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Principal - Mr David Lowe

Kia ora whānau.

Unfortunately this is our first newsletter of Term 4, I'd like to start by saying a very special thanks to staff, students and whānau for supporting our school values during the level 3 lockdown at the beginning of term 4.

It was wonderful how we opened for 5 days during the level 3 lockdown. We had a 50% attendance from year 11, 12, & 13's, which was awesome! Our school feels that the face to face teaching has supported our year 11-13 students in being successful with their NCEA.

I am sure, for those people who have seen our recent facebook posts you would know that school is undergoing some major development. Over the Christmas break Far North Roding will be demolishing the white two storey building, the old staff toilets and 3 offices. The hard materials and food Technology rooms are undergoing a substantial refurbishment. Over the summer break there will be a considerable amount of asbestos removal. Therefore, the school pool will be closed from the 4th December and school gates will be closed throughout the summer holidays.

It was great to support our year 11-13 students in their prize-giving last week and it was awesome to have 40-50 whanau watching on live!

Looking ahead for this term, we still have 3 subject specific camps going ahead and two more prize giving ceremonies.

Nga mihi nui

David Lowe

Principal

Project Predator



On Thursday 27th October, students from the year 11 marine and predator studies class completed part 2 of their 3-day course on predator control run

by the Northland regional council and Gateway.

They were being assessed on the skills that they have developed and been using in class, including skinning and fur plucking possums by hand and by machine, setting and maintaining leghold and various kill traps, setting rodent DoC 200 traps and Steve Alan traps.

From this students have earned credits at levels 1-3 and these can count towards their NCEA .

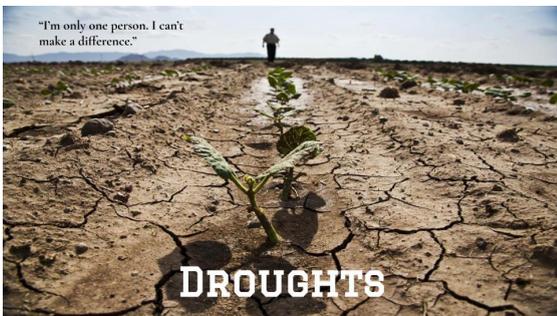
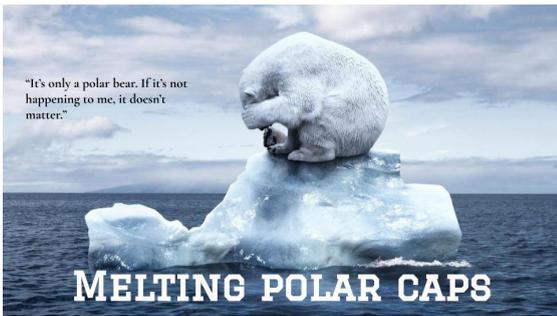




English Department

Level 1 English Visual Text.

By Karma Stacey



Level 1 Visual text.

By Te Atenga Raiui.



Intermediate Department

Cross country

During the last week of Term 3, on Thursday September 30th, T.A.S Intermediate held our Cross-country as a replacement for Eastern Zone Cross-country. This event was cancelled due to Covid-19 Alert Level Restrictions.



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With student collaboration, we focussed many areas of learning around this up-coming event.

Students focussed on coordinates and mapping skills in maths. They drew a personal track using Google Maps and Google Earth and measured the distance of their track. We spent many PE lessons improving running times in preparation for cross-country.



Congratulations to our successful runners:

Overall:

- 1st - Mia (RAL)
- 2nd - Hori (JML)
- 3rd - Kauwa (RAL)
- 4th - Riley (JML)
- 5th - Swayze (JML)

BOYS:

- 1st - Hori (JML)
- 2nd - Kauwa (RAL)
- 3rd - Riley (JML)
- 4th - Swayze (JML)
- 5th - Toka Whakāio (RAL)



GIRLS:

- 1st - Mia (RAL)
- 2nd - Kendra (RAL)
- 3rd - Sally (RAL)
- 4th - Alyssa (JML)
- 5th - Tamyra (RAL)



Summer swimming

Northland's exceptional beaches are popular for swimming, surfing, kayaking, paddle boarding and fishing. However, the surf here is powerful and can result in the slope of the seabed changing underfoot over time. Rips and undertows do occur and drownings are possible. To prepare our students for the summer we have a swimming program that we will begin this term. Students will need to bring swimming togs and a towel on a Wednesday, Thursday and Friday to participate in our swimming safety program. If you have any questions the intermediate teachers will be happy to answer these for you.

