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Principal - Mr David Lowe

Tena Koe Whanau,

Welcome back to term three. I hope that you had an enjoyable break with your whanau and friends.

This is going to be an exciting and busy term! We welcomed our new students and teachers on Monday 26th July with a Whakanui. It was awesome to see all our students in excellent uniform and being proud of their identity. We welcomed Mrs Shelly Dormer (Deputy Principal) and Matua Jono Broom (Deputy Principal), Mr Kevin Harrison (teacher aide), and their whanau.

Thank you to the whanau who gave feedback at the end of Term two, regarding our school to whanau communication. As a result, Taipā Area School will now email a Newsletter at the end of weeks three, six and nine. We will continue with our engagement reports during weeks five and nine, and Parent Progress evenings will still be a permanent fixture during the last week of term.

Our school has three priorities for the remainder of this year which align to our school vision of 'to know who we are', 'to know what we are capable of', and 'to know where we are going'.

1. To re-engage with our school values and acknowledge students who model positive relationships (Painga), excellent teamwork

(Mahitahi), and respect (Manaakitanga).

2. Developing student and staff restorative justice. This will support the focus that students learn from the actions they have shown.
3. Teaching and Learning focus on student engagement and progress.

Finally, I'd like to acknowledge our academic success during Term 2, which was celebrated during the Success Assembly which was held during week 1. There were some significant achievements throughout the school. Intermediate students showed good progress in project based work. Junior High school students have shown significant progress in maths (some Yr 10's achieving excellence credits at NCEA) social science, English and science. Senior High students are also working hard to collect credits to support their pathways. A number of students have already collected excellence credits in English, maths, social science, music and art.

Thank you for all your support, whether it's helping with homework, discussing school with your child, coming in and helping out, or encouraging them to follow our school values.

Ngā mihi

Principal
David Lowe



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Sentence of the week

Te Kura Takiwā o Taipā



SENTENCE OF THE WEEK

Paragraph Competition Term 2

Thank you all for your support of our competitions. In judging this competition, we drew on the opinions of neutral staff members.

1st - TSDO

Mrs Dormer, who is the sweetest whanau teacher, greets us every morning with a warm smile on her face. As a whanau of misfits, our individualistic traits make us a whole. Reconciling in the same classroom every morning daily, the cycle of antics repeats. Cassidy and Cody - the clown wannabes - never cease to entertain us. In the lonesome cupboard, Chanel reverts to her virtual reality. Whenever Mrs Dormer is absent, Whaea Viv, the poker queen, brags about her skill in playing cards. Personally, I'm indifferent to these peculiar people; I'm perfectly normal. I'm not stretching. I seldom say everything in my mind, heart, and spirit. Honestly, our whanau class rules!

2nd - RDHA

Relying on mathematics, RDHA present this proof that it is the best Whanau class. When a number is squared, it creates a perfect square. One, four and nine - all sums of squared values - are examples of this. The number **sixteen**, which is created by squaring the number four, is a

perfect square. RDHA has **sixteen** members. Mathematically, this makes RDHA the PERFECT whanau.

3rd - PMKE

Painga is purple and fabulicious. While Painga is losing at the moment, we stay positive and will redeem ourselves. Sadly, we are coming third out of three. Painga - the supposedly positive house - is negative at the moment. Our whanau class, which was winning all the sentences, has lost their groove. Wanting to take the lead, next term Painga will give it their all.

Primary Department



Te Wiki o Te Reo Kūki Āirani - Cook Island Language Week - Monday 2nd August 2021

We were very fortunate to have Vaniva Lewis and her group of Cook Island supporters, who came to our school to help the students celebrate Te Wiki o Te Reo Kūki Āirani - Cook Island Language Week. Students learnt about the Cook Island flag and the names of all 15 Islands in the Cook Islands. The lunchtime session was finished off with a colourful and

entertaining dance competition, with winners taking home some delicious prizes.





