



## Taipa Area School

Taipa, Northland  
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Tena Koutou katoa  
Ngā mihi mahana ki ā koutou

Last week we said a huge thanks and good-bye to all but one of our Board of Trustees representatives. Long-standing members Donna Yates (Chair) and Carol Moffat (Deputy Chair) will be sorely missed as they held a huge wealth of knowledge and experience that Taipa Area School benefitted from. We appreciate their contribution to guiding our school on this amazing journey. Thank you so much Haina Tamehana, Toni Dane, Shane Dormer, Nik Duval and Hannah Thompson. We have enjoyed your support and commitment making Taipa Area School a great place.

Coming up to the end of the second term there is a lot of activity. We are looking forward to celebrating our students' success at the next whole school assembly.

Ngā mihi  
Doreen Bailey, Principal

### Netsafe

Netsafe takes a technology-positive approach to the challenges digital technology presents. Netsafe works to help New Zealanders take advantage of opportunities available through technology by providing practical tools, support and advice for managing online challenges. In Term 3 we are asking Netsafe to work with us and our school community to enable people to manage and reduce the risk of online harm. This is to ensure we can all support our taura to feel more confident being online.

### Education Review Office (ERO)

The Education Review Office is returning to Taipa Area School in August, we will be seeking some feedback on what's working for you and your child. Watch out for some surveys to come your way!



### School Hoodies

We are adding a hoodie to our uniform to ensure our students are warm. This is taking time to get the right design and quality. Please bear with us, we are trying to keep costs down for whānau.

### Video Games Taking Over Your Child's Life?

Some of our kids are coming to school exhausted after being on-line for hours after everyone has gone to bed. Do you know how much sleep your son or daughter is getting? Here are link/ sites to help you manage this if it is a problem - it's all about moderation!  
<https://www.wikihow.com/Get-Your-Child-to-Stop-Playing-Video-Games>  
<https://www.raisesmartkid.com/10-to-16-years-old/6-articles/treat-childs-video-game-addiction>

### Students Signing in and Out

It is imperative students sign in and out on the student tablet located in the Dean's office. If you need to sign your child out early, please call the office or alternatively send them with a note. Students **must** sign in when they arrive late, so they are not assumed truant and Taipa Area School staff know they are present and safe at school.

### Board of Trustees

Congratulations to the new Board of Trustees representing Taipa Area School: **Sarah Russel, Michael Erihe, Kiri Elliot, Tania Grace, Karena Hita, Steven Tansey and Lisa Baker.**

### Kiwi Netball Tournament

Three year 7 & 8 teams went to the Kiwi Netball Tournament in Kaitiāia. Each team played five games and of all the fifteen games played there was only one loss and fourteen wins! Every student played their heart out and showed excellent sportsmanship on and off the court.



Each team had a most valuable player awarded, congratulations to **Robert Waru-Morgan, Keelan Owen-Natoealofa and Zion Tatai**.



### Manu Korero

E koekoe te Tui, e ketekete te Kaakaa, kuku te Kereru. Karanga mai Ngā Manu Kōrero o Te Tai Tokerau. Meinga, meinga poho Kererū ana ki o mātou kaikorero kia **Erikah Togiaua** raua ko **Te Mahara Tamehana**, i tū kaha, i tu maia i runga i te mana o tō tātou kura. Tūwhitia te hopo e mara mā. Hangū hangū, pawe pawe. I a rāua e whakarite ana mo te korero tene, hikaka rawa te manawa na runga i to raua maia ki te karawhiu i tō rāua reo ahakoa te kaupapa, ahakoa toru miniti noa iho te whakarite, me te wepua mo te hemo tonu atu. Ko tatou tera i hikina i te manuka, mei kore ko te tautoko mai i era o wā mātou whanaunga ki kura ke atu, kua kore pea mātou e kawe i tenei kaupapa hei te tau 2020. E mihi ana ki nga huanga o Ngati Kahu i tū hei tuara mā tatou i roto i enei whakaritenga.

We are so proud of both our speakers, the courage to stand and deliver your impromptu with three minutes prep time is amazing. Again, we would like to give thanks to our kura who guided and supported Taipa Area School during this wonderful kaupapa. Taipa Area School have been blessed with the mauri of this kaupapa and will be hosting this competition next year. Ma panga, ma whero ka oti ai ngā mahi.



### Success Assembly

Thursday the 4<sup>th</sup> July we will be rewarding Excellence and Progress Awards and celebrating the numerous Academic, Cultural and Sporting activities. You will be informed if your tamaiti or taurira is receiving a recognition.