We also have lunch time swims happening at the beach. Mrs Darlington will be taking students down to the beach - weather permitting - for swims. We are fortunate to have a qualified life saver to supervise our students.

PE Department



On wednesday 27th October, the 12/13PE students left for their 3 day camp based at

Tauranga Bay. This is a compulsory part of the 12/13PE course this year where students were split up into teams and set a range of activities/challenges that they were to complete. The year 13s were completing a standard based on



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leadership strategies, while the year 12s were completing a standard evaluating a group's ability to work together.



The year 13 students had all completed planning and ran an activity for the group. There was a wide range of activities including blindfold games, eating challenges, completing the mahinepua walk, night time comedy and movie acts, and the camp's favourite game Battle Tanks.



Students were all fantastic in demonstrating our school values of being positive, showing manaakitanga, and demonstrating teamwork over the 3 days. We got several comments from people at Tauranga Bay and Mahinepua on how polite and enjoyable it was to see TAS students out at camp.

Link to folder with videos/photos - <https://tinyurl.com/TASPECamp>

Primary Department

On Thursday the 28th of October Ngā Mango and the year 5 and 6 students from Ngaruiti, had the honour and pleasure of being host to Oliver Bone, Northland Regional Coordinator, Experiencing Marine Reserves.



We began the day with a presentation about marine reserves, and a variety of marine creatures. We learnt the difference between a 'native creature' and an 'endemic creature'.

Later we took to the swimming pool in our wetsuits, flippers, and snorkels! While we were in the water, Oliver taught the students how critical it is to keep together with your buddy in the ocean.





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The Experiencing Marine Reserves (EMR) - Te Kura Moana programme empowers schools and communities by providing hands-on experiences in the ocean.

EMR involves investigating marine biodiversity and unprotected marine environments before, venturing to a fully-protected marine environment. After this experience, students are able to compare unprotected and protected areas and are supported to put their knowledge into action within the community. For more information www.emr.org.nz

EMR coordinators offer guidance, direction and coordination of classroom exercises and field trips to the ocean. EMR also provides snorkeling equipment, instruction, resources and snorkeling risk management.

School Uniform 2022

If you are needing to purchase school uniforms for next year, we strongly advise you to do this now before the school year begins in 2022.

These can be put on lay-by at DD Gold in Kaitaia.

Reminder as we head into the warmer days that we have school caps and bucket hats available for purchase.

If you have any enquiries about school uniforms please contact the school office.

Art Department



By Fynn Atkinson



By Hemi Harrison



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Languages



Short Course 'Languages'

Students started with enthusiasm to learn and improve their

favourite language. Term 4 choices are:

- **Te Reo Maori - Kia ora!**
- **German - Deutsch - Guten Tag!**
- **French - Français - Bon jour!**
- **Spanish - Español - ¡Buenos dias!**
- **Chinese - 中文 (zhōngwén) - nǐ hǎo**
- **Japanese - 日本語 (Nihongo) - konichiwa**

Students, able to give a talk (1-3 min) in their target language,

could earn 4 NCEA level 1 credits.

[Link to TAS Language Website](#)

Any questions? Please contact Mrs Andraschko.

gerlinda@taipa.school.nz

Shave for Cancer Research

On the 8th of December Jade Palatchie will be shaving her hair for cancer research. She has set up a page at shaveforacure.co.nz where you can help her raise funds. We will also be taking donations at the front office.

Yours sincerely, Jade Palatchie

Farming and Forestry

On the 28th and 29th of October, 5 lucky Farming and Forestry students from Year 11 went on a WaiFencing Course held at Rangiputa Station. This taught them all about the WaiFencing project that aims to develop skills and provide qualifications for building fences to exclude stock from waterways and other areas of biodiversity significance.



During the course the students were required to

demonstrate their abilities with fence construction, fence repair, electric fences, tool identification and usage as well as adhering to all aspects of biodiversity management practices and Health and Safety guidelines. A great effort was put in by these students who achieved through perseverance.





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Short Courses

Term Four Short Courses

Our term four short courses have started for our year seven to ten students. We have a lot of different activities that include: Event Planning, International Languages, Drawing, “Let’s Think Outside the Box’, Wooden Fun, Baking (as gifts), Kayaking and Fishing, Outdoor Ed, Group Performance, Taonga and Stall Holder. Our year nine and ten students were able to choose two from this list. All of the students were enjoying themselves, learning new skills with support from their teachers and peers.