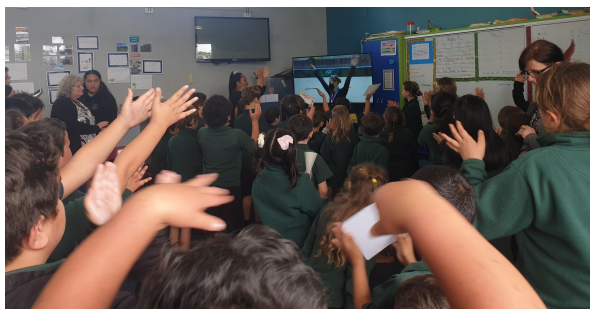
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The Olympics 2021

Currently the students in Year 1 to 6 are learning all about the Olympics. They have been finding out about all the different sports involved. The students are loving watching the big events and, of

course, are very excited when we win a medal. Students are also learning the words, in both Maori and English, to the National Anthem so they can join in at the medal ceremonies.

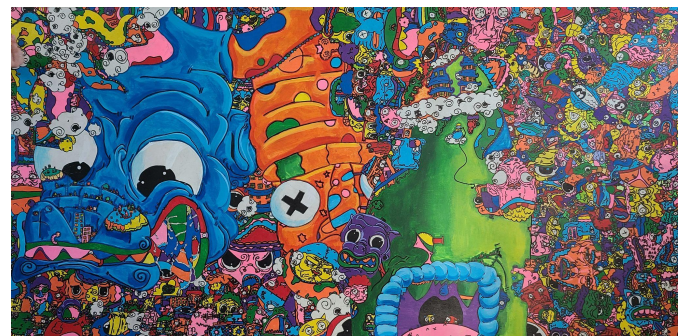


Students are also organising their own mini olympics. Year 1 to 4 students have been making medals and the Year 5 and 6 students will run the events. Keep an eye out for notification of when our mini olympics will be held. We would love to see you!



Art Department

Check out this super creative piece of art work done by **Hemi Harrison**, ka pai Hemi! We can't wait to see more of your artwork in the future!



House Quiz Competition

On Thursday the 5th August, the student and whare leaders hosted the annual T.A.S. quizletics house competition. The quiz was held in the school gym. All students were at a table with their whanau class. They nominated one runner who ran to the front, collected a question, ran back to their table, completed the



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question, then repeated the process. Questions were sent in by teachers from a range of subjects across the school, and covered all kinds of topics. The students were fully engaged and thoroughly enjoyed the event. Painga retained their title of champions with a score of 142. Mahitahi was in second place with 122, and Manaakitanga in third place with 106. Big thank you to all students and staff involved in planning and the running of the event.

Mr Tua had his drone and put together a short video which can be viewed here:
<https://tinyurl.com/Taipaquiz2021>

English Department

On Friday 2 July 2021, the whole of the year 10 classes were lucky enough to go on a field trip up to the Te Ahu Centre. To many, this place will not hold significance, but once you have been there, you understand how special the building is to the community as a whole. It is a beautiful place that has an amazing history, which we were able to learn more about today. One of the workers at the library (John Hanes) came to welcome us and teach us about the museum.



Although I have been into the Atrium before, it is still a very interesting room to be in. Upon entering, you find yourself in a circular room. Seven Pou are placed at equal points around the room, and each is carved with an extreme

amount of precision. John explained to us that five of the pou were made to represent nearby Maori tribes, and two to represent the

English / Pakeha groups of people. John then told us to look down, so we could see that below our



feet was an inlay of a giant stingray that was caught on a bone hook. He told us that it was there to represent the North Island, then pointing to a section of the tail which was approximately where our school is located. He also described how the glass panes - that covered a third of the walls - were designed in a zigzag pattern to portray two sea meetings.

