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Principal - Mr David Lowe

Tēnā koutou e te whānau

Week 4 has started really well. Today we had a senior assembly. All students were safely distanced and wearing masks unless they were exempt. During the senior assembly we acknowledged our Head students, House leaders and House captains. The School leaders are developing more 'covid friendly' house competitions to enable our house competitions to go ahead during this time. There's a strong sense of belonging amongst our students this year. Staff feel that students are coming to school with purpose and trying hard to achieve in their learning. Students are demonstrating our values really well with staff already issuing 603 'Kahu points'. Kahu points recognise students who have demonstrated manaakitanga, mahitahi, and painga throughout the school day.

2022 House Leaders

At the end of 2021, a selection process was implemented to determine the student leaders for 2022. The selected students were invited to participate in a Leadership camp held in Whangaroa Harbour. This was unfortunately cancelled due to weather, however, this would have been an amazing opportunity to develop the students confidence and leadership skills in their upcoming roles. As a result of this the student leaders instead participated in a planning day at Taipa Area School on

the 24th January. During this day the students not only worked at growing their leadership skills but they also started planning house student events for 2022. Some of the upcoming events this year will include: Pink Shirt Day, Daffodil Day, Staff vs Student games, School Quiz, Fright Night, Talent Quest, Mid Winter Swim, Carnival Days, Market Days and a cultural week. There will also be mini house competitions arranged throughout the year during lunchtimes and whanau times. We are all very excited to be bringing these events to the students.

Congratulations to 2022's student leaders

HEAD STUDENTS
Mahitahi
Te Atenga Raui
Manaakitanga
Alexandra Simons
Painga
Tiriti Pikaahu
BOT representative
Devyn Whitford

Sports Leader
Cassidy McMaster
Enviro Leader
Leah-Maree Simons



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Hauora Leader
Devyn Whitford
Cultural Leader
Zian Williams- Tua



House Captains
Mahitahi
Lexi Bradbury Jade Palatchie
Manaakitanga
Elizabeth Pikaahu-Longman Soli Fox
Painga
LJ Togiaua Caitlin Russell



Induction Day 2022

On Wednesday February 22nd, our newly enrolled students and the new year seven students from our primary department, came to school for our Induction Day. Our Student Leaders supported the new students throughout the day, as they participated in some fun activities . The new students also met their teachers and learned a lot of new information about our school. Everyone had a great day and the students were totally engaged throughout their activities. Needless to say, they have all had an amazing start to the year and have settled into school life at Taipā Area School!



By Latiya Tehei-Kirkwood

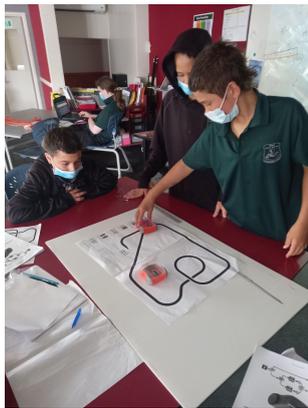
The robots have landed...

On the 11th of February, a classmate and I from our Robotics short course, made our way over to the intermediate school to teach two intermediate children how to use an Edison robot by using the barcodes on the sheet that can be accessed through the Edison site.



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We met up with two students from the intermediate class. They were accompanied by a teacher aide. We placed the Edisons and the ed mat [can be accessed through the Edison site] on a table with the barcode book and began the lesson.



First, the two students listened and watched how we coded the Edison, then watched us use them. The way that you use an Edison is by placing the head of the Edison facing towards

the arrow and then pressing the circle button three times, then the Edison should move forward and scan the barcode. The Edison may not always follow your orders and might just roll straight over the barcode but don't worry just try again. Once the Edison has successfully scanned the barcode press the square button once to seal the code into it then press the triangle button to play the code that you scanned.

The students that we worked with loved the clap activated programme and the sumo wrestling program. Also one of the students made the Edison do almost a full track around the Edison mat which is way better than what we senior students were able to get the Edison to do.



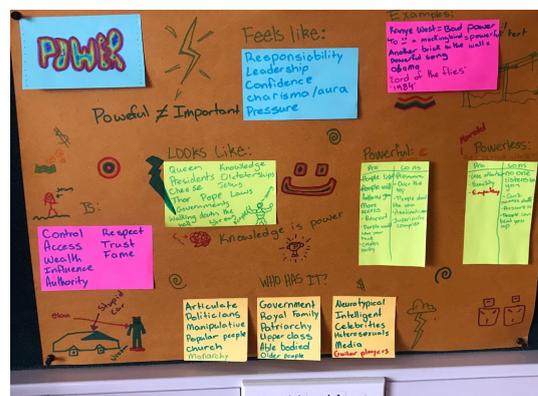
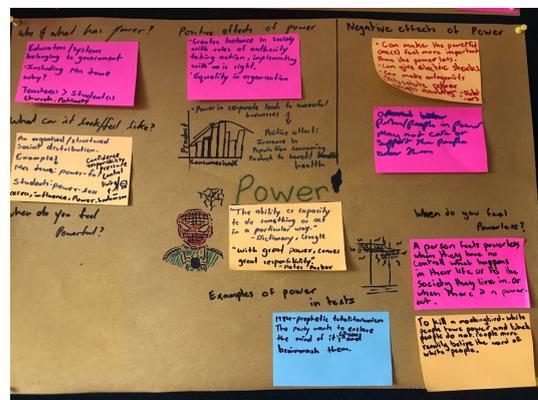
Overall the students loved this experience with the Edisons.