2 restrictions. We were able to Live stream our Prize Giving through Facebook so that all of our Taipa whanau could watch our senior students receive their certificates and trophies. It was wonderful to acknowledge the amazing achievements of our senior students.



On Tuesday December 7th we will hold our Year 1-6 Primary Prize Giving at 10:00 am, followed by our Year 7-10 Prize Giving at 1:00 pm. Both Prize Givings will be held in the

school gym and will be Live Streamed through our school Facebook page. Unfortunately, whanau will be unable to attend but all of our students will be congratulated and supported by their fellow students, our teachers and our online audience!

Shelly Dormer

Deputy Principal

Senior Prizegiving



On Wednesday November 17th at 12:30 pm, Taipa Area

School held their Senior Prize Giving for 2021. It was a prize giving with a difference this year, due to Alert Level

Prestigious Prizewinners - Senior Prizegiving	
November 17, 2021	
Prize	Awarded to
SPORTS	
Netball, Most Improved	Tayla Bristowe



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Player	
Netball, Sportsmanship	Chantel Togiaua
Linda Ulrich Cup - Netballer of the Year	Fleurnik Raui
Senior Boys Athletics	Muaoleafiafaitala Brown
Senior Girls Athletics	Fleurnik Raui
Sportsperson of the Year	Fleurnik Raui
Carrington Cup for Catering	Tamara Hesketh
Rural Women of NZ Tray	Karisma Kingi
Barista of the Year	Paige Fairburn
Freemasons Cup - technology	Troy Wyatt
Ngatikahu Trophy for Outstanding Maori Female Student	Fleurnik Raui
Ngatikahu Trophy for Outstanding Maori Male Student	Tiriti Pikaahu
Whaea Shaw Trophy, Achievement in Te Reo Maori	Fleurnik Raui
Te Hiku Award for Excellence in Tikanga Maori	Muaoleafiafaitala Brown
	Tiriti Pikaahu
	Kelisha Henry
	Paige Fairburn
	Te Atenga Raui
	Blaze Maraki
Nor East Coastline Cup for Performing Arts	Te Atenga Raui
Senior Music Performance Award	Lennox Ashby
Senior Music Producer	Lennox Ashby

Prime Ministers Vocational Excellence Award	Muaoleafiafaitala Brown
Myers Cup for achievement in Humanities	Lennox Ashby, Kayla Frear
Nobel Cup for Girls	Fleurnik Raui
Nobel Cup for Boys	Muaoleafiafaitala Brown
Jackson Cup, By Perseverance Achieve	Kara Walsh
Reverend James Harrison Award, Determination and Achievement	Taylor Bristow
The Renner Trophy for Citizenship	Kara Walsh
The BOT for Community service	Alexandra Simons
The Waddie Cup, Reliability, Responsibility and service	Chantel Togiaua
Tom Gardiner Award	Rhania Williams
Lifer Award	Karisma Kingi
Student Leaders for 2022	Tiriti Pikaahu
	Alexandra Simons
	Te Atenga Raui
Academic Leader - Yr 11	Zian Williams
Academic Leader - Yr 12	Alexandra Simons
Proxime Assesit	Fleurnik Raui
Dux of Taipā Area School 2021	Taylor Bristow





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Stall Holders

Stallholders Short Course

Have a look at the yummy treats on sale in the last week of term 3. All the students were able to pay back the money they needed to buy their ingredients and still have money in their pockets. Not only did the students make great food for the rest of us to eat, they made a profit from their mahi - fantastic!



Gateway/ Careers Corner

It's been a busy year so far in the Careers/Gateway/STAR department. We have had 43 students sit and pass their First Aid Course. We also have had 28 students sit and pass their Learner Driver Licence, with another 15 to sit before the end of the year.

Work experience has been great with students choosing a range of work placement in pathways of their choice. This gives the student a chance to experience a workplace to see if it really is what they are expecting before taking the leap. We have had 10 students take part in the Service IQ Customer Services Course. Other popular areas have been Plumbers, Electricians, Mechanics, Early Childhood, Hospitality, Building, Cabinet Making.

We have been fortunate to have students do the Pest control course through Mr Walsh's class and also five students take part in the Wai Fencing at Rangiputa Station under Mr Hailstones guidance.

University visits have been limited this year with Covid. What we have managed to squeeze in has been very beneficial and informative.

For those of you that hear about Gateway and wonder what it is, here is an explanation to help you understand it more

WHAT IS GATEWAY?

The Gateway programme is designed to enhance the pathway for students from



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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 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.

Come and see Julie in the Student Centre if you would like to know more.

