

# Taipa Area School

Vibrant Dynamic Hub of the Community  
**NEWS LETTER**

10 August 2015

Week	Date	Item
4	13 August	Defence Force Careers Bus Visit
5	18 August	Open Day
5	17-21 August	Spirit Week
5	21 August	Senior Girls Netball Tournament
6	29 August	Senior Ball

Tena koutou katoa;

## Reports and Parent Interviews

We achieved at least an 80% turnout of parents and caregivers for the teacher interviews held on the first day of this term. Teachers were able to discuss in detail with parents, the results of midterm reports that were sent out at the end of last term. The process has provided more clarity for teachers, students and parents about what the priorities are this term and how students can be better supported both at home and school.

## NCEA Matters

### General

We expect term 3 to be a more settled term for all NCEA students. There will be fewer extra curricular interruptions and it is good opportunity for all students to focus on completing outstanding work required to gain valuable credits. Students will need to develop a consistent approach to their studies both at home and school to ensure success.

### Year 11s

As a year group, Year 11 students are behind where they should be at this time of the year. In response to this, individual monitoring plans will be shared electronically with students, teachers and parents to track progress and provide feedback in each subject in regards to what work is required, when it is due and how it is to be completed in order to meet the standard.

### Information Evening

The NCEA information evening held at the beginning of this week in the school staffroom gave parents and student a greater insight into the intricacies of NCEA. Hopefully parents went away a greater understanding of how the system works and how they can better support their children both at home and at school.

### Fees

NCEA fees are now due to be paid. Please be aware that in order for your child to be accredited with the standards they have completed this year, these fees must be paid whether your child is sitting end of year exams or not. You may be entitled to a significant subsidy which will reduce costs to just \$20.00. These forms have been mailed out last term. If you have not got one just ring Lisa at the office 09 4060159 ext 217.

## **Area School Sports National Tournament**

The tournament held in Wanganui over the holidays was deemed successful by the Northland Team Managers who commended student behaviour and effort both on and off the field. The Northland Team was placed second overall in a competition that involved teams representing 4 districts from across the country. Five of our students, Xavier Broughton, Tautoko Mathews, Zara Yates, Cyrus Broughton and Bradley Lanigan represented our school in various codes. At the end of the tournament all 5 students made the following representative teams;

Cyrus - NZ Area Schools Rugby and North Island Rugby team

Tautoko - NZ Ki Orahī and North Island Ki O Rahī team

Zana - North Island Soccer team

Xavier - North Island Rugby 7s team

Bradley - North Island Rugby team

Congratulations to all 5 students and thank you to all their supporters who helped with the fundraising efforts to get them there.

## **Head Lice School Policy**

There has been an outbreak of Kutus in the junior part of the school this term. Our normal process is to inform parents and provide appropriate advice and support which may include asking parents to keep their child home until the problem is properly treated. In serious cases the school may seek permission from the caregiver to deal with the problem onsite. If you have any concerns or need help please contact the school.

Making sure that your child washes and conditions their hair on a regular basis with normal shampoo and conditioner goes a long way in controlling the issue.

## **Teacher Only Day**

Last Friday Teachers travelled to Whangarei to take part in various digital technology workshops. They were upskilled in the use various devices and applications and how they might enhance the learning and teaching processes happening in the classroom. Digital learning sits within the school's vision to be a future focussed school that encourages students to be self directed in their learning who are enabled to make positive choices for the future.

## **Uniform**

We prefer to have conversations about learning with your child rather than what they are wearing to school instead of the school uniform. Please help us to maintain that positive connection based on learning by ensuring your child is wearing correct uniform.

## **Community of Schools**

The Board of Trustees is presently in discussions with neighbouring schools about the possibility of forming an 'East Coast' Community of Schools under the Government's new Investing in Educational Success strategy. This East Coast Community would extend from the Karikari Peninsula, down to Whangaroa and include all schools in between. The aim of such a proposal is to encourage a collaborative approach in the development of cohesive and coherent learning pathways that better meet the needs of all students. Alternatively there is a bigger Kaitiāia cluster being proposed that would bring together all those schools and we would have the option of being part of that.

The Community of Schools model has significant funding attached and includes various leadership positions that will be appointed from within the cluster. One of these positions will be a lead principal who will be released part time to support other schools in meeting the set goals as identified by the cluster. I will keep you all updated on events.

## Open Day - Tuesday 18 August 9.00am

The Taipa Area School Open Day will be held on Tuesday 18 August. The day will begin at 9.00am with a welcome in the hall and finish at approximately 11.00am.

