Work Experience opportunity with Kane Beazley at Doubtless Bay Windscreens and Glass Ltd. He started off working one day a week to see if he liked what he was doing and this quickly became two and then three days a week. After working for no monetary reward for this time, but gaining valuable work experience and knowledge of what work requires, including working in his school holidays, Shane impressed Kane enough to be offered a full time apprenticeship recently which is excellent reward for all his hard and dedicated work. Congratulations Shane.

Cloe Stacey

Chloe has been doing work experience for the past 5 weeks at Coastal Homes with Glen Bradbury and his team. Chloe goes one day a week and is pursuing a career in the Building Construction Industry as a Carpenter. She is really enjoying the experience and Glen has commented on how well she is doing where she will now start a full Building Construction Gateway Programme. This will see Chloe continue to do her work experience with Coastal Homes and also complete BCITO Unit Standard Credits which go towards her ultimate goal of securing a Carpentry Apprenticeship with a Building Company at the end of the year.

Korbyn Cork-Patrick

Korbyn is another TAS student from the Solomon Group Infrastructure Programme. Korbyn attended the Infrastructure Programme last year and excelled in all aspects of the programme. This success earned him a job interview with the huge Fulton and Hogan Company and he has secured a Cadetship in Infrastructure. Korbyn is working full time with Fulton and Hogan in Auckland, doing long hours and earning very good money as a result. He was placed in accommodation in Auckland and is being trained many aspects of what Fulton Hogan do and from all reports back from them, is doing extremely well.

Red Shirts - Warehouse Kaitaia

Four of TAS students are currently doing a Gateway Course in Customer Service at the Kaitaia Ware House. **Anei Crooks, Michelle Pickering-Forden, Ella-Ray and Laurel Simeon** are working one day a week learning all about customer service and will be endeavouring to pass 23 Credits to go towards their NCEA.

Rebranding

Consultation is under way with developing a new look for our school. Our carver, Darrin Pivac has been working with a new tohu (design) that we want to use as our school logo. It is based on our story around the waka Mamaru and the original story of our school motto from 1956 when Taipa District High School first began. *(Excerpt taken from Taipa District High School's first year book): As the memorial monument near the school tells that Kupe landed here, and again later the "Mamaru" as one of the canoes of the Great Fleet pulled in here after coming from Hawaiki, a presentation of a Polynesian canoe has been chosen as the emblem for the School.*

Enduring the privations of an unfriendly and expansive ocean, these early pioneers, perhaps the supreme navigators of all time achieved their landfall. Indomitable courage and great skill were surely theirs. And are these any less necessary today? Therefore, pupils, let the message of your badge speak through your lives. May it be a stimulation to the

exhibition of qualities of leadership, endurance, co-operation and devotedness to a chosen cause.

These sentiments still hold true today and remain part of the whakapapa of our Kura.

Monument Unveiling

The monument is finally underway. It has been a long process with the monument since October the 27th 2017. We are finally unveiling the monument on the 27th of June this year. Thank you to Fulton Hogan for all your support you have given us from getting the monument here to donating us concrete for the base of the monument. Nga Mihi, **Shiquille Duval**

Strike Action for Area Schools TBC

Area Schools have a different agreement than other schools. Union members will vote this week to decide if our school teachers will be on strike. We will let you know as soon as possible.

Friday's Pink T-shirt Day

On Friday we held a "Pink Shirt/Mufti Day" to build awareness around bullying and to celebrate diversity and promote positive social relationships. Celebrated annually around the globe, Pink Shirt Day began in Canada in 2007 when two students took a stand against homophobic bullying, mobilising their whole school, after a peer was bullied for wearing a pink shirt. The senior leaders held activities in the school gym for all to participate in. The activities included: massive balloon volley, positive pink balloon messages, baking and small carnival type games. The students enjoyed the activities and hopefully see it grow in the future."



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