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## Welcome back to 2021

The year has started well, students are looking sharp in their uniforms and are settling into the routine of school quickly. We have been fortunate to employ some highly skilled and talented teachers to add to our already hard-working and committed staff. Read their bio later in the newsletter.

NCEA results are in!

Our students continue to achieve higher in NCEA Levels 1 & 2 as other schools that are the same AND we are nudging the National results for all schools in Aotearoa. This is due to the hard work your students and our teachers are putting in. We do as well if not better than many and we are most proud of our students who leave with a pathway that works for them. We will celebrate their results at a special assembly in Week ?????? 6?

Nga Taitokorua Whare

The community will be invited to a hui regarding the whare on the corner of our property. This building is not well, and we need to make some decisions regarding its future. Documents are available for you if you wish to look at the background of the whare and the condition it is in now. Please contact Lisa Jurlina to forward you the documents if you have an interest. What needs to happen is to create a new vision for that space and use it for the benefit of Ngati Kahu and Taipa.

## NCEA 2021

Year 11, 12 and 13 students are fully involved in their NCEA courses at Level 1, 2 and 3. Students should know how many standards and credits they have been

enrolled in. Each teacher has a course outline which clearly states standards, credits and deadlines for assessments. By accessing the parent portal, (<https://portal.taipa.school.nz/index.php>) students and whanau can view which standards a student has been entered for and how many credits they have achieved.

Currently, to complete NCEA in 2021 level 1 students need to achieve 80 credits while Level 2 and Level 3 students need to achieve 60 credits at their respective levels.

## Ministry of Health led initiative

Kia Ora Family/Whanau

Taipa Area School is pleased to support a new and positive health initiative that provides an opportunity for all rangatahi in year 9 to have a health screening and assessment.

We want to identify any health needs that students may have so that we can support families in providing services to meet them, and to ensure that students are in class ready and able to learn.

The Youth Health Nurse will interview each student about their health and wellbeing. The discussion with the Nurse will cover topics as:

- Visits to health services such as the GP
- Health factors relating to home, school and friends
- Interests outside of school
- Education and advice on drugs, alcohol and sexual health

A vision Hearing Technician will conduct a vision and hearing screen.

Every student is asked for their consent before an assessment is undertaken, and has



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the right to refuse if they choose to. Parents can also withdraw their child from the screening programme by contacting the school and requesting that they do not participate.

This is a Ministry of Health led initiative. For more information about the health assessment please contact your school Youth Health Nurse responsible for the health assessment programme, Fiona Swainson on 021541934.

## Karate Classes

Kids Karate classes at Taipa Scout Hall and they are looking for new members! Sei Shin Ryu Karate

Children- Age 6 to 16 - Thursdays 5 to 6pm

First few classes are free

Contact Ian 021 106 4489 or 4085001 or just turn up



## Whanau Contact Details

Can whanau please contact the front office if there have been any changes to contact details including, emails, home/postal addresses cellphone and landline numbers.

## House Competitions

Our intermediate students met in their new classes for the first time on Feb 3rd! Of course we were straight into competition

mode! Congratulations to Miss Tito's class who are the first winners of the Intermediate Cup for 2021!

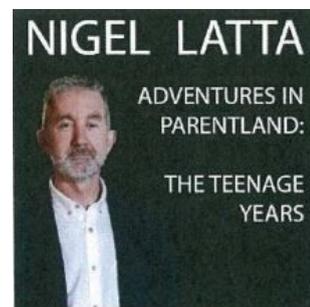


## Nigel Latta

An evening with Nigel latta on Thursday the 25th of March, 7pm at the Turner Centre, Kerikeri.

Nigel will be looking at parenting skills, there will be focus on the teen years, but this will definitely be for all parents.

Book online through the Turner Centre



## Learning on a Digital Platform

At Taipa Area School, all staff are encouraged to have transparency in their programmes, through an up- to- date website which can be accessed from the school website.

Year 7-13 students have chromebooks available for them to use. As a school, we believe chromebooks can support students' learning. Whanau are not expected to purchase a chromebook for their child's learning. However, if a student has a



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chromebook we encourage them to bring it to school to use.

Year 7 and 8 students have chromebooks which are generally kept in their classroom. Year 9 and 10 students have recently been issued with a chromebook which will always be kept at school and returned to their whanau tutor at the end of the school day. Year 11 to 13 students will have a chromebook which will be theirs for the remainder of the school year. This chromebook will be allowed to be taken home to enable students to continue with their learning outside school.

Furthermore, year 9 to 13 students will bring home a contract of use (Kawa of Care). As whanau, please ensure you read and sign the contract, which will need to be returned to Mr Lowe before 22nd February 2021

## Principal Resignation

An email was sent to all whanau about Ms Bailey moving on from her role as Principal in the school and a letter was given to all senior students to take home. The Board of Trustees will be appointing a new Principal to begin in Term 3

## Lunches In Schools



We are lucky to be able to offer free lunches from Term 2 or maybe even sooner. At this stage we are negotiating a contract so that we can feed our tamariki each day with a



healthy lunch. We will keep you informed.



## Introducing New Staff

Kia Ora Whanau,

My name is Amy Johnson, and I have worked in education for 12 years. I am from Kaikohe and Okaihau. My husband Wayne Heremaia is also a teacher. Together we have two adult daughters and one grandson.

Creating a sense of excitement about learning is something I am passionate about. I like my students to think critically about the world and form their own opinions on what is important to them as they face their futures in these interesting times. I believe that all students should have the opportunity to reach their potential.

I am excited to be working at Taipa Area School and look forward to getting to know you all!

Nga mihi,  
Whaea Amy.



Kia ora koutou, my name is Meillia Kee. I am teaching Yr 9 & 10 social



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studies and health, a coding short course and Level 1 Business Studies. Originally I am from Taumarunui, about as far from the sea as you can get on the North Island but love the ocean and sailing. Coming into school each day is a treat with the beach right on our doorstep. I look forward to getting to know your students and supporting them in their learning journey.



My name is Adrian Cooling. I recently moved to Taipa with my wife and three children. I'm excited to be joining Taipa Area Area school as the Trades development teacher.

For the last five years I was living and teaching at Tereora College in Rarotonga, prior to that I was teaching in South Auckland.

I'm looking forward to building a Trades Academy where students that have an interest in Trades have the opportunity to develop a range of skills and knowledge that will prepare them for further study or a career in Trades. I also have a keen interest in Design and creativity and am running several short courses where students have the opportunity to design and create things.



He honore ki te Atua kaha rawa...Matua Tama Wairua Tapu, AMINE.

Ko Raumati Wynyard toku ingoa.

E uri ahau no Ngati Kuri, Te Rarawa, Ngati Manu me Ngati Hine.

Oku rohe ko Te Hapua, Karetu me Pukepoto. I whanau mai au kei Otara, Tamaki Makaurau.

Kia Ora e te whanau o Taipa.

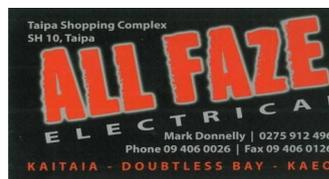
My whānau and I have been living in the beautiful Far North just over a year and absolutely love it.

My whānau hail from the soft white sands of Te Hapua, the luscious greenery of Karetu and the wonderful plains of Pukepoto.

I am the proud teacher in Year 3,4 Nga Paapahu class so feel free to come in and korero with us and see our ataahua mahi. Ngā mihi kia koutou katoa.

Nā Raumati.

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