After the wonderful explanation John gave us, our year separated into two groups to learn about separate parts of history the building holds. My group was taken to the stunning museum, where two ladies greeted us and gave us each a scavenger hunt sheet. We got to explore the museum by ourselves and read the history of different historical artifacts that the place held. We saw a huge anchor, greenstone, old lace, stuffed birds, huge pieces of obsidian, and so much more. My favourite part was the giant Kauri gum collection because there was such an expanse of it. Certain pieces were perfectly circular, which I found very pretty. The ladies then brought out the museum's collection of rock, which would have been used as tools for farming.

As we had finished looking in the museum, we were taken back to the atrium where the groups of students



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swapped. My group was then taken into the library which, other than being filled with more books

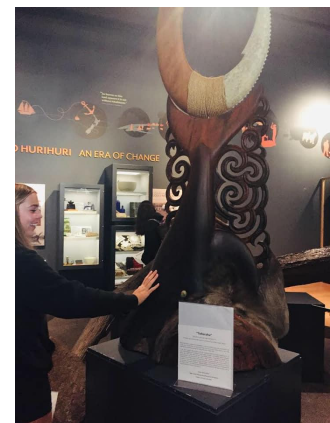
than I could ever read, had loads of creatively thought out design ideas. When you first enter the library, you see a roof made up of long wavy pieces of wood with varying heights. This design created a wave-like pattern. We were told that this is a representation of sand dunes found in some parts of NZ. As you go further in, the roof rises to make room for the giant man-made tree in the middle of the room. The tree has a reading nook for children at the bottom, and a spiral staircase that rises to a bridge leading to another reading area. It is a very unique addition to the room, that gives a lasting impression.

After we had a look around the library and learned about trees (courtesy of John), it was time to go watch a movie in the connected cinema. The movie of choice was 'Peter Rabbit 2'. Whaea Amy had managed to book out the whole cinema, which improved the experience. I had expected the movie to be fairly boring because it was an animated version of a children's story, but it was actually very entertaining. The humor it involved was suitable for all ages, and the characters constantly broke the fourth wall, which is something I always enjoy.

After the movie finished, the class made its way outside and across the road to the nearby park. It was one of the best parks I have ever been to with its flying fox,

life-sized model train, and great for climbing trees! It was even equipped with a swing for people in wheelchairs. We spent time playing around, before the pizzas we had ordered were delivered. Once we had finished, we still had more time to burn off some energy before we loaded back into the bus and traveled back to school.

Overall, it was a super fun day. Even after being at the center many times in my life, it was really interesting to be able to learn about all the history and work that surrounded it. It was a great experience and much more fun than learning from inside the classroom. I know I will remember the trip long into my future.



By Leah-Maree

Business Studies

We would like to thank all the businesses and organisations who have supported our Level 1 Business Studies students in the first half of this year.

With the help of these people, the students could match up the theory that they learn in class with the reality of running a business and selling products.

Peter, from 'AllFaze Electrical', came into school and gave a general overview of how a business works.



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Alison Bowman, from 'Sip'n Lick'n Lizard' ice-cream and coffee van, talked about the set up and research before setting up a small business and the realities of being an owner/operator. She gave the

students insights into the importance of customer relations and how enjoyable that can be. We also got to taste test her berry ice-cream, which was approved all round! One of her messages was that it is never too late to strike out and try something different.

Thank-you as well to the volunteers at Mangonui i-Site. To put the theory of the Marketing Mix into practise, we visited there and looked at the local produce on sale.

From there, we looked at applying the principles to local products. James and Zarv, from 'The Taipā Salt Pig', showed us the process of how they make their salt, starting at the beach, collecting salt water from Cable Bay, through to packaging up the finished salt ready for sale.

James talked to the students about developing business ideas and new products. They have built a large Passive Solar Still that turns seawater into fresh drinking water, and in September will be launching what may

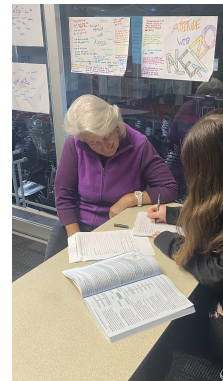


be New Zealand's first desalinated bottled water. Being able to see a business go through new product development and launching again, brings the theory that the students are learning to life.



