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Principal

Kia Ora Whanau, week ten has arrived; I totally appreciate all the opportunities that our staff have created for our students this term. These opportunities have mainly involved our local community, which reinforces our first vision statement 'to know who we are'.

Many activities and events have taken place in and around school. Organised by Mr Walsh, we were fortunate to host the Science Fair involving 200 students across Doubtless Bay. In addition, Mr Walsh has made some connections with the Ministry of Primary Industries (MPI). In collaboration with MPI and Parapara Marae, we are in the process of setting up valuable learning around the biosecurity of our whenua. The Primary school has been planting native trees and had a mention on the breakfast radio show. The annual mid-winter swim took place from the jetty; it was our first with drone footage. Matariki was celebrated with our Cultural leaders and Whaea Amy, who hosted a kite flying competition. Finally, every Monday this term students have been involved in dance classes.

Students have also been learning valuable life skills in different subjects. Our intermediates have learned emergency first aid from the Coopers Beach St John Ambulance. Miss Cameron has opened a coffee making business, with Level 2 students using and developing their barista skills. They make and deliver a range of coffees to staff at morning tea. Mr Rush and Mr Cooling took their Year 12 Adventure Tourism class to Tauranga Bay for a 3-night camp during week nine.

Mr MacDonald is continuing to support our music students with the SmokeFree Rockquest. Lastly, a huge congratulations to Muao Brown, DJ Watson and LJ Togiaua for being selected to represent a Far North 1st XV.

As part of our whole school literacy focus this term, all students have been focused on writing. There have been four house competitions around the simple, w-start, adverb-start, em-dash, explore the subject and the ing-start sentences. Thank you to the Literacy Team who have been driving this and celebrating some outstanding writing by all our students.

Our final week this term is busy; on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday Julie Sparksman is supporting 20 students to get their driving licenses. Parent Progress evening is on Wednesday and Mike King is speaking to our Year 11-13 students around mental health on Thursday. We also have the Short Course Showcase on Thursday from 1:15pm-3:00pm. Two trips are taking place too: Mr Walsh is taking his Marine Biology class on a two day Predator/Trapping workshop, while Karisma Kingi and Tamara Hesketh travel to Auckland, with Miss Cameron, for a Secondary School Culinary Competition.

As a school we are very excited about how term three will look for our students and staff. We have the addition of two new Deputy Principals. A long-standing member of the school community, Shelly Dormer, has joined our Senior team and Mr Jonathan Broom is travelling up from the Wairarapa with his whanau to be with us. Both these staff will have a full school Powhiri at 9:30am on Monday 26th July 2021.

Ngā mihi nui, David Lowe



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P.E Department

Monday Night Volleyball

Recently, Volleyball has been very popular amongst Taipa students. It all started last year in term 4, when we did not have access to



our new school gym. 2 nets were set up on the field and students have been loving this sport since. As a result we have been trying to build Volleyball through our school, particularly with our year 9-10 students. On Monday the 28th, Kaitaia College came over to play us in Volleyball.



We played them in 3 sets and won all 3; First set 25-23, second set 25-22 and the third set 25-19. The students playing were Lennox Ashby, Fleurnik Raiu, Chantel Togiaua, Deacon Jones, Soli

Fox, LJ Togiaua, Robert Waru-Morgan, Te Kawana Mahika and Paytum Mahanga.

The last 5 of these students are all year 9 or 10, all of which were on the court in the final set which was the best win of the night. The students have been training regularly, displaying our school values of showing teamwork and thoroughly deserved the win on monday night.

We are currently organising similar games and training against Kaitaia College in the coming terms, hoping to make this a regular competition.



Year 7&8 Circability

Over the past 6 weeks, Room 3 has been doing some very exciting things. Circability has been in full swing and it is an amazing way to demonstrate our school values. By being positive and giving



every skill a go, working together, sharing equipment, and respecting each other's space, we have had so much fun exploring and playing with the circus equipment. From the diabolo, to the spinning plates. The walking globe to the rainbow ribbons, and of course the different juggling equipment and hula hoops.

Thank you Miss April, we all look forward to this class every week as we all join in and have fun..

Room 2 and Room 4 will be enjoying this experience in the coming term.



We Are Kaitiaki

The Year 9B students spent a few hours planting natives on Tuesday 22nd of June in Taipa at Kates bush. Harakeke, Akeake, Taraire, Tawapou and Kohekohe now have a new home.



