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Last words from Mrs Bailey

Tena koutou katoa

This is the last item I will be writing for the Taipa Area School newsletter as I leave on Thursday the 15th of April. As of Friday this week, Mr Lowe will be the Acting Principal for the school as the Board of Trustees seek to employ the next Principal of our kura.

I am extremely proud of our teachers and support staff who work tirelessly to do the very best they can to provide a sound education for your tai tamariki and know that the good progress we have made will continue into the future. I thank them all very much, nga mihi nui ki a koutou.

We have been hugely successful in our academic results, punching above our weight in comparison to other similar schools and not far behind the national standards. More than just sporting and other successes, the culture of the school has changed to a safer and more stable environment. More to be proud of. I have been extremely lucky to have been able to employ some excellent staff and leave the school in very good hands.

I wish all of our students well in their learning and know that the key to success is the right balance of hard and soft care of our tai tamariki and the sharing of responsibility for their learning between staff, students and whanau.

My thoughts on leaving are very emotional as I have absolutely loved this journey with our school since 2017 and if my

health had not let me down, I would have been happy to commit to some further years at Taipa Area School. I wish you all the very best and please know that I take with me some beautiful memories of this place.

Heoi ano, the vision remains to know who we are, to know what we are capable of and to know where we are going.

Nga mihi nui ki a koutou

Doreen Bailey
PRINCIPAL

Important Dates to Remember

3rd May 2021 - Term 2 Start Date
20th May - Teachers only day
21st May - Tai Tokerau Festival

P.E Department

March was a busy month for Sport at Taipa.

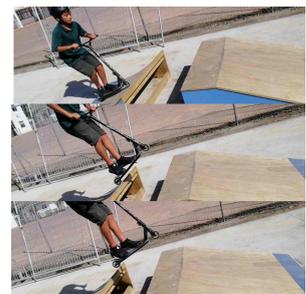
It started with Swimming and ended with swimming. This is how it unfolded.

2nd -Taipa Swimming Sports

This was a fun day, more centered around participation than competition. A special mention must go to Whaea Tracy on her efforts to get her babies ready, nga mihi whaea.

11th- Athletics Day
Yr 7-13

Another fun day with DJAJ keeping everyone chilled





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with his beats and MC Christian doing what he does best. Of course the event of the day is the 100m sprints!

- Junior Boys-DJ, Theo, Zion
- Junior Girls-Sally, Paytum, Kyra
- Intermediate Boys-Arthur, Noah H, Oscar
- Intermediate Girls-Leah-Maree, Melodie, Kleeshae
- Senior Boys-Muao, Tai, Cory
- Senior Girls- Fleurnik, Chantel, Oshean

A big thanks to Mike for getting the field ready, awesome job e hoa! to the teachers who helped put up the Marquees and kept the records (especially Nicola who looked after her event on her own while her mate was off stealing the limelight) the clean-up crew, and Meillia and Karen for compiling results nga mihinui kia koutou!

12th-Senior Mixed Touch Regionals, Kaikohe

A very talented group of players and emerging players. With only 2 trainings under their belt I entered them into the Championship Div, a baptism of fire you could call it, where they were able to hold their own against the more well established Schools in this Div. This could only be achieved by the excellent Coaching of Tunui and Vanessa, Tena korua. Watch this space.

13th-Northland Athletics Championships

A huge congratulations to Jade Palatchie for winning the 100m and 200m sprints at the Northland Championships! This is a major achievement, well done.

16th-Eastern Zone Swimming Primary, Taipa

This was a huge day where it was determined who the reps from EZ would be to go through to Far North Swimming. Our reps were Tukotahi, Melody-Murphy, Ali-May, Mary-Jane, Mia Aniva, Mia Millichamp, Jaydee, Noah C, Lachlan and Billy-Phoenix.

Very well done koutou for making the cut!

18th-J16 to J19 Waka Ama, Lake Ngatu
These Kiahoe, Sohie, Sally, Rewi, Tyrell, Bill-Phoenix and Francis of yr7 and 8, have been quietly training away since the end of last year. When this event came up I was a bit reluctant to enter them as they would be competing against rangatahi alot older. Anyway I'm glad I did as they came out with a Gold & Silver. Even though they achieved the silver in the 250m straight sprint as there were only 2 teams in their race. It was the Gold in the 500m turn that was impressive. Because of their timing, composure and teamwork they were able to avoid the chaos that unfolded with the other 4 waka, due to the conditions. They completed a perfect turn (which they had not practised before), and returned safely to the finish. Kia mau te wehi! A huge Ups to Jaroz & Hone for their tireless support, week in week out with this crew. Another space to watch.