Megan Prendergast, the Kaiārahi ako / Teaching mentor from Young Enterprise Scheme has been supporting the development of financial literacy and business skills at T.A.S. If you are in

Kerikeri this weekend, YES are holding The Northland Trade Fair @ The Old Packhouse Market. With Megan's support we hope to have students showcasing their entrepreneurial skills and products there next year!



New Deputy Principal

Tēnā Koutou,

For me it's been a whirlwind three weeks, with a transition to The Far North, a new Kura and a new baby at home. I finally feel like I am starting to settle in though, and am getting to know some of the amazing students at this school. We have had a great start to this term from my point of view, with lots going on for whānau and tamariki alike. We've brought Netsafe in to talk about digital safety, we're working on



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setup for our practice and final exams for our year 11s, 12s, and 13s, and the school is preparing for the NZQA to come in and do an audit of our NCEA procedures. The term is flying by; it's nearly unbelievable that it's week four next week, and heading into the middle of term 3. Here's hoping we soon get some warmer weather.

Until next time,

Deputy Principal
Matua Jono Broom

Predator Control

On Wednesday 7th July and Thursday 8th July, a few of the year 11 students attended the two day predator control course. This was run by the Northland Regional Council. These students will practise their skills learnt and attend day three this month. Students will be earning unit standard credits as part of this gateway course.



Careers Corner

TAS Careers Expo 2021

Together with Tai Tokerau Trades Training we are planning a Careers Expo at Taipa Area School on 21st September 2021. The purpose of this is to create awareness of career opportunities and vocational pathways for students.

We are targeting all students from year 9-13. This will make an impact on all students. Some to help them decide what subjects to take in 2022. Others might be leaving school this year and have not yet found a career best suited to them.

We are seeking industry support within the six vocational pathways (Primary Industries, Creative Industries, Construction & Infrastructure, Manufacturing & Technology, Service Industries, Social & Community Industries).

If you would like to be involved please make contact with Julie 09 4060159 ext 224 or email julies@taipa.school.nz

Here at Taipa we run a Gateway programme and currently have 27 students enrolled, many who have completed their course. For those of you who don't know what it is here is an explanation

The Gateway programme is designed to enhance the pathway for students from school to the workplace. It's a great opportunity to blend school study with workplace learning and experience.

Gateway can offer senior students structured workplace learning across



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many industries and hundreds of businesses around New Zealand covering many opportunities.

e.g. Agriculture, Animal Care, Building and Construction, Business Administration, Computing, Dairy Manufacturing, Education, Electrical, Hospitality, Plumbing Tourism just to name a few.

Students pursue individual learning programmes, allowing them to gain new skills and knowledge in a workplace in the community. This is hands-on and practical, but it is accompanied by theory aspects that must be completed in order to achieve credits.

Students are assessed in the workplace for unit and achievement standards which contribute to the National Certificate of Educational Achievement (NCEA), as well as industry specific qualifications.

For any students who are currently in year 11 and think they might be interested in a Gateway programme, please see Julie and register your interest for 2022.

We are proud to say that we have 32 students who have passed their First Aid Certificate and 28 students who have passed their Learners Licence, with another group to sit in December.

Current student out doing work
Experience are:

Demetrious Duval - Mangonui Haulage

Troy Wyatt - Just a Plumber

Daemon Williams - Cabinet Works

Te Aroha Hesketh - Archibald Motors

Lennox Ashby - Moko Foundation

Muao Brown - Mangonui Haulage

Cheyenne Kay, Jodie George, Shanae Sumner, Daisy Meder - Red Shirts Customer Services

Anthony Harrison-Duval, Jacob Pomare, Taipari Orbell - TTM Enterprises (Oyster Farm)

March learner Licence students with Tata Morgan the Instructor.



