

# Taipa Area School

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## NEWS LETTER

### Up Coming Events

Tuesday 29 July - BOT Meeting

Tuesday 5 August - Academic Support Day

Wednesday 6 August - Ling Cup Challenge - Abundant Life

Tena Koutou e nga Matua;

Welcome back to term 3. Last week was Maori Language week - *Te Wiki o Te Reo Maori*. Te Reo Maori is celebrated regularly throughout the school year and all students have the opportunity to learn the language as a subject or be taught in the language itself via our bilingual stream, Taipuna.

The Teacher Only Day that happened at the beginning of this term allowed 15 teachers to attend a 'Keeping Our Students Safe' workshop with teachers from around Kaitaia. Other teachers were involved in an ICT/ E Learning workshop held here at school. Both workshops provided important learning for our teachers and align closely with strategies to help achieve our school goals this year.

Academic 3-way Interviews are happening in week 3 of this term, (Tuesday 5 August). Parents will be sent a scheduled time to meet with teachers and discuss the progress their child is making and what support is required both at home and at school for them to be successful.

Term 3 is an important term academically for NCEA students. It is a focus for the school that all students are aware of where they are with their credits and what their next steps are to achieve in each of their subjects.



### Academic and Sporting Success

Congratulations to Bradley Lanigan who represented our school in rugby at the National Area Schools Sports Tournament held in Nelson over the holidays. Bradley has also achieved 33 credits so far towards NCEA level 1 this year, 7 of which are endorsed with merit and he has completed minimum numeracy requirements.

### NCEA Subsidy 2014

If you have children sitting NCEA and are eligible for the NCEA subsidy please can you return the forms and money asap. There is a cut off date for the return of these forms of 22nd August. The subsidy reduces the price for all entries in NCEA to \$20 per student or \$30 per whanau. If you are unsure if you are eligible for the subsidy or need help with the form please see Lisa at the school office.

## Academic Leadership

Congratulations to Luke Wilson who is the leading year 11 academic student so far this year. Luke already has achieved 23 of those credits at an excellence level.



What is required for NCEA Success?

Level 1: 80 credits which must include 10 literacy and 10 numeracy credits

Level 2: 60 credits at level 2 plus 20 credits from any level. Level 1 literacy and numeracy requirements must also be met.

Level 3: 60 credits at level 3 plus 20 credits from level 2 or above

## Sporting Leadership

On Thursday 24th July an inter-primary school football tournament was played out on our fields across the road. The day was supported by our senior students who refereed the games, receiving accolades from teachers and parents from participating schools.

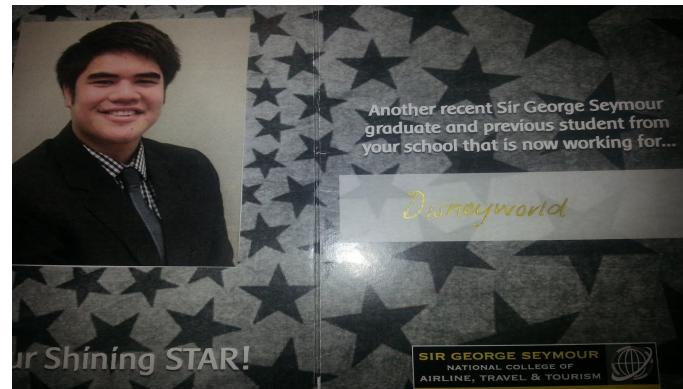
*Pictured Left;  
Haylee Manukau McEwan*

*Pictured Right  
Norman Laws-Walker*



## Career Success

Joseph Andrews - former Taipa Area School Head Boy went from school to the Sir Seymour National College of Airline, Travel and Tourism in Wellington and is now working at Disney World in Florida.





## New Staff Member

Welcome to Rawinia Delamere our new Kiwi Sports Coordinator. With past experience working in both school and business environments coupled with qualifications in business management and sport and recreation, 'Ra' will be a positive addition to the Taipa staff.

She is excited about working with our students and has a busy schedule ahead of her as we prepare for upcoming events including the Ling Cup Challenge in two weeks time.

## **Challenging Fun for Sail Trainees**

During the first week of the holidays two of our students, Hamish Harris and Vincent Johns sailed in a week long challenge aboard the R.Tucker Thompson with two-man teams from other northland schools.

The students faced a variety of challenges - such as the early morning swim around the ship, rowing races, bread making and even eating dry weet-bix to earn points. Great fun was had by all with the boys from Taipa Area School coming 2nd overall in the challenge.

Sailing in the open ocean was a first for both boys.

"It was an experience of a life-time," said Vincent, "Meeting new people and competing against them in challenges was fun!"

The week of challenge saw a massive storm batter the northland region, however, despite the weather, the boys were kept safe and even managed to sail to the Poor Knights. 'Just being on the ship was cool. I'd never been on a tall ship before,' says Hamish of his first experience.