The History of Moriori Island

Back in 1840, there was a group of Polynesians who sailed around the sea hoping and looking for a place to stay. One day they happened to come across a small island and the Polynesians quickly sailed to the island. Once they stepped foot on the island the whole group jumped for excitement.

The island of Moriori was just below the country of New Zealand and for 400 years the Polynesians couldn't ask for help. Days passed by, and the Polynesians were dying of starvation. Some of the people from that group were slaughtered and eaten by their own tribe. A few weeks later the group of the Polynesians were getting smaller and smaller. Why you may ask? Because some of them were slayed and killed by their own leader and families.

The island turned into a warzone as a few of the Polynesians were against their leader. They built their own weapons made out of wood, wooden spears and axes. Over 3 years of fighting each other the leader couldn't stand anymore fighting and he wanted to reunite together as one. The rest of the Polynesians agreed to the decision and reunited as a family.

Moriori Island was never discovered until 1932. A massive group of Maori tribes sailed to the island to discover what was on the island. Once they arrived on the island they were shocked to what they found, multiple dead bodies lay around in the red bloody grass and bodies were decapitated.

What did the Maori people do now, did they leave, did they decide to banish it, or were they never allowed to come back? The leader of the Moriori tribe was Maui Solomon. When he discovered that there were people on the island he wanted them dead. He and his men attacked them and all hell broke loose between the Maori and the Moriori tribe.

Within a year of fighting these legendary tribes had lost many of their men and women. Maui Solomon, who was the



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leader once again surrendered, he wanted the fight to end, make peace and become one with each other. The Maori agreed to his idea and to help him and his people, they gave plenty of food, water and shelter.

Years have gone by, and in 2021 the history of Moriori Island is legendary in New Zealand. The island still remains known by people who are called archaeologists and to this day some people are still talking about Moriori Island and the history between the Maori and the people of Moriori.

Vaping & Pods

Vaping in my opinion is far better than smoking but really, the only thing that should be in your lungs is Oxygen.

Vape pens only have 10 toxic chemicals in them, while cigarettes (tobacco) have over 7,000!!

But though vapes sound far better than smoking cigarettes, they do come with the cons.

Vaping can cause health issues such as cauliflower lungs/popcorn lungs, pneumonia, bad breath, dry mouth syndrome and they aren't at all eco friendly.

They contain tons of e-waste, plastic and un-environmentally friendly toxins.

There have been 60 deaths confirmed that are linked to vaping that were mostly recorded in the US.

Vaping has been proven to increase the risk of having cancer in some cases and it has sent many people to hospital .

It can affect your health and cause more health issues as you get old, such as running out of breath, hoarse voices, confusion and blacking out.

Vapes have long term side effects. When they put out cigarettes they used to call them "healthy" and "great for you" until they found out that it was killing people with a deadly disease called cancer.

How do they know that vaping won't kill you either in the next 30 years?

Vapes haven't been around for long so at the moment no one knows what it could actually do to you.

On to the good things about vaping.. Vapes come in many different flavours so people that struggle with smoking cigarettes can find a safer and nicer option over smoking tobacco. Also it can help smokers quit cigarettes, not only that but did I mention that vapes are far cheaper than smoking one pack of cigarettes.

One pack of cigarettes in New Zealand, costs about \$33 and a disposable vape costs \$10, and it has 800 puffs and 9hrs of battery life.

So in conclusion vaping definitely isn't the best for you but it is 100% FAR better than smoking tobacco I can assure you that.

By Natalie Naylor

Year 10 Pandora Camp

The year 9/10 Outdoor Ed short course embarked on a trip to the Pandora campsite in the far north. As part of this



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short course students have been preparing and planning for this trip all term including organising their own food, tents, packs and clothing. Students also had Heather in from St John to cover first aid and what to do if anything goes wrong.



We left school Wednesday morning for the 2 hour drive north. We then completed the 4 hour walk from SH1 into Pandora campsite. Students set up camp then had some recovering and down time playing Volleyball, cards, knuckle bones and just chatting away.



Thursday students completed a practise rescue of a lost and injured student and returned them to camp. We also went for a walk round the rocks where we found schools of fish trapped in rock pools, sea slugs and a couple of octopus. Friday morning students packed up all their gear and began the walk to



Spirits Bay to find the vans and their ride home. All students were fantastic throughout the camp

and managed to complete a big challenge in carrying all their food, tents and other equipment.



A big thank you to DOC for allowing us to stay at such an amazing location. Also to the teacher who came and made this trip possible. Lastly, a big thanks to the students who chose to take up this short course and take on the challenge of outdoor education





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