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Principal - Mr David Lowe

Kia ora e te whanau

Week seven is upon us already! We are continuously impressed with how the majority of our students are learning. Staff at Taipā continually share our school values throughout our days at school. Unfortunately, more students and staff have been affected by covid in recent weeks. Can I remind whanau to ring/email the office to report that a student has covid or will be isolating as a household contact.

Eloise Russell Formal Writing

Students should not be pressured by parents for perfect grades.

How much stress are students able to handle? A survey in 2017 reveals that two thirds of NCEA students sustain severe amounts of stress and anxiety due to assessments, (this is not even including stress from home or part time jobs which also contributes to student stress levels). Parents add to this stress by pressuring their children to get perfect grades. While parents do this because they want their child to succeed, it usually has the opposite effect, by causing their child to have a higher chance of cheating, depleted social skills, and strained family relationships. Parents should not put pressure on their children to get good grades.

Firstly, how far will kids go to make their parents proud? According to the RNZ website, www.rnz.co.nz, the majority of

universities in New Zealand have seen a rise in cheating since 2019, which they believe is due to the stress of the pandemic. There was a drastic change in learning conditions since students had to stay home and continue learning online. This can be a lot more difficult for most students for a variety of reasons including, no/slow wifi, noisy house, and the struggle to adapt to this change. Added pressure from parents to get good grades can influence said students to use unfair methods --such as cheating-- to attain these grades. Would these parents still be proud if they knew the lengths their children were going to to meet their unreasonable expectations? Parents should not put pressure on their children to get good grades.

In addition to cheating, high levels of stress caused by pressure to get good grades can be particularly damaging to many aspects of wellbeing. Including; physical, mental, and social. Stress has been known to contribute to physical illnesses that can have dangerous, sometimes even DEADLY, consequences. When students deal with a severe amount of stress and pressure, it can increase their chance of developing mental health problems. It also impacts their social life as they are too focused on studying to be perfect, rather than socialising with other children their age. Unfortunately, children who have high expectations put on them by their parents are more likely to develop these wellbeing issues, due to the amount of stress they have to deal with on a daily basis growing up. If you add up all of these negative effects on a student's wellbeing, you do not end up with a healthy, happy, human. Parents should not



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put pressure on their children to get good grades.

On top of the negative effects parental pressure can have on children's well being, it can also have an effect on their future. Growing up in an unsupportive family can cause children to cut off their parents when they are old enough to move out and live their own life; this is due to feeling the need to take control of their life since their parents had been in dominance their whole childhood, (parents control their child's lives by putting pressure on them to get good grades). As stated on the BBC website www.bbc.com, the most common reason for family estrangement is past and/or present abuse by family members, (whether that is physical or emotional). After having moved out of their pressuring parents house, young adults tend to limit communication with their parents as a way to escape the trauma and stress they suffered growing up. Parents' lack of positive contact with their child is a rising cause for strained family relationships. Parents should not put pressure on their children to get good grades.

To sum up all that has been stated so far, parents --no matter how pure their intentions are-- should not put pressure on their kids to get good grades. Negative outcomes from this experience can range from cheating, to mental health problems, to eventual strained family relationships. No good parents want this for their child, therefore they should take in this information and change their ways to be more supportive towards their children. Parents could do this by encouraging their children to do their best, reassuring them that everyone makes mistakes and that it is okay to fail. Be a supportive parent

rather than a pressuring parent; it is much better for your child's future. Parents should not put pressure on their children to get good grades.

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School Uniform

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Kia ora whanau,

We are setting good uniform expectations for term 2 so our students should be wearing the correct uniform to school each day. If there is a reason that your child is unable to be in the correct uniform you must send a written note to school to explain the reason why.

Any whanau that need assistance with uniform please make an appointment with a dean.

[Taipa Area School Uniform](#)

Deputy Principal
Mr Joseph Tua



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Pink Shirt Day

On Friday May 20th we held our Pink Shirt Day. This day is about working together to stop bullying by celebrating diversity and promoting kindness and inclusiveness. It's about creating a community where all people feel safe, valued and respected. Students 'pinked out' their uniform and enjoyed some fun activities



Cellphones at School



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Taipa Area School allows students in years 11–13 to bring a cellphone to school.

Students in years 1–10 are not allowed to bring cellphones to school.

Year 11–13 students

We recognise that cellphones can be used as a learning tool in the classroom, and teachers may make use of cellphones in their lessons. We discuss the cellphone use expected at school with students in years 11–13 at the beginning of the year, and throughout the year as needed.

Year 1–10 students

Year 1–10 students are not allowed to bring cellphones to school. If a Year 1-10 student brings a phone to school they must hand it in to the office before school, and pick it up again after school. If they are observed with a phone, it will be confiscated, and a parent must pick up the phone from the office.

