



## Taipa Area School

Taipa, Northland  
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Tena koutou katoa,

The opening of the Taipa Bridge was a great event. From the early morning **unveiling of the pou** to the end of the day where there were tired and burnt kaihoe, happy kids that performed waiata, Year 7 & 8 ambassadors that hosted the Mangonui School and Peria School senior students and whanau that took part in the kaupapa, what a day!

### Many thanks to the Bridge Team

From 2017 we have been involved with talking to NZTA and the team who really took it on board that our **school flooded** when there was heavy rain and tides were high. I would talk to anyone that would listen! This ended up in a combined meeting where the NZTA, Opus, Fulton Hogan, Far North District Council, Avail Pacific Property Managers, Ministry of Education, Ngati Kahu and ourselves met to discuss possibilities.

**NZTA, Fulton Hogan and OPUS** made a commitment to **Plan A**, which was to take the drains up past Taipa Area School, make them a whole lot bigger and remove the trees whose roots had grown through the existing drains. It worked!!! We have had a number of heavy rains and there is little to no pooling of water in the quad. Gone are the days when Mr Lowe and I would arrive at 6am on a stormy morning in our gumboots and raincoats to see if the smelly water was where our students walk each day and whether we would close for the day! See the photos below! What a difference now! **Plan B** would have been expensive and hard work!



Many thanks to NZTA, Fulton Hogan, Opus and Ngati Kahu. There are too many of you to name individually but we thank you so much! I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know you all and thank you on behalf of our school and community.



**Property** is on the move! The main block is finally being done up and refurbished. The building has 'good bones' and we have Manu Burkhardt and his team from Far North Rooding on site to improve our classrooms. There will be lots going on in the holidays, so I would encourage you not to come to the school during the holidays as asbestos will be removed during that time. This will give Manu a good go at breaking the back of the build. Our gym is also up for a rebuild. Pretty exciting times, you will all be invited to our grand opening!



As we wind down there are trips and camps, prizegivings and celebrations of another successful year. I hope you enjoy attending these events. Another exciting event is the opening of the Kohanga Reo. We are very much looking forward to our new neighbours moving in as the Kohanga Reo opens in January or February.

Holidays can be a pressure time for whanau. Take care of one another, stay in the yellow, keep safe and we will see you all in 2020.

Nga mihi nui ki a koutou,  
Doreen Bailey

### Term 4 Engagement Report

Thank you to all the whanau who have given the school feedback in regard to our new Engagement Reports which were introduced at the beginning of term 4. A new Engagement Report will be compiled for all our students at the end of week 8.

This Engagement Report will be handed to students on Monday 9th December. These reports will continue in 2020. However, in the new year these reports will be shared via the school portal and backed up with an email. If you require a paper copy please send a request to [office@taipa.school.nz](mailto:office@taipa.school.nz) or send a private message via our Facebook page.

If you are unsure that the school does not have an up to date email address that you can be contacted by, please contact school and have these details updated.

## Calendar

**5<sup>th</sup> December** – Y10 Whangaroa Camp  
**5<sup>th</sup> December** – Y11-13 Learner Licence  
**5<sup>th</sup> December** – Y7-8 Action World  
**6<sup>th</sup> December** – Y10 Whangaroa Camp  
**9<sup>th</sup> December** – Engagement Reports to Whanau  
**9<sup>th</sup> December** – Y10 Book Launch  
**10<sup>th</sup> December** – Y7-10 Prizegiving  
**10<sup>th</sup> December** – Board of Trustees Meeting  
**11<sup>th</sup> December** – Primary Prize Giving  
**12<sup>th</sup> December** – Final Day for Students  
**13<sup>th</sup> December** – Staff Final Day  
**13<sup>th</sup> December** – Student Leadership Training  
**13<sup>th</sup> December** – Last Day of Term 4

## Returning Dates for 2020

**3<sup>rd</sup> February** – ALL Students Return to School  
**6<sup>th</sup> February** – Waitangi Day No School  
**7<sup>th</sup> February** – School Closed  
**10<sup>th</sup> February** – School is Open to All Students

## Sports Day

November was a busy month of Sports for Taipa. On the 4th we had the Eastern Zone Athletics held at our sports field. Congratulations to the following students who made it through to the Northern Zone Athletics finals.



**YEAR 4; Chervelle Sykes, Starlie Duval, Ihaia Brown, Cooper Nichols & Mikaere Rapana**

**YEAR 5; Sally Pikaahu, Sohpie Pikaahu, Toka Te Wara, Cheveron Ashby & Swayze Katipa**

**Year 6; Lerasha Waipouri, Pipi Panapa, Wairehu Tua, Jaydee Tahere & Billy-Phoenix Duval**

**YEAR 7; Eden Naylor, Aramia Vause, Caitlin Russell, Mary-Agnes Pikaahu, Sahara Ruissen-Hohaia, Bindi Tomars, Carter Crooks, Keelan Owen-Natoealofa, Jared Murphy & Joachim Erihe**

**YEAR 8; Kaylee Grace Franklin, Mercedes Naicovi, Tiare Lanigan, Leah-Maree Grace Simons, Anika Jones,**

**Peter Torrance, Te Wiki Duval, LJ Togiaua, Robert Waru & Soli Fox**

The following day was the Rugby League 9's held at Otaika in Whangarei. The Team did well with 2 close losses and coming through with a win in their last game. **Peter Torrance** was awarded with the well-deserved title Team Player of the Day.



