



17 September 2016

| Up Coming Events | |
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| 19 August | Spirit week sport day |
| 6 September | East Zone X Country |
| 9 September | Far North X Counrty |
| 5-9 September | Assesment week |
| 17 September | Senior School Ball |

Dear Parents

Parent Interviews

Parent interviews were held in week 1 of this term. Academic conversations were centered around mid year progress reports that were sent home at the end of last term. The main purpose of the evening was for teachers and students to clarify with caregivers the progress students were making against expected standards for this time of the year. It was pleasing to note the numbers of parents that attended and the quality of conversations that were being held.

Academic Interviews

This term there will be a priority on teachers holding academic interviews during school time with individual students about their learning goals and developing pathways to success. These interviews can be accessed by parents and caregivers through the school portal. Username and passwords to access the portal have been sent out to parents last term. If you have any difficulty connecting please contact the front office.

Term 3 Assessment Week 7

Assessment week held in week 7 of term 2 created positive momentum for many NCEA students towards achieving their credits. It also provided students, parents and teachers with a focal point around which to set achievable goals. The same process will happen again in week 7 of this term.

School Wide Kapa Haka Initiative

The whole school will be involved in learning aspects of Kapa Haka this term which will include learning a whole school haka. Ex Taipa Head Boy, Billy Harrison will be introducing a programme in the Primary and Middle school over the duration of the term. It is hoped that this will lead to the establishment of a junior and middle school haka team in the future.

Property Update

The school entrance has had a revamp to ensure it meets requirements for visitors with special needs. The new ramp and deck now provide a more welcoming entrance for visitors. The next stage of the school property plan this term is to begin work in the main secondary school block. This will include opening up and modernising learning spaces in a similar nature to that of the old school hall.

School Spirit Week 22 - 26 August

Next week is School Spirit Week. The purpose of the week is to raise school spirit at a particularly cold and dreary time of the year. Student leaders have designed a programme which will not interfere with normal classtimes except for Friday 26 August where a whole day interhouse sporting fixture has been scheduled. Students will be in normal school uniform each day, except for the Friday where they are encouraged to dress in house colours.

National Area School Sports Representation

Four Taipa Area School students represented our school at the National tournament held in Dunedin this year bradley lanigan, Cyrus Broughton, Heath Moffat and Zana Yates. Three of these students have made representative teams. Bradley Lanigan and Cyrus Broughton have been selected for the NZ Area Schools Rugby Squad and Zana Yates was selected for the soccer squad.



Marae Cooking

Year 11 students participated in a Marae Cooking programme at Toatoa marae last week. Students will achieve extra credits towards Level 1 NCEA because of their involvement in the programme. It was a successful experience for all of them and teachers commented positively on their achievements and engagement upon their return to school.

Primary Team

Kapai Kai

Jo Ulrich from Te Hiku Houora has been working with Nga Mango and some Nga Ngaruiti students to help them design a menu for lunch for all primary students. Students are working in groups to each come up with a different lunch. They will be sending home a pamphlet about their lunch item that explains more about their healthy food options. Students have been also working to a budget and calculating their costs using pamphlets.



Cross Country

We have started the term with regular cross country training. The Easter Zone Cross Country is coming up so keep an eye out for notices about our school cross country.

Science RoadShow

Some students opted to attend the Science roadshow. They saw a show that explained about sound and how it works, and saw the sugar in drinks through a microscope, a show that shows how materials react to each other and explained how things burn. Did you know that the biggest living organism is a mushroom 10 kilometers in length and width?



iMOKO is coming to our school. Throat swabbing, skin assessments and headlice treatment will be available for all students through the iMOKO app. It will involve your child visiting a fully trained iMOKO kaituao (volunteer). Your child will only be seen if you have consented and returned the enrolment form. This programme is due this month. Any medications for your child will be faxed to your local pharmacy for you to collect. All scripts for children on the iMOKO will be free.

The programme is also calling for volunteers. If you are interested in becoming a kaituao please register your interest with the iMOKO Team by calling 408 8805, texting 021 1266118 or emailing georginap@navilluso.co.nz

Middle School Technology

Years 7,8 and 9 are continuing their technological experiences through term 3 and 4. These experiences are music, art, food and materials technology.

New Zealanders have long been technological innovators and creators. Our economy and communities are driven by creative problem solvers, designers and inventors.

The Materials Technology students have been exploring a design process using raw and recycled materials to create imitation/sculptural food. This is called additive sculpture. Classes will also be introduced to subtractive sculpture through the carving design process. Everybody is having fun and learning lots.



Prototype jewellery pieces done by year 11 students Te Huia Derbyshire and Adrian Adkins. These are models made from hardwood, the final piece to be exhibited at Taute Gallery.



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Changes to the National Immunisation Schedule

From 1 January 2017 the Human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine will be funded to include people up to the age of 26 years. A two dose regimen will be funded for children 14 years and under. This decision enables the introduction of a two dose regimen to year 8 girls AND boys for the 2017 school year.

HPV is common. Most people have the virus at some time in their lives. For most people it causes no symptoms and goes away on its own. It is much more common in young people, probably because we develop immunity to the virus as we get older. Some types of HPV can cause changes in the cells of the cervix or the lining of the mouth and throat. They are known as high risk HPVs. Doctors call this cell change dysplasia. The changed cells have an increased risk of becoming cancerous.

Science Department News

Some of our Science and Physics students had a visit and a korero with a Metservice representative today. William Nepe originally comes from Kaeo and is visiting Northland for work from Wellington. He is talking to several local schools about his mahi with the Metservice and the importance of Science in

keeping your options open in the future for great jobs like his. He gave an interesting talk about his job as a severe weather forecaster and said how nice it was to be back in the Far North visiting whanau.

Did you know??

You can check the daily news, upcoming events on the school website www.taipa.school.nz.

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