Mathex Competition Kaitia College

Thursday 12th August 2021

Tena koutou,
Congratulations, to all students who competed and placed in the Mathex Competition held at Kaitia College.

These students placed First in their Year group:

Year 7: Vadym Whitford, Chelsea Hoult, Mia Millichamp and Alyssa Duval

Year 8: Lachlan Webster, Olympia Hetaraka-Peterson, Cuban Jackson and Destiny Waru

Year 9: Caitlin Russell, Te Kawana Morrow-Makiha, Dylan Taylor, and Mary Pikaahu

Year 10: Leah-Maree Simons, Eloise Russell, Jade Palatchie and Erin Atkinson



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These students placed Third in their Year Group

Year 10: Lexi Bradbury, Skylah-May Hoult, Darius Taua and Theo Cooling

Congratulations to Year 6 students who participated and gave their best effort today.

Year 6: Ihaia Brown, Mary Jane Hetaraka, Mia Aneva Thompson/Barbar and Phoebe Cooling

Success Assembly

On Thursday July 29th, we held our Success Assembly, to celebrate the outstanding achievements of our students during Term Two. I was very impressed with the huge number of certificates that were awarded to our students for their academic and cultural achievements, attendance and student recognitions. It was great to see whanau at our assembly, supporting their tamariki and celebrating their achievements. I would also like to say a huge thank you to Leah-Maree Simons, Jaya Te Amo and Jade Palatchie for hosting our assembly. You all did an amazing job! We look forward to our next Success Assembly to celebrate our term three achievements!

Engagement Reports

The first Engagement Report for Term Three will be emailed to whanau and put on to the Parent Portal at the beginning of week five this term. If you have changed your email address, please contact the school office so that we can send your report out to the correct email address.

School Uniform

As you are aware, we are in winter and the season for cold and wet weather is upon us. We want you to know that all students have options in keeping warm and we have winter hoodies and jackets that can be purchased from DB Gold uniform shop in Kaitaia. This will be very helpful, as we need your support in ensuring that your tamariki is warm and comfortable during winter.

We, at Taipa Area School, understand that uniforms can be a problematic issue, especially if you have more than one child attending our school, so we are very happy to have a meaningful korero with whanau to see how we can further support and help you.

Please do not hesitate to contact Joe Tua if you have any further questions regarding uniform.

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Intermediate Department

St Johns Weaving Wellbeing

For Term 2 and the start of Term 3, the Intermediate worked with the lovely Jo from St Johns. Jo came into each class to teach us ways to enhance our

wellbeing. She touched on many things: emotional wellbeing, ways to manage stress and anxiety, breathing techniques





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and manifesting positive things in your life. Jo was an awesome presence to have in the Intermediate, and we hope that our students took as much as they could from Jo's lessons.

Intermediate Cup

In Week 2, all Intermediate students participated in the first Intermediate Cup challenge for the Term. A MathX competition took place in the gym, involving all students. With 25mins worth of maths questions, the winners on the day were Room 4, Whaea Robyn's class. It was an awesome, fair competition with all classes bringing their "A" game. Final scores were: third place with 116 points Room 2- Whaea Jessie's class; second place with 144 points Room 3- Miss Tito's class; winning with 174 points Room 4- Whaea Robyn's class.



Matua Kev helping out with some arts and crafts.

Food Technology

"Year 13 Hospitality students spent 4 days out at Haiti-tai-marangai Marae catering for the Taonga Puoro students. The menu for the week included rolled roast pork, lamb on the spit, Asian marinated chicken, Mexican tortillas, 'M&M' cookies, choc brownie and more!! Lots of fun,

teamwork, learning and NCEA credits being earned."



Important dates to remember

- Tuesdays 17th August - **TEACHERS ONLY DAY**
- Tuesday 24th August - Restricted driving licence course
- Friday 27th August - Daffodil Day
- Monday 6th-Friday 10th September - AIMS GAMES
- Tuesday 14th September - Cross Country

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