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Principal - Mr David Lowe

Nau mai hoki mai mo to tatou wahanga raumati.

We said farewell to our senior students last week. We wish them every success completing their remaining standards and preparing well for their external exams. Last week was a great opportunity to celebrate. On Wednesday, we had our senior prize giving ceremony and our leavers had their annual whanau dinner on Thursday. We are excited about our student leaders for 2023. These will be the students who will push our school in our collective vision and make school the best place to be! Congratulations to the following students:

Senior Leadership team: Cassidy MacMaster, Jade Palatchie, Te Atenga Raui, and Leah Maree Simons

Sports Leader: Meri Sherman-Hohaiatara

Enviro Leader: Lexi Bradbury

Hauora Leader: Chardonnae Winiata

Cultural Leader: KC George

House Captains: Lakota Adams, Paytum Mahanga (Mahitahi) Soli Fox, Darius Taua (Manaakitanga) Caitlin Russell, Brianna Edwards (Painga)

Taipā's ERO partnership 2022-25

Taipā have started their journey with The Education Review Office (ERO). ERO shifted to a more developmental

approach to evaluation that supports each school's improvement over time. Key features of the new approach, Te Ara Huarau, are that ERO will:

- a) work with all schools in an ongoing way, rather than as a one-off event;
- b) connect with each school's strategic planning and reporting cycle as part of their improvement journey;
- c) work in partnership with schools, collaborating in support of equitable and excellent outcomes for all learners.

As a result, our school will:

- a) have a dedicated ERO Evaluation Partner who works alongside the school (Louise Malins);
- b) have a different experience depending on our needs, strengths, and our school's specific evaluation focus;
- c) be on a three-year evaluation cycle.

Year 13 Adventure Tourism

Last week the Year 13 Adventure Tourism class spent the day with Mel from ITC, International Travel College, learning about tourism and safety. They each earned 3 NCEA credits at level 3, not to mention the fantastic experience of parasailing.





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Intermediate Department

What a great start the intermediate students have had to Term 4. We have all been really impressed with the focus and learning that is happening. We have, yet again, got a jam-packed term of learning, activities and fun. In literacy we are learning about narratives. Most of the students are really engaging with this. Here is an example of a student's beginning:

An old wretched house, breaking down with time, covered in mould older than the Dinosaurs! I entered the house, and the first thing I noticed was an overwhelmingly big door, leading to who knows where. The door was in an unusual place, next to the entrance of the kitchen where there was a wall you could clearly see leading to nowhere.

I opened the door and what I discovered was terrifying, it smelt like dead bodies and old faeces, the place was as creepy as a hand puppet covered in blood. There was a faint noise of water down the stairs that ended in pitch blackness. It was a scary staircase, I slowly crept down the stairs as I trembled in fear.

It was a humid room, with broken lights and a window at the top left corner of the room, the walls were wet, I couldn't tell if it was because of the rain or the humidity. In the middle of the room there was a table, which looked like an

elongated school desk with chopping boards, rusty tools and mysterious black goo that smelled like dead animals. I ran like my life was on the line, to be honest it probably was.
By Vaydem Whitford.

The students are going to be carrying out a Statistical Investigation for Mathematics on a topic of their choice. The students need to think about a problem or issue that they think, through an investigation, they will be able to come up with ideas that could help solve the problem.

Our focus this term for our inquiry learning is around Fire. We have got a few exciting things organised for this. Towards the end of the term (week 7), the whole intermediate group will be going on a trip. We will also be sending home permission slips for these activities.

We have also had our athletics day on the field. This was a great success. Many of our students ended up attending the Eastern Zone athletics, which was run by Mangonui School. At the end of week 5 we will now have around 10 students competing in the Far North interschools athletics competition, which will be held in Kaitia.

Finally, one of our short course marketing groups has already had a stall. This was very successful. Well done to Whea Jessie and her small group of students for organising and running this. Good luck for the next couple of groups.



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Taipa Area School Circus Superstar



A select group of middle school students were nominated to participate

at 'Kanohi Kitea; Maōritanga and Circus Arts Event', held at Te Ahu Centre and the local skatepark last week. This event showcased the amazing mahi Ms April from Circability (far north) has been achieving with our students during their short-course class.



On the first day, our students took part in a 'Flash-mob' style video, performing pre-rehearsed acrobatic skills, unicycle tricks and juggling techniques amongst a unique community of circus performers and the Te Hiku community in the park. On the second day, our students took the big stage at Te Ahu Centre and performed to a welcoming crowd. Other acts included the Kaitaia College kapa haka roopu, a brilliant contemporary dance student, more



circus performers from Doubtless Bay area and Kaitaia College, and some show stopping jugglers. After the performances, our students were taught some

advanced circus skills by an expert, to add to their kete.

Thank you to the staff and whanau who supported this kaupapa; we look forward to further involvement in the future.



English Department





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TAS English Department Whanau/home poetry competition: 'Haiku'

Create a Haiku about your whanau;
what whanau means to you.