Both Hamish and Vincent highly recommend this opportunity to other students as something that is 'life-changing and fun'.



## **Budding Entrepreneurs at TAS**

On Thursday the 27th of June, Year 12 Business Studies group "Inferno Events" competed for a place in the finals of the Young Enterprise version of "The Dragons Den" at North Tech in Whangarei, against 7 other schools from around the North.

As part of their business studies, students can form a registered company, opt for a product or service they wish to promote, come up with a business plan, market the product and then sell it. Designing a business card is also part of the process, as is pitching their business to a panel of judges.



"Inferno Events" comprised of Quinn Moffat, Shylah Elliot, Skye Stedman, Donni Parata and Ezekiel Rau. They didn't take out a place in their Dragon's Den pitch, but they did win the Keri Print Business Card Design Award. Quinn Moffat, the Communications Director of Inferno Events said that "it was a spectacular experience which gave us an insight into various aspects of owning and running a business." The students have been doing an excellent job of running school fundraising events, and are looking for more work ideas in the community. They are organised and creative, providing everything from staff to decorations and music.

## Geography and using devices

Hello all,

Welcome back to term 3, Ilana Hill here to show you what's happening in Geography.

I thought I would share with you how BYOD and tablets are being used in my class.

### Playing geography games as interactive starters



### Using tablets to collect field work data.

Having the beach is the most amazing resource. Geo 301 are studying coastal processes.

Here are a few photos from our 20 minute field trip. Photos courtesy of Lania, Jamie, and Jahna.





This is especially useful for coastal processes and skills.

### **Apps and internet use on tablets**

There are a large range of apps that can be used to track the tides, weather and discover information about different species of flora and fauna in NZ.

Students use the devices for personalised individual learning. This is great for internals when we can't get into the computer room.

Students use it for research and can email themselves any information.

### **Google Docs**

Google docs are also being used to share and create information.

Here is the link to [geography students 2014](#) for you online readers.

### **Want to know more or get involved?**

We would love any community input. If you want to share any stories about coastal processes occurring or want to get involved just

1. Call the school and ask for Ilana Hill
2. Or the best way is to email [ilanah@taipa.school.nz](mailto:ilanah@taipa.school.nz)

This is a website in progress for GEO as well

<https://sites.google.com/a/taipa.school.nz/geo301-2014>

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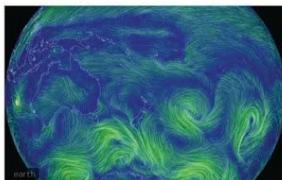
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PATTERNS



INTERACTION



CHANGE



SUSTAINABILITY



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# TAIPUNA NEWS

## Matariki Week;

At the end of term 2 we had a very busy week celebrating Matariki.

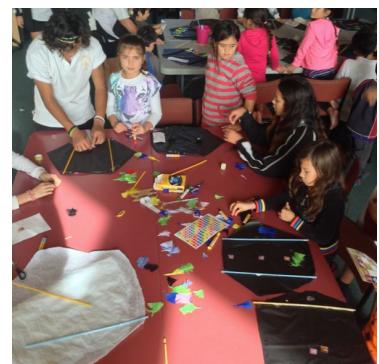
Monday we had the the 'Kapa Haka Super 10' groups perform. All the groups were fantastics - the students organised themselves into groups and came up with their own songs and actions to perform. Winning that event was Te Huariki, Ezekiel, Kaya, Jasmine, Juanita, Jaziah, Madge, Donni, Te Hemara and Shalynd. Tau ke!



On Tuesday we hosted the annual Ki-o-Rahi tournament with the help of Paulette and her team from Te Oranga. There was a total of 40 teams participating in the event from Year 1 - 13 students. Also a big mihi to our students who not only played but reffed as well during their off-games. Kei runga noa atu!



Wednesday we had a kite making session in the whare for Primary - Year 9 students. All the students enjoyed themselves and it was awesome watching the students working together.



On Thursday, Kalani Tobin, Te Atenga Raui and Ngaroma

Takerei represented our school at the Manu Aute speech competition. It was an awesome day listening to all of the speakers and celebrating Te Reo Maori. Kalani placed 3rd for Year 5-6 students, Te Atenga placed 2nd for Year 3-4 students and Ngaroma Takerei won her section for Year 1-2 students.