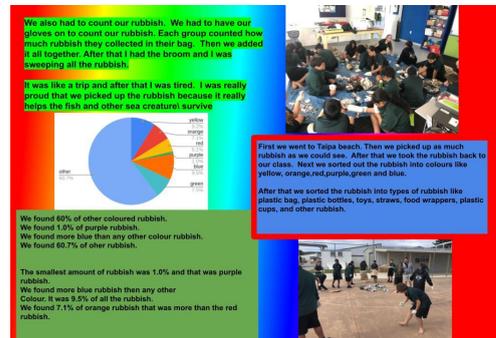
Year 11 Predator Trapping

The year 11 mmp class today met with Raniera Bassett and mmp's biosecurity staff. We are developing a learning program based around conservation and biosecurity values with their assistance with more mahi at Parapara marae. Watch this space!



JT Sea Cleaner Posters

During the week me and my classmates were studying how much rubbish we had by sorting them in colours, types of rubbish, and how tall and small were our largest and smallest rubbish.



By Joevarn Tomars

Science Roadshow

On Thursday 25th June, TAS hosted the science roadshow, Both Mangonui and Oruaiti schools attended the show as well.



A special thanks to the 17 student helpers that were explainers on the day, and some teachers and students who got up early to unload a truck.



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- **Spanish - Español - Buenas dias**
- **French - Français - Bon jour**
- **Japanese - 日本語 (Nihongo) - Konichiwa**
- **German - Deutsch - Guten Tag**
- **One student chose to improve fluency in Te Reo - Kia ora**

Congratulations to all students for their efforts!

Some students have started, and in **Term 4** will be able to complete their speech (1-3 min) in their language. If successful, they will earn four NCEA level 1 credits. (In Spanish, French, German, Japanese, Chinese)

[Link to TAS Language Website](#)

Primary Department

Haititai Marangai Marae - Maara Kai

On Wednesday 23rd of June the whole of Taipā Area School Primary went to Haititaimarangai. First all of the primary classes went into Nga Mango and lined up in groups. Then we got separated into two different busses. M.J, Bailey, Waekamania, Te Taonga and Hunter carried all of the food into the buses.



When we arrived at Haititamarangai the teachers told us to sit down in the hut so we could take a photo. Afterwards Whaea Ngawaiata did a karanga to welcome us all onto the marae. Whaea Kylie replied from our group of visitors.

Then when we got to the doorway of the Marae we took off our shoes and went into the whareniui. Straight after that a few people said their speeches. Jordyn and Ihaia spoke for us and then we all stood up and did a waiata after each speech. After that some people from our group greeted the 4 people who welcomed us to the marae.

Next we went and had our morning tea. First someone did a karakia to bless our food. We had rolls and yogurts for lunch. We weren't allowed to eat the yogurts because we had to save something for lunch.



After we had morning tea we got split into two groups. My

group went down to the beach and the other group went to the garden. At the beach we had to collect three shells each. When we all collected the shells we put them in a bucket. We then built a sand castle. Some people worked in groups and others worked alone.

Then we moved on to the garden where we learnt about how to grow your plants correctly. We also learnt about all the different plants you should grow in your garden and what plants are good to plant in each season. We were asked questions like what is your favourite fruit and





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vegetable. The whole primary got lots of plants for us to plant when we get back to school.

After that, we walked back to Haititaimarangai and got all of the leftover food and took it to the buses. Then the bus driver drove us to Matai Bay which was where we had our yoghurts and the lunch that we brought.



We walked to the 2 Pou and took a group photo. Matua Whetu told us the story of the Pou. Then we walked back down the hill. We then packed up and got back on the bus and went back to school.

I felt so glad that I finally got to go to a marae because I had never been to one before. I thought that it was so interesting learning about all the different plants. My favorite part was definitely building sand castles at the beach!



How to make Manu-Taratahi By Baileyan Thomas

Things you will need:

- Scissors
- toitoi
- raupo
- flax
- feathers

- cardboard (shaped in a circle and a pen to draw your face.)

Step 1.

Cut the toitoi to size with the scissors and soften the flax and split it into string size pieces.

Use a piece of string, tie the toi toi together to make a triangle.

Step 2.

Get the raupo and lay it across the triangle frame, tie each end of the raupo with a flax string to the toi toi frame.

Using the flax string tie each end of the raupo making an x at each end of the raupo.

Step 3.

Continue doing this with the raupo and flax string until the whole frame is covered.

Step 4.

Then decorate your kite with the feathers and draw a face on the cardboard. Tape the face on the top of your kite.

At lunchtime Whaea Amy hosted a kite festival that came with different kites and gave awards to Jess, Mia, Reef, Phoebe and Waekamaina. My favorite part was tying the raupo on the frame.





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Important Date to Remember

26 July 2021 - Term 3 begins
31 July 2021 - Senior School Ball
03 August 2021 - TEACHERS ONLY DAY
01 October 2021 - Term 3 ends

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