23rd-Far North Swimming-Kaitaia Pools

The placegetters from this event would go ahead to represent in the Northern Swimming

Champs. Our swimmers did really well, with Tukotahi, Melody and Mia-Millichamp making the finals. It was Mia Millichamp





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that did exceptionally well, coming 1st in Freestyle, 1st in Backstroke! Very well done Mia and to all who competed.

Level 3 English

This year the Level 3 English students have chosen 'Women's Existence' as their overarching theme. On Wednesday 17th March, they were privileged to listen to Sara Singer Szapsik, a psychotherapist from Mexico City. Sara detailed the hardships and unjust treatment that many women experience in her country, and how they protest against it, particularly on March 8th, International Women's Day. She also shared the methods (such as photography) she uses in her work to help women both express and empower themselves. The students were encouraged to reflect on their feelings and question Sara about her experiences. This was a valuable learning experience, which allowed us to gain insight into another culture and compare it to New Zealand. Sara challenged us to think about how New Zealand can, again (like with Covid-19) educate the world.

Covid19 Health Reminder

Protect yourself
and others from
COVID-19



Wash your hands with soap and water often (for at least 20 seconds). Then dry.



Cough or sneeze into your elbow or by covering your mouth and nose with tissues.



Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces and objects, such as door knobs.



Don't touch your eyes, nose or mouth if your hands are not clean.



Put used tissues in the bin or a bag immediately.



Stay home if you feel unwell.

For updates and more information on keeping yourself safe, visit [Covid19.govt.nz](https://www.covid19.govt.nz)
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Food Technology

Little bit of Food Tech and Hospitality classes this week: Year 7 "tik tok tortillas", Year 9/10 begged me for Banoffee Pie! Year 12/13 catered for their Tuakana Teina group with mini bacon and egg pies, M&M cookies and red velvet cupcakes and they have been perfecting their milk frothing skills with hot chocolates ready for coffee making for their barista unit standard assessments starting next week.

Time for a Taipa Area School food truck soon I reckon!!

Tangata Beats

Selena Beric and Christian McDonald, two of our MENZA tangata whenua board members, have been leading some awesome music education mahi in Tai Tokerau this month. They have led two noho marae based wānanga at Haiti-tai-Marangai marae, on the beautiful Karikari Peninsula. The first was 'Revival of Taonga Puoro' with Wiremu Sarich, where students created taonga puoro including: bamboo and clay kōauau, tōtara porotiti, and mataī pūrerehua, and flax kono. Students also enjoyed learning the whakapapa of local mātauranga, as well as concepts of kaitiaki and the atua of the different taonga they were crafting through taonga tākaro. The second event was a **Tangata Beats Wānanga**, supported by the NZ Music Commission and Far North Reap, where students learned composition and performance skills from mentors including Kaaterama Pou from 'Maimoa Music' & Jimmy Colbert from



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'1814'. Keep an eye out for more reflections and photos on this valuable mahi in the Ngā Pitopito Kōrero o Puawaiata section of the next Tune Me In Magazine.



Level 3 Catering

Day one of our 3 day trip NCEA Level 3 catering with these young master chefs



Weetbix Tryathlon

I eke Panuku! I eke Tangaroa!
A big mihi to our Taipa Primary athletes who participated in the 2021 Weetbix Tryathlon that was held on Sunday 11th April in Paihia. Our tamariki



were some of the 2000 competitors that participated in this awesome event. Due to the weather on Saturday, the swim was cancelled, but it did not hinder the athletes. From the Splash and Dashers (short run then hill run) to the tri-athletes that did the run - bike - run. It was great to see the whanau out there supporting their tamariki. A huge mihi to our Weetbix Try team:

Matua Dwayne & Matua Darrin - bike mechanics

Matua Adrian - Bike mechanic, driver

Whaea Kylie - registration, trainer

Whaea Ngawaiata - co-organiser, driver, photographer

Atareta - Kaiawhina across the bridge

Whaea Fran - Kaiawhina at transition

Josh - Kaiawhina Mini Try

Whaea Kathryn - swimming trainer

Nga mihi nunui to all the parents who attended this event and helped to man our whare while I was running around.

Nga mihi koutou katoa.





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