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## Principal - Mr David Lowe

Tēnā koe

Term three has started well. We had an awesome parent progress evening which gave students, parents and whanau an opportunity to share learning and set some goals for the rest of the year.

Our school is in the process of many different building projects. Our Alternative Education classroom will be put on permanent piles and the decks completed ready for term four. The planning has been passed for our two new primary classrooms. We now have plans confirmed for two new classrooms in the hall and an extension to the music room. Our school are very excited about pulling up the carpet from the remaining part of the hall and developing dance and drama.

Our teachers have set some challenging targets for student achieve and student progress this year. To enable our students to achieve we believe they need to be here. Our term three attendance data is at 76%, our school target is 80%. From our most recent data those students who are attending school regularly (above 85%) are making awesome progress.

I hope you enjoy reading our newsletter.

## Mid Winter Swim



Friday 5th August 2022 will go down in history as the day 26 students and 2 teachers braved the cold and leapt into the cool, wintery Taipa estuary. A manu, a dive, a flip, a staple and a pin are all ways that the courageous few plunged off the jetty.



Many tested the water multiple times to check just how cold it was and

still left with the same conclusion. IT IS COLD!!!

After this realisation, we were all warmed up with a tasty milo and a sausage sizzle. A big thanks to the student leaders and teachers that helped out to get this tradition back up and running.



**Article by Caitlin Russell:** When is the best time of year to

jump off the jetty? The clear answer might be Summer, but these kids would disagree. Last Friday on the 5th of August, a group of students from Taipa area school braved the cold winter temperatures and took a plunge as a part of a school event. Eager to leave class early, they were chaperoned down to the Taipa jetty for their quick dip. Many students insisted it wasn't as cold as they thought it'd be, but a few students were straight in straight out to get hot chocolates and sausage sizzle.



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**Primary Section**

Nga Mango has been learning about the important things our bodies need to stay healthy.

We have also been learning about how to make positive choices. We learnt the difference between being a bystander and an up-stander. We have learnt some new strategies to help us cope with peer pressure.

In our last lesson we learnt about the 4 parts of the brain and the jobs that each part of our brain controls.



## Mangonui Sports Day

The aim of the day was to have fun and to meet and greet the Yr6 class from

Mangonui School. We played softball in a mixed team. It was so much fun. The students learnt the rules and how to play the game better.

Secondly, there was a trophy to be awarded to the student who had the most fun and participated with enthusiasm.

The trophy went to a Mangonui student. We are really excited to be hosting the next event here at Taipa on Friday the 2nd of September.



## Duffy Show

On Friday 5 August, Taipa Area school primary students were lucky to have a visit from The Duffy Theatre. Alex, Dom, and Debbie

came to perform a show about keeping safe during Covid and encourage

reading. It was a funny and entertaining show with the actors being sent to stay





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with their Aunty and experience farm life. The primary students loved it.



## Boost Your Learning

Does your child require further support, over and above what can be offered at school?

Would your child benefit from bespoke and nurturing learning sessions from a highly experienced teacher designed to accelerate learning and boost confidence?

We would love to help. We are a team of dedicated teachers, specialising in English and Maths support, for primary, intermediate and college students. Visit [www.boostyourlearning.co.nz](http://www.boostyourlearning.co.nz) for more information or contact Jenny 021 223 3349 to book a free consultation.

Thank you for sharing with your akonga. Ngā mihi nui, Amy Johnson

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## English Department



### TAS English Department

What's on teenagers' minds?

Some of the topics Y 11 students wrote essays on:

- Driving while intoxicated has been a massive problem for generations
- Teens should not make their own decisions
- School uniforms should be banned at all NZ schools
- How humans have evolved from primates
- Does homework really improve test scores?
- Parents should make decisions for their teenagers regarding drugs and alcohol
- Why should smoking cigarettes be illegal by 2025?
- Music can improve mental health
- World hunger
- Vaping and smoking is a silent killer
- Kill air pollution before it kills you



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- The effects of a split family
- Students should not be pressured by parents for perfect grades
- Deforestation
- Food Prices

Find out what's on teenagers' minds! Speak to your daughter/son about their formal writing.

