

# Taipa Area School

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## NEWS LETTER

Up Coming Events	
NCEA Interviews	4 November
NCEA Exams Start	9 November
Activity Week (For Seniors)	30 November
Parent interviews	8 December
Prize Givings and Last day	11 December

Dear Parents

There is a lot to get done in a this short last term so it is all hands to the pump!

### Success in Mathematics

We are very proud of Hannah Robson, Camron Adkins, Piripi Walker Grace and Tui Orbell who came 2nd in the Far North Mathex competition held last Friday in Kaitaia. The students were up against stiff opposition from other schools but remained cool, calm and collected under pressure. Well done team and congratulations to your teachers who have prepared you all well for this level of competition.



### NCEA Exams

NCEA exams will start for our students on Monday 9th November. There is no study leave for senior students. As was the case last year, classes will run as normal around scheduled exams. It is the period of the year where students can achieve both internal (inclass) and external (exams) credits so it important the students are attending all their classes and making the most of every opportunity.

### Parent Interviews for NCEA Students

Interviews with subject teachers of NCEA students only will take place in the staffroom next Wednesday 4 November starting at 3.30pm and finishing at 7.00pm. Parents will not be allocated a specific time slot - just turn up and you will find easily the teacher you want to speak to.

## End of Year Interviews

These will take place in the last week of term - Tuesday 8 December. This will involve a scheduled time for all parents to meet with their child's teacher to discuss this year's progress and identify any areas of concern.

## NCEA Fees 2015 OVERDUE

Payment for 2015 NCEA fee is now overdue. We have an extension to pay NCEA fees on the student's behalf up until **20th November 2015**. If students have not paid before this date they will have to pay NZQA directly and will incur a late fee.

If students have submitted a NZQA financial assistance form they need to pay the \$20 to qualify for the subsidy.

## Multisports Primary Tournament.

Congratulations to the Year 11 PE students who have successfully planned, delivered and evaluated a 7 station multi sports tournament to the Primary students at Taipa. The students showed some excellent leadership skills towards the Primary students and worked in collaboration with each other.



## FAR NORTH CRICKET ASSOCIATION JUNIOR CRICKET MUSTER Yr 2-10

Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> October at 9.00am @ Arnold Rae Park, Kaitiāia  
Registrations will be taken on the day.

## Primary, Taipuna and Middle School Athletics

Earlier this week, the Primary, Taipuna and Middle School students competed in athletics. Students participated in discus, shot put, long jump and sprint races. The weather was amazing and a great time was had by all! We have some incredible athletes! Our top three athletes in each event for each year group will compete at Eastern Zone athletics on Monday November 2nd on our number two field. Many thanks to Whaea Rawinia for organising this event!



Monday next week, some of our students will be going on to represent Taipa Area School at the Eastern Zone interschool competition!

Year 4 - Lfah, Te Wiki, Zion, Peter, Psalm, Tiare, Mercedes, Tia, Hermione, Katie-Marie

Year 5 - Demetrius, Latrell, Dalio, Tumai, Dylin, Capri, Tuihana, Azaria, Jontey

Year 6 - Arthur, Reuben, Hemi, Lyric, Devin, Jacob, Shonteisha, Riana, Karoria, Demenus, Marie

Year 7 - Waitaha, Blue, Julius, Hannah, Lois, Karisma, Kara, Geraldine

Year 8 - Dion, Piripi, Camron, Moki, Munki, Galaxie, Anei, Stella, Ella-Ray, Tara, Fuschia, Jade, Shallen, Parani, Gianni.

Good luck to all of you!!!

## Taipuna Updates

Tena koutou e te whanau!

Ko te tumanako e noho ora mai ana koutou i roto i o koutou wa kainga. Tenei ka mihi!

We have a number of kaupapa that are happening at the end of this term.

### Taipuna Camp - Aroha Island 2nd - 4th December

Taipuna will be going to Aroha Island on the above dates as part of our end of year camp. The cost of the trip is \$55 and this covers transport, accommodation and kai. We already have whanau will be staying with us, however, if you would like to come down for the day, you are more than welcome. Please contact us at the school if there are any issues or concerns.

### Po whakangahau/ kaitahi - WEDNESDAY 9th December 5:30pm

We invite our parents to come along to our end of year Po Whakangahau which will be held on the above date and time in the hall. It is a night to celebrate the achievements of our students and the mahi that has been accomplished throughout the year. Also, we would like to ask whanau to bring a plate/pot/dish or bowl to share. Nau mai, piki mai, Haere mai.



Eastern Athletics day



Halloween Dressups



Nga Manu Korero Nationals Wellington

### Sailing

During week 1 and 2 of this term 10 year 10 students have had the opportunity to complete a learn to sail course in collaboration with Taipa Sailing Course. A number of students approached Mr Lowe asking if there would be an opportunity to have some sailing lessons. Mr Lowe managed to secure some funding from the Teacher Led Innovation Fund to enable these students to be involved in a 'learn to sail' programme. The 'learn to sail' programme lasted for 5 days and all students were assessed against 3 Unit Standards and successfully achieved 9 level 2 credits. Practically the students demonstrated their ability to sail around a triangle course during lighter winds. However, on the final day they sailed to Cable Bay where they were challenged with steep waves which was a steep learning experience for them all. Aevril Hibbard (programme leaders) referred to the students as having a 'can do' attitude and that they were a pleasure to be on the water with.

As a school we are hoping to develop this opportunity further by encouraging our students to be involved at the club. The Sailing Club host an open day on Saturday 31st October 2015 and have sailing throughout the year on Saturday mornings. The students and staff would like to say a huge thank you to Aevril Hibbard for the administration and delivery of this fantastic programme.



### **ASB SPORTS AWARDS**

This year we have 3 students out of the 5 nominees, who are named as finalists for the ASB secondary school sports awards.

Well done to Tautoko Matthews (Area Schools Sportsman/ Kiorahi), Floyd Chadwick(Boxing) and Xzavier Broughton(sevens). Winners will be announced Thursday 29th October at the sports awards dinner, Kensington Stadium, Whangarei.

### **Year 9/10 Boys Touch**

Our year 9/10 boys touch team represented Taipa at Lindvart Park in Kaikohe 23rd October. Coaches Tunui and Vanessa Raui were impressed with the fact that the team never let their opposition score against them on the 5. It was in the open field. They were also happy that the team stuck to what they were taught and did it well. Tunui looks forward to working with some of these boys again in preparation for the Year 11- 13 tournament next year in Feb.

Well done boys.







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