



Taipa Area School

Taipa, Northland
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Tena koutou katoa
He mihi whanau tenei ki a koutou

Term one continues to be a very busy one. Our students are involved in a huge number of activities and we are proud that they are taking advantage of the opportunities that are available to them

Our school values are being reinforced daily as our students show their care (manaakitanga) for others, they show their ability to work together (mahitahi) and are respectful (painga) in their language and actions. Collecting recognitions are a key way we acknowledge our student's efforts. You will see these reflected in their reports that will be issued next week.

Our curriculum focus this year is on WRITING. Our teachers are learning how to help our students become better at writing. You are able to share in this journey by getting on line through our Google Sites. It is very exciting to see how our investment in LEARN, CREATE, SHARE is making a difference in the classroom.

What's Happening

- **27 & 28 March** 12AT Snorkelling Trip
- **28 March Otago** University Liaison Visit
- **29 March** Year 7-13 Athletics Day
- **4 April** Reports Evening
- **8 & 9 April** Troy Kingi Music Classes
- **9 April** Year 9-10 Water Safety
- **April 11 & 12** Tai Tokerau Festival 2019
- **April 12** Last Day of School for the Term
- **April 29** Term 2 Begins

Fencing

You will see that Taipa Area School will be completely fenced in the next few weeks. This is to ensure our students are safe as we are surrounded by some significant hazards. Being close to the sea is terrific as a playground for education activities, however, it can post a threat to little ones that might be curious and wander off to the beach.



Roadside, as you all know, may have increased traffic with our bridge becoming two-lane. The road limit stays at 60km, we want our students to be safe.

The new fence may take a little getting used to, however, we are pleased it is there for the right reasons.

ALL visitors must report to the front office. Please do not



Visitors

be offended that we ask you to come to the office to pick up your child as we must know where they are at all times. If you need to pick your child up, come to the front office, we will ask our runner to go to their classroom to get them.



If you are here to meet for an appointment, you must sign in at the office and wait until you are collected for your appointment. We will ask all visitors to wear a lanyard whilst in the school.

Messages to Students

Mr. Peach and Whaea Aroha would like to thank students and whānau for supporting the positive thing's happening at our school by turning up in correct uniform, following our school values of Manaakitanga, Painga and Mahitahi and coming to school hungry to learn. We are very proud of the great progress we are making.

Please feel free to contact us with any compliments or comments.

Board of Trustees Elections

The 3 yearly Board of Trustee elections are being held this year. Below is a timetable of how they will run. Any person can be nominated to the Board of Trustees by a parent of caregiver of a student at our school. Nomination forms will be available from the 10 May. We have a board of 7 parent representatives, 1 Staff rep, 1 student rep, the Principal and a board secretary (an appointed position, no voting rights) Elections will be held for all of the positions (apart from Principal and secretary.)

If you are thinking about running for the board, visit the website www.trustee-election.co.nz – This Link/ Site is

full of important and interesting information. Please seriously consider becoming a board member, it is a great way to help in your community.



Nominations called for 10 May 2019 close 24 May 2019
Voting begins Mid May (post ballot)
Voting Closes 7 June 2019
Board named 13 June

Attendance

We have been looking at how we can improve attendance at school. We know we need more information as to why some of our children do not come to school every day every week. We are all responsible for making sure our children attend school regularly.

At school we need to make sure our lessons are engaging and interesting and at home you need to make sure you get your children on the bus or car and off to school. We are all in this together.

Ministry of Public Health

The Youth Nurses at Taipa Area School Robyn Revington and Fiona Swainson, will commence Health Screening for all Year 9 students later on this term. They will interview each student about their Health and Well-being and will cover topics such as:

- Visits to Healthy Services such as General Practitioners.
- Health factors relating to home, school and friends.
- Interests outside of school.
- Education and advice on drugs, alcohol and sexual health.