In short course class now we are programming the Edisons to make music and wrestle.

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Level 3 English

Students explored what power looks like in society, what it feels like, and texts which link with this. Following this, they have researched one aspect of power such as power of social media, power of morals, and power of government, before presenting their findings to the class. Students have also chosen to study George Orwell's novel '1984', and Taika Waititi's film, 'Jojo Rabbit'.





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Intermediate Department

I would like to thank all the students and teachers at Taipā for the warm welcome they have given me. My name is Fiona Macgregor and I am the new Leader of Learning in the Intermediate team. I have been teaching for 20 years in and around Auckland for the first part then moving up to Ruakaka around 10 years ago. I have recently been teaching at Bream Bay College. For most of my career I have been working with intermediate students. I am looking forward to seeing the students we have currently in the team become



leaders at our school in the future.

The students in the intermediate team have started off the year well. We have had a few interclass challenges where Room 2 has come out on top. Building team/class culture around our school values is really important. We encourage all students to participate and be part of their class team. The intermediate students are in the process of designing a trophy that we will end up creating on the laser cutter and using for the top class.

The big theme that we are focussing on this year is sustainability. Each term we are looking at four different elements of sustainability, water, air, fire, and earth. These areas of sustainability are really important for us to start protecting now, so

that they are still there for future generations.

We are taking part in a swim safe program that is running each Wednesday for the next three weeks. The students will need to bring their togs and towels along so that they can participate in the activities. It sounds like a fun and exciting program.



It is important that students bring a change of tops with them for PE. Students in Room 2 and 3 have PE on Wednesday, Room 1 & 4 have PE on Friday and all students have PE on Thursdays. If the students do not bring a change of tops they all have to do star jumps.

Primary Department

It is great to be back and see so many smiling faces. We welcome all new students that have joined us in Years 1 to 6.





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Teachers are working with students to learn their pepeha, so please help your children to complete these if they bring them home.

We are lucky enough to be swimming most days so please ensure your child has their togs.

Top Energy Swim Safe Programme

Nancy came into school to show us how to be safe in the water. We put on our life jackets and had to kick off the wall of the swimming pool. Then we had to hold hands, huddle and sing a song.



"I really enjoyed rolling onto our backs and stomachs," said Atarangi.

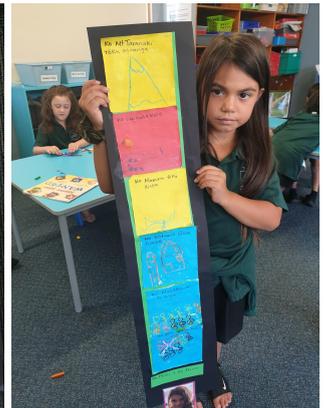


Keita "I got really cold because it was so early in the day".



My favourite part was when we had to cross our arms and our legs and keep rolling in the water. Karma

Toku Pepeha





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- **Chinese - 中文 (Zhōngwén) - 你好 (Nǐ hǎo)**

Please whanau, encourage your students to korero their new language at home, use flashcards and labels to practice, practice, practice... Ngā mihi ki a tātou!

FREE Music Lessons

After school music lessons for years 6, 7 & 8 are on Thursday from 3pm-4pm in the music room. This is a FREE class run by Jane & Vicki

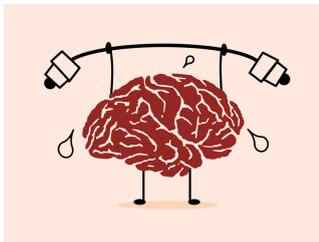
Uke/ Guitar/ Keys



The Big Air Day

On the last day of school was the Taipa Big Air Day. Attended by a few hearty contestants and spurred on by DJ CMC, it was a fun event to finish the year. The title ended up being shared by Billy-Phoenix and Cody. Ka mau te wehi!

Nga Reo



[Learning languages \(and/or music\) makes your brain more efficient!](#)

Some students at Taipa Area School have chosen to gain NCEA qualifications in an international language: this will involve *many hours of independent study* at home and working with resources from [TeKura \(Correspondence School\)](#), and/or with our TAS language teacher ([Whaia Gerlinde](#)).

- **Te Reo - Kia ora**
- **German - Deutsch - Guten Tag**
- **Spanish - Español - Buenas días**
- **Japanese - 日本語 (Nihongo) - こんにちは (Kon'nichiwa)**





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