The day is aimed at current year 6 or year 8 students and their families who are considering enrolling into Taipa Area School in 2016 as a year 7 or a year 9. The day will be relaxed, interactive and informative. Students will get to experience what learning and teaching will look like for them next year and parents will get to meet with teachers and senior leaders to ask questions and discuss any issues.

An additional information evening for parents and caregivers unable to make the the Open Day will be held that same evening at 6pm. Again the aim of the evening is to provide parents with information about what learning will look at Taipa Area School for their child and also include an overview of what our future vision for learning is.

# MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS



Welcome back to term three! It is great to see the students back at school and focussed on their learning. Many thanks also to parents and whanau who came along to our Academic Support interviews. It was awesome to catch up with everyone and share the wonderful achievements of each student! It also gave us an opportunity to look at the next learning steps and set goals! For those parents who were unable to attend interviews, we are happy to arrange another time to meet with you. Your child's teacher will be in touch to arrange a suitable time.

## Sport

This term, the year 7 and 8 students will have the opportunity to participate in Cross Country races and a hockey tournament held in Taipa. Please keep a look out for notices and permission slips. On Friday afternoons, we have Middle School sport. We also have PE lessons on Monday and Thursday. All students will need to bring a change of clothes. Our school field has softened up and students will get muddy when playing team games.

At the end of last term, all of the year 7 and 8 students participated in an interschool sports tournament against Kaingaroa, Peria and Oruaiti. We had three teams that all played, touch rugby, netball, soccer and dodgeball. All of our teams did really well showing of their teamwork and sportsmanship skills and dominating the competition.



Some of our middle school students also participated in the Ki-O-Rahi tournament held at the end of last term. Our year 7 and 8 team did really well - winning 3 of their 4 games. Our year 9 (which included some of our year 8's that stepped up on the day) team unfortunately didn't come away with any wins on the day but were playing teams that were made up of year 11-13's and never gave up and were congratulated on their attitude and determination at the end of each game.



Yr 7/8 Team: Lois, Gianni, Dion, Tara, Piripi, Chloe, Jahrell, Julius, Suzie and Hannah



Yr 9 Team: Shane, Alex, Phoebe, Ngawhetu, Anei, Hope, Porscha, Galaxie, Parani and Billy.

## Uniform

A reminder about uniform! If you child cannot wear the correct uniform to school, please send a note to school explaining why. Many thanks to those parents who already do this. Your support is greatly appreciated by Mrs Dormer!! Please remind your child: BLACK hats only at school!

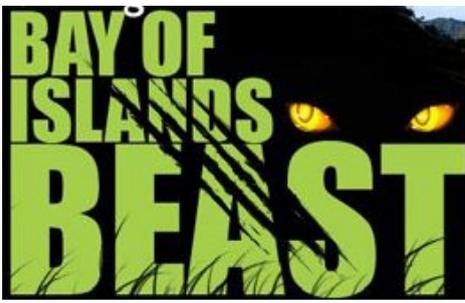
## Speeches

During the second half of term three, we focus on speech writing as part of our written language programme. Students will have several weeks to learn about and write a speech to present to their peers. Please help your child practice their speech so that they are confident when delivering their speech in class.

## Kiwi Monitoring

At the end of term two, we completed our Kiwi Monitoring at Hihi. Many thanks to those parents who picked up students from school in the evenings! Your support makes it possible for us to be involved in this programme! Some evenings were very quiet, but on our third night at Colin's gate we heard 17 calls! It was an amazing experience for both adults and students alike! We look forward to being involved with monitoring in 2016.





On the last day of Term 2 Mr Walsh and Miss Skeen-Toia took 15 students away to the first annual secondary schools mud run held in Paihia.

All of the students involved loved the run, even though they were covered in mud by the end of it!

We even got two amazing students who got a podium finish!

Kara Walsh - 1st Place (Under 12 Girls)

Julius Peterson - 2nd Place (Under 12 Boys).



### **RAFFLE WINNERS**

The winners of the Mutton Raffle were:

Jeana Frape and Carol Waitai. Taipa Area School would like to thank Shane Foy for butchering the mutton. You can contact Shane on 408 7818 for all your butchery needs.

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**Absentees.**

If your child\ren are absent or going to be absent from school please inform the school by either method below:

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- Email: [absent@taipa.school.nz](mailto:absent@taipa.school.nz)