### Taipa Area School Ball

The theme for the ball this year is *'Enchanted'* and it will be held on **August the 24<sup>th</sup>**. The doors will open at **7pm** and will only be open to Years 11, 12 and 13 students.

Tickets will be \$30 each or \$50 for couples with the ball itself being held in the Taipa Area School Hall. Please don't miss out as it will be a night to remember! The Ball Committee this year is made up of **Paige, Sydney** and **Daejah** please see them if you have any queries.

### Student Writing

#### *Puwheke*

Hundreds of years ago, in the north island of New Zealand far from civilization there lived a giant octopus. He had lived in the sea near the coast for decades. He had plenty of kai to eat and a lot of territory that belonged to him.

But one night a ferocious storm came up. Waves smashed against the rocks as they reached the sand dunes. They washed back onto the beaches and into the sea. The water swirled around the giant octopus. It was full of driftwood, kelp and smaller sea creatures that were in the violent waves. Finally, the octopus found a place to shelter from the storm. He slipped beneath a rocky ledge and waited out the relentless storm.

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The next day the sun rose from behind the mountains, the storm had ended. The giant octopus slipped away from his hiding place and floated through the turbulent waves, looking for something to eat. As he wrapped his tentacles around a crab, a large shadow passed over him. An enormous shark glided overhead. It was covered in scars and looked to have been battered by the storm. The shark swam slowly scanning the sea for prey. The octopus reacted to him quickly. He did not want to share his home and food with the shark.

Surely he could challenge the enormous shark. So that's what he did, he challenged the shark. He lost because the shark used his brain and stranded the octopus on land. It became Puwheke mountain.

### ***Tongariro***

Long long ago there was a maunga called Tongariro. There were also other mountains Taranaki, Putuaki, Ruapehu, and one beautiful girl called Pihanga, she was Tongariro's wife. They also had two children called Ngauruhoe and Ruapehu.

One day a battle began, all the other mountains were jealous of the beautiful Pihanga and Tongariro. So Taranaki started to throw hot red rocks from his crater at the mighty chief Tongariro, it didn't hurt him one bit. With a huge bang Taranaki crashed against Tongariro to make it hurt even more but it didn't hurt him at all. So Tauhara and Putauaki started to team up on Tongariro and spat red hot lava towards Tongariro so Pihanga warned him with a big shout. Luckily Tongariro dodged it. Tongariro was the warrior, he won against all of the mountains.

As the night went on all the mountains decided to move away from the beautiful Pihanga. Taranaki moved closer to the west coast, Putauaki dragged himself past Rotorua and closer to Kawerau and Tauhara travelled slowly to the other side of Lake Taupo. All the other mountains lived sadly ever after, meanwhile Tongariro and Pihanga lived life till the end happily ever after.

***Amazing writing from Mrs Dormer's year 8 students***

## **UNISS Netball**

Taipa Area School is excited about sending a team to compete in the UNISS Netball Tournament which will be held in North Harbour, Auckland from the 2<sup>nd</sup> of September to the 6<sup>th</sup> of September. The UNISS tournament is a Secondary School Netball Tournament that over 120 Schools have entered in. The team and their coach **Vanessa Raui** have been working very hard all year in their preparation for the tournament. Part of the preparation have included two trainings a week and a game played every Thursday in the Premier Grade. Premier Grade is made up of experienced adult teams to which these players step up and rise to the challenge playing with maturity and skill. The players are as follows;

**Captain - Fleurnik Raui, Kelisha Henry, Paige Jury, Abbie Lee-Miller, Mena Nikora, Hannah Robson, Daisy Seabourne, Chantel Togiaua, Erikah Togiaua, Para Tomars-Heta, Alysha Kapa. Coach Vanessa Raui and Manager Solvej Poulsen.**

## **AIMs Games**

Taipa Area School will be attending AIMs games in Tauranga from the 9<sup>th</sup> to the 13<sup>th</sup> of September with this year being our third in a row. We will be taking down one Netball Team and one Competitor in the Gymnastics. The Tournament is a fantastic opportunity and an amazing event. It caters to many different sports with its culture of sportsmanship while providing participants the chance to meet other students from different schools including schools from overseas. The students attending AIMs competing in netball are;

**Kc George, Jade Stella Gore-Easton, Skyla May Hoult, Tiare Lanigan, Eloise Russel, Leah-Maree Simons, Te Waimarino Tait, Nevaeh Tomars-Heta, Aramia Vause, Havannah Rapana and Coach Aroha Vause.**

Our representative in Gymnastics is **Caitlin Russel**.

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