E mihi ana ki nga kaiako, ki nga matua, ki nga whanau hoki i kaha tautoko i enei kaupapa :)

## Dates to remember:

Every Thursday

Kiwi Sport with Ashleigh Dent

August 4th

Commonwealth Games Day at Taipa (primary & Intermediate)

August 8th

Mini Hockey at Taipa (years 5-8)

August 29th

Daffodil Day coin Trail and activities

August 28th

Primary/Intermediate Cross Country

September 2nd

Eastern Zone Cross Country at Peria School (PPD 3/9/14)

September 5th

Far North Cross Country at Peria School for qualifiers

September 23rd

Saint Johns Cross Country training day for Years 5 and 6

## Caught Being Good award winners;

### July 25th

**Nga Manaia:** Charm welcome to taipa; Atrayl Posinkovich for participating in all class discussions.

**Nga Tamure:** Tiare Lanigan for always looking out for others and thoughtful and consideration; Tia Parata for completing homework in the holidays; Anahera Harris for amazing writing. ka pai Azaria Williams, Lyrik Puru and James Harrison for stepping up and playing mini soccer - you are a legend

**Nga Mango:** Samantha murphy showing enthusiasm. Lyrik puru showing enthusiasm.Aimee harper showing enthusiasm Reuben for showing enthusiasm.



### [\*\*"Kiebitz Im Boot" Mini Waka\*\*](#)

Taipa Area School Primary students have been very privileged to be the first school in the world to host the "Kiebitz Im Boot" mini waka, created out of oak by primary students at Orbendorf School In Germany.

Lyrik Puru, Karisma Kingi, Samantha Murphy and Arthur Laws-Walker were given the special task of adding on to the waka something that represented New Zealand and Taipa. They chose to give it paddles made out of NZ Kauri, in the shape of the Kiebitz bird's feathers. It was chosen by the German students because it lives next to the river Oste which runs past their school, and is becoming endangered.

The little waka will be going on a journey to different schools and cultures around the world, bearing an important message - "that we are all in the same waka" and to care for our environment.

On Friday the 4th of July our 3 of our 4 special carvers presented the new paddles to the Kiebitz Im Boot, with a special ceremony to send it on its journey to its next destination in India. We wish it well on its special journey.

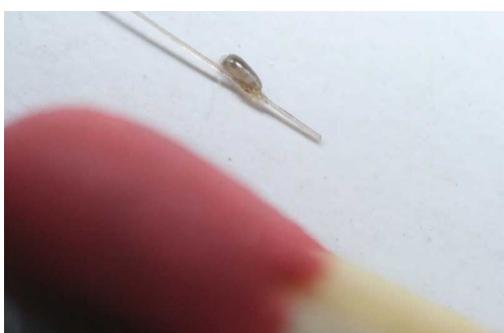
## **Please Help!!**



Until the end of September, our school is busy collecting apple stickers and labels from the yummy apple bags - these are the individual stickers on the fruit or the cut out label on the apple bags, which will go towards cashing in for a share of \$200, 000 worth of free sports gear. How Can You Help? It would be great if all students and school community could join in and help us in collecting these stickers and labels. All primary classrooms have collection sheets as does the front office. If you are BIG apple eaters and would like your own collection sheets please let Mrs Edwards know and she will send home. Thanks!!

## **Nits/Headlice are back**

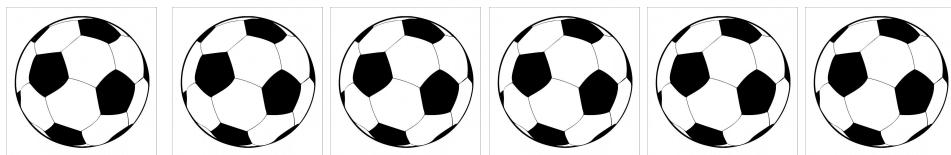
We are noticing that many of our students have been scratching their heads A LOT and there are visible signs of eggs in hair. Please do not be offended if the teacher sends home a message with regards to this. We have a supply of combs and treatment solution from KidsCan which we can send home if required.





## Reading Together

We have received funding from the Ministry of Education to run a Programme called **Reading Together**. We all know how important reading is for children to succeed. One of the things that really helps children to become good readers is support from home. The *Reading Together* workshops will show you how best to do this. The programme does not cost you anything. In fact, we are able to offer assistance in the way of petrol vouchers and baby sitting. *Reading Together* will really help your child(ren) to become better readers and you will get huge value out of it. In particular, it helps children **UNDERSTAND** what they are reading, which is very important. Younger students have been given an invitation to bring home to caregivers and parents inviting you to participate in the programme (which involves four one hour sessions. If you are interested, please contact our office and leave your contact details for either Mrs Edwards or Mrs King. We plan to start running the programme in week four of this term.



## Mini Soccer 2014

Last Thursday I took 29 students across the road to play mini-soccer against the other Eastern Zone schools. We had a fabulous time and ALL students played amazingly well, considering some weren't even organised to play (we put in two extra teams at the last minute because a school had pulled out).



Year 3 and 4 Team 2014



Year 5 and 6 Team

## Thank You

We would like to say a great big **THANK YOU** to the fabulous Jamie Emery who single handedly organised and ran the Dilly's Consignment sale these past holidays. Despite the weather, she opened every day and all that came got great bargains AND the kids loved the bouncy castle. We managed to make \$150.50 which will be put towards our seating area project.

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