The Far North Zone Athletics was held on the 15th at Kaitaia Intermediate School. A huge congratulations to those who were successful in their events.

**Cooper Nichols; 3rd Long Jump**  
**Sally Pikaahu; 3rd Long Jump & 2nd High Jump**  
**Toka Te Wara; 2nd 100m**  
**Kaylee Grace; 2nd Discus**  
**Peter Torrance; 1st High Jump**  
**Te Wiki; 1st Discus**  
**Soli Fox; 2nd 800m**



On the 18<sup>th</sup> of November we had the Y9 & 10 Futsal held at the ASB Stadium. For a team that hadn't played together and with their number shortage made up from the Y7 & 8 students, they did extremely well reaching the semi-finals.

On the 22nd we had our final sports trip for the year to Kaikohe for the year 7/8 mixed touch. The team started with 2 narrow losses but finished with 2 good wins. Player of the day, all of them!



## Careers Corner

Nothing ever slows down in our careers department, even as we are approaching the end of the year, we are still putting students into placements and taking them on trips to experience different work opportunities.

Last Friday we took a bus of students up into the Te Aupouri Forest where they were able to gather information and understanding of what is involved in working in a forestry environment. It was fantastic day learning about how the forest first began from when there were only sand dunes, until today a massive production employing many people in the far North. A big thank you to **Peter Mold and the Staff** for their time and support.



Currently as most of you know our school is now undergoing renovations. We have many contractors working on this and have been able to place seven students into labouring positions.

Our three hospitality Students **Daejah Murray, Laurel Simeon** and **Michelle Pickering- Forden**, have all worked extremely hard to achieve their credits in the Café Food and Beverage Course. We are so pleased to announce that they have all passed. Their catering standards were fantastic, and the Support Staff really enjoyed their meal that they had prepared for them.



**Peti Hetaraka Peterson** and **Erikah Togiaua** have passed their Customer Service Award at the Warehouse - 22 Credits at Level 2. Awesome work girls.

Congratulations to all of our students who have achieved credits and experienced work placements this year.

**Gary Peach**

Careers & Gateway

## Dental Caravan

The Dental Caravan, which is a fantastic free service for children is currently parked at Taipa Area School. Students will be bringing home permission slips so please make sure they are signed and returned to the school office as soon as possible. If whanau are wanting to book an appointment for tamariki please call the number advertised in the following picture.

Drink water and milk  
Inumia te wai me te miraka hoki

Reduced fat and low fat milk provide  
nutrients your child needs to grow

Need a dental appointment for your child?  
CALL 0800 MY TEETH (0800 698 3384)

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## Primary News

The highlight for the Primary students has been the trip to Hell's Pizza in Whangarei. The students had the awesome experience of getting to make their own pizza and be creative with their toppings.

Thank you to Miss Cameron for organising the trip and of course a HUGE thankyou to Hell's Pizza for providing us with the transport and opportunity.





As you know Miss Cameron is becoming the Food Technology teacher in 2020, we will miss her in Primary and wish Miss Cameron well on her new journey!

We would like to introduce Kathryn Sharp the new Year 1 and 2 class teacher for 2020. She has been visiting on Thursdays to get to know the students and the school.

### Swimming

We are swimming most days at school. Please ensure your child has their togs as this is part of the curriculum. Children are required to wear swimming caps that we supply.



### Uniform

Uniform can be purchased in store from DD GOLD which is located in either Kaitaia or Kerikeri. Be sure to get in quick and place your order so to be organised for the new year. They also offer Laybuy and WINZ Quotes.



REMINDER: Year 10 students will need to order their new grey shirts (pictured) for the year 2020 as soon as possible.



### Prize Giving Dates

#### Year 7, 8, 9 & 10

Prizegiving will be held in the hall on Tuesday the 10<sup>th</sup> this month. Whanau please be seated by 12.20pm as prizegiving will commence at 12.30

#### Primary Year 1 – 6

Prizegiving will be held in the hall on Wednesday the 11<sup>th</sup> of December. Everyone will need to be seated by 9.50 am with prizegiving starting at 10.00am.

### Visit from Dolphins

Years 7s and UP are allowed to go for lunch time swims at the beach, under the watchful super vision of Mrs Darlington and Mr Ryken. They will need to bring correct swimming wear such as rash shirts, togs or board shorts for example. Non cotton being best!

Students won't want to miss out, as during a swim recently Taipa Area School pupils had special visitors – Bottle Nose Dolphins. The kids were thrilled! The dolphins were circling them, surfing waves and jumping out the water putting on a real performance.

Mrs Darlington put a video on the school's Facebook page (search Taipa Area School on Facebook) that has reached 33,500 people! Go check it out.



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Ms Doreen Bailey

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