Breakfast In School

Our Breakfast Club is up and running again at school. Breakfast is available for students every school day and is run by some of our school staff each morning. This is an important part of the day for our students and we are looking for some volunteers to help us run the Breakfast Club. If there is anyone who could help us from 7:45 - 8:45 am on any school day please contact the school office on 09 406 0159 and speak to Genie. We would



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appreciate any time that you could volunteer!



producing some amazing performances, learning, products or planning our Matariki event. These photos are a snapshot of some of the amazing opportunities our short courses provide for our students:



Matariki



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School Values

FREE Music Lessons



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

Our School Values

Te Kura Takiwā o Taipā		
<p>MANAAKITANGA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Allow others to learn Care for equipment and environment Be in the right place at the right time Use equipment and devices appropriately 	<p>MAHITAHĪ</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Encourage and support others Acknowledge success Be Prepared to work with all and accept diversity 	<p>PAINGA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Communicate using positive language Be prepared Wear the correct uniform
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Listen Stay on task 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Demonstrate Tuakano, Teina Get permission from the teacher to leave the classroom 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Encourage others in their learning Persevere Take risks in your own learning
		<p>IN ALL AREAS</p> <p>IN THE CLASSROOM</p>

Our 3 school values build the foundation of behaviour expectations and attitudes. Students and staff are placed into three house groups named after our school values.

Values lessons and house group events happen on a Monday during whānau class

Short Courses Term 2

Our Short Courses for term two are now well under way and students are



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time. Students are acknowledged for showing the expected behaviours through the gaining of **KAHU** points. Any member of staff can give these out throughout the day. Students can redeem these points for rewards each week, and at the end of the term, prizes are given at assemblies.

Scooter Park - Big Air



On the last day of term 1 the Scooter Park and Big Air Comp was held. Participants were Donny, Cody, Marley, Anthony, Luke and Taniora.

Donny was untouchable, easily taking out the Park Comp with his array of special tricks. The Big Air was a bit more closely contested with Cody just edging out Donny, producing the biggest Air of the day.



Area School Trials

On the 24th & 25th of May, Taipa was host to the northern trials for area schools competition, to be held at Whangarei 12th to 15th July. This was well attended by Mangakahia, Broadwood, Hokianga, Tauraroa, Opononi, Abundant Life and Taumarere. Taipa did exceptionally well, getting the most students selected, and it

was great seeing the depth of talent coming through our junior high. A huge congratulations to the following selections

Mason Te Kare - Rugby, KOR
Shane Mathews - Rugby
Te Atenga - KOR, Nball, Bball, Vball,
Zian Williams - Bball, KOR
Jontay Henry - Bball, KIO
Abbie Lee-Miller - Netball
Blaze Maraki - Bball
Cassidy McMaster - Bball
Oscar Ferguson - Bball
Chardonae Winiata - Netball, KOR
KC George - Netball
Meri Sherman-Hohaiatara - Netball
Mercedes Naiovi - Bball
Robert Waru-Morgan - Vball
Soli Fox - Vball, KOR
Mikaere Thomson-Daniels - Vball
Creedance Raui-Munu - KOR
Paytum Mahanga - Netball, Vball, KOR
DJ Watson - Vball
TK MorrowMahika - Vball
Jordayne Spander - Vball, Nball, KOR
Destiny Waru - KOR
Kendra Thompson-Harris - Nball
Lerasha Waipouri - Bball

Weetbix Tryathlon

This is a big mihi to all that helped to make the Taipa Weetbix Tryathlon Challenge a successful day! It was amazing!



From the bike mechanics Matua Dwayne, Matua Darrin, Matua Ned King who made sure our bikes and scooters were safe to ride, to our Y9-10 students led by Keziah



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that came on board to be our helpers, to Whaea Kylie who sorted and named all of our 70 weetbix t-shirts and tryathlon bags, to the primary staff who manned their stations and made sure our tamariki enjoyed their amazing day, to the Y7-8s that came to support with their banners and their cheers, to Matua Joe for using his drone to video our amazing day, to Matua Jade who was in charge of the music and the bbq, and to our parents who came to support our tamariki and be



part of our special day!

Our tamariki started at the awesome water slide, with Whaea

Kathryn making sure they were soaped up and ready to slide. They then headed to transition where Whaea Peggy, Whaea Kylie and Whaea Miriam were waiting to help them change and re-energise, before taking on the winding bike track, where Whaea Raumati and Whaea Amanda were ready to awhi. From there, they were back to transition to change for the challenging run where Whaea Tiare and Whaea Viv were high 5ing all the way! Then to the finish line where Whaea Vanessa and Ali-May were waiting to give their hard earned Weetbix Tryathlon medal!



Thank you all for your support! This day could not have happened without you all!

Nga mihi Whaea Tracy



IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Matariki Public Holiday - 24th June (school is closed)

Teachers only day - Friday 8th July (last day of term)

Term two ends 8th July

Term three begins 25th July

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