A Vision and Hearing Technician will conduct a Vision and Hearing screen. Every student is asked for their consent before and assessment is undertaken, and has the right to refuse if they choose to. Should parents wish to withdraw their tamariki from the screen programme, please contact the Youth Nurses directly or alternatively you may contact the front office at Taipa Area School on 09 406 0159. The aim is to identify any health needs that students may have so that whanau can be supported in providing services to meet their needs, and consequently students are in class ready and able to learn. For more information please contact Fiona Swansain on 021 541 934.

Parent Report Evenings

Parents Evening: Year 1 -13 Term 1, 2019
Thursday 4th April at 3:30pm - 6:00pm
Venue: Hall

All whānau are invited to attend a parents evening on Thursday 4th April starting at 3:30pm. This will be an opportunity for you to meet all subject teachers and whānau tutors as well as deans. We hope that this evening will provide an opportunity to discuss and suggest ways to best support your child in achieving their potential.

All whānau will be greeted at the entrance of the hall where they will receive their child's term 1 2019 report. It is important that your child makes appointments for you to see all of their teachers. We look forward to seeing you at your child's parents evening to discuss their current progress at Taipa Area School.

Christchurch Support and Mannakitanga

Students and staff at Taipa Area School dealt with the events of the tragedy in Christchurch in a low key and very respectful manner.

Cards were made by the Primary School, **paper dolls** with **messages of support** to send the Christchurch by the Intermediate school, there was **respectful observance** during the **'2 minutes of Silence'** on Friday, **photos** of solidarity and unity taken on the beach, and a **mufti day** that raised over \$250 to donate to a fellow Area School in Auckland. Al Madina Area School is located in Mangere and has been an Area School since 1995.

Our donation is to let them know that we support them in this time of grief for lost loved ones and to extend our reassurance that this is not okay and this is not Aotearoa. Thank you to all of our staff and students who are kind and caring and have shown compassion for others.



Year 9 Tikanga Class Hosting Kamehameha School

On Tuesday 19th of March we were honoured to host Kamehameha a School in Hawaii. Our year 9 students have been working hard planning and organising this wonderful day. Our day started with a student led pōhiri, and followed through with manaakitanga for the rest of the day.

Next task was to set up for whanaungatanga, **Hare Hoterene** in the whare, **Pako** and **Poi Rakau** were some of our games we introduced to our manuhiri. Another group set up their station and taught **Ki-o-Rahi** then we went out to hit the field.

Before the day ended we went over to sit with **Whaea Pasty** and share stories about **Mamaru Waka, Maunga Taniwha** and our School. Our students took the initiative to perform waiata, and in return our manuhiri performed a hula and waiata followed with a closing karakia. Mihi anā kia koutou ngā tau 9 i whakarite i tō mātou rangi ātaahua.

Depositing Money into School Account

Lisa Baker kindly requests if parents are paying money directly into the school bank account we need their child's name or preferably their school ID number as a reference.

Many parents and caregivers have different names to their children and at times I have been finding it very difficult knowing who the deposit is for.

Sports

This term we have had a number of swimming competitions with three of our students competing in the Northland Swimming Champs in Dargaville. These swimmers are **Caitlin Russel, Eloise Russel** and **Leah-Maree Simons**, we wish them luck with their swimming on the 11th of April.

In the Northland athletics we had **Fleurnik Raui** in high jump and long jump, **Demitrious Duval** in discus and **Sheree Lange** in 3000m and 800m. All these athletes did very well with **Sheree Lange** placing 2nd in the 800m.

We had two entries in the Areas **Volleyball Tournament** with the girl's team 3rd and the boy's team placing 4th.

At the beginning of the term a **Touch team** to Kaikohe and participated in a mixed tournament. They did extremely well, winning Division 2.



Next term we will be concentrating on School's Tournament, 3x3 Basketball, Northland **Cross Country, Kiwi Netball** and **Mini Football Festival**.



We also have 6 **Netball** teams entered into the **Mangonui Netball Competition**.

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