## Rosabella Rox



Have you ever found yourself scrambling at the last minute trying to find the perfect gift? These candles are the perfect gift for anyone and are only \$8.

Email me at [fox@taipa.school.nz](mailto:fox@taipa.school.nz) if you're interested

Pick up at Taipa Area School office.

## Intermediate Section

It has been a great start to Term 3 in the intermediate department. We have hit the ground running. The students have been busy setting themselves goals that they want to achieve this term. Through our inquiry we are learning about

Whenua/Earth. We have already made an amazing start. Most of our students are developing a good understanding about volcanoes and what happens in an earthquake. For Literacy we are focusing on persuasive language, symbols and text. We have started unpacking logos and how they impact and influence what we buy. In Mathematics we are developing our understanding of Measurement and Geometry. This week, 8 to 12 August is Maths week. Our students will be given the opportunity to participate in this. They are also running a competition for designing a logo which fits in well with what we are learning during literacy. Here is the link for the site that we will be using this week [Maths week](#). For Health, we are learning about how our bodies change and things associated with this. A letter went out on Monday 8 August. If you did not receive this letter please email [fionam@taipa.school.nz](mailto:fionam@taipa.school.nz) and I will get one to you. It is really important that you let your child's teacher know if you do not wish them to participate during these lessons.

Over the term there will be many opportunities for our students to participate in sporting events around Te Tai Tokerau. Darren, our school's sports coordinator will be organising and running these events. Students will need to check their emails regularly to make sure they don't miss out on out and coming events.

## Short Courses

### Year 9&10:

Our term 3 short courses are well underway. The courses on offer this term include: Logical Puzzles, Kapa Haka,



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Training Programme, Printmaking (using linocut), Waho, TAS Publishers, Taonga Puoro, Duke of Edinburgh Award, Hair and beauty, Crafts, and Street Food.



## Short Courses Year 7&8:

The Intermediate short courses include Science, Drawing and Painting, Memorial Garden, Wooden Fun and Circability. We welcome back April our Circability tutor, for the remainder of 2022.



## Parent Progress Evening

We held our second Parent Progress evening for 2022 on August 3rd. Teachers, students and their whanau were able to meet and talk about each student's learning and assessment results. It was a great opportunity to see how much progress had been made over term two and look forward to what the next learning steps would be.



## Te Ara Hou

Students over at Te Ara Hou have been blending real world learning with improved numeracy, literacy and Te Ao Maori



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outcomes. Our Mara Kai includes growing garlic too!

Some of our students have caught their first fish(ika) and now The Te Ara Hou class is 7th in the Kura for points on Education Perfect.

We are gunning for a top 3 finish to the term!

We have also partnered with DOC and NRC on a Kaitiaki program to help restore our whenua.

Kia kaha.

Mr M.

## Kiwi Listening - Hihi

On the last 2 Wednesdays of term 2, year 9 students had the opportunity to participate in a kiwi listening project. This entails going to a location for 2 hours and recording the number of Kiwi calls and the sex of the bird. We take a compass bearing from where they call from and include data about the weather conditions, background noise level, and any other nocturnal species present. The first night 2 students came along. We only heard 2 male kiwi that night but heard and saw a number of Uru. However, the weather was clear and freezing cold. We saw a lot of shooting stars and satellites overhead. One uru visited a few times in a tree beside us, which was pretty cool. This more than made up for the cold.

On the following Wednesday, 9 students and Whaea Fran came out to listen. This time we heard 19 kiwi calls, both male and female. Some were very close and some were across the valley from us. We thought we could hear one bird foraging around below us but we could not be sure. We would like to think it was! Many thanks

to the students who came out and a special thanks to Noah who came out twice!

## IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

24th August	School Photos
26th August	Mufti Day - Daffodil Day
29th August	Teacher Only Day

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Our Policy: Northlands lowest food prices!