- email to gerlindea@taipa.school.nz

by 14.11 2022

The Taipa Area English department
will reward the best three Haiku with a
surprise!

Criteria:

*imaginative; *painting pictures with
words; * 2 lines with 7 syllables and 1
line with 5 syllables (5/7/5)

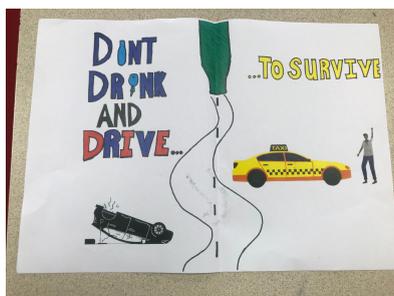
Y 11 have been studying 'Hunt
for the Wilderpeople' by Taika Waititi:

My Haiku:
"Trees, Birds, Rivers, Sky. (5)
Running with my Uncle Hec. (7)
Living forever." (5)



My Haiku: "Me and this fat kid. (5)
We ran, we ate and read books (7)
and it was the best." (5)

Level 1 English students have been
creating visual texts with strong
messages. Here are examples from:
Laniqua Diaz



Are we ever going to be good enough?

Skyla Hoult



Erin Atkinson

Social Science Department

Social Sciences

Y 10 students looked at the life of
Malala Yousafzai, a Pakistani education
activist, who was shot by the Taliban
when she was 15 years old (Oct 2012).



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Key message from our learning: "It is better to live like a lion for one day, than like a slave for ever" (Malala)

Key facts:

Pakistan was founded in 1947, after the British finally gave up India as a colony. Pakistan became a homeland for Muslims. Malala now lives in Birmingham/England. She gave the opening speech at the [2022 Commonwealth Games](#).



Kamehameha Schools, Honolulu.

It was a magical day of sharing with our whanau from Hawaii. It was very special to listen to their connection with Sir Hector Busby. Our kaiako shared ideas of authentic teaching opportunities and how Taipa can develop its local curriculum and have it reinforced on a global stage!



We look forward to strengthening our connections on the 10th Dec 2022 at Aurere.



Open Day 2022



On Tuesday October the 18th, students from Oruaiti, Peria and Kaingaroa school visited our school for

Open Day. Our year six Taipa students joined the visiting students and spent the morning doing some fun activities. The day started with an amazing welcome form Whaea Latoya and her kapa haka students from years seven and eight. Students then had the opportunity to participate in food technology, science and physical education activities. Everyone had a great time and they are looking forward to coming to Taipa in 2023!





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Sports

The Tongan Men's and Women's National Basketball team have been using Taipa's



gym for the past week for training. They are preparing for the

Polynesian Cup which is being held at Te Rangi Aniwaniwa from the 31st October to the 1st November. Our students have been really privileged to watch some amazing players training, and in some cases, join in with them.



On Friday we had an exhibition game with their players vs our boys and girls basketball teams. All students had such an awesome time playing against some top quality players.

Free Music Class

Free Music Group for Students Yr 6, 7 and 8s (or younger if you are a baby Mozart!) Every Thursday between 3pm- 4.15pm at Taipa Area School.

We will all be learning drums and other instruments so we can become a drumming/ pop band/orchestra.

This is for fun so we won't give you homework! Ideally this is for students who have already learnt an instrument for a year, HOWEVER if you really want to join and learn from scratch we can take a few keen newbies on. Good singers are also needed, but you will have to make a sound ie. not be shy of singing in front of people.

All instruments accepted (within reason). We have keyboards, ukeleles, guitars and drums at the school. Turn up when you can after school at Taipa Area School. Any questions ? Email Jen Whittington at : whittington.jen@gmail.com or call me on 09 4085707

Year 13 Cooking Class

Last day of cooking for year 13s and they wanted to make pork and prawn wontons. They did an awesome job!





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CAREERS/GATEWAY/STAR

It's been a busy year so far in the Careers/Gateway/STAR department. We have had 15 students sit and pass their First Aid Course. We also have had 20 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 15 students take part in the Service IQ Customer Services Course. Other areas of work experience have been plumbing, electrical, veterinary, mechanics, early childhood, hospitality, building, cabinet making, digger operations, horticulture and paramedics,

We have been fortunate to have 10 students do the Northland Regional Councils Project Pest control course through Mr Walsh's class and also 8 students take part in the Wai Fencing at Rangiputa Station. These are both very hands-on courses, with theory included. Everyone has done extremely well. Patty Towl has been fantastic in getting the boys over the line for the Wai fencing course following Mr Hailstone's departure. Special thanks to Mrs Towl and Mr Walsh.

University visits have been limited this year because of Covid-19. What we have managed to squeeze in has been very

beneficial and informative. Google meets seem to have been the norm for students this year who are wanting to speak with the University Liaisons.

For those of you who 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 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, and tourism, 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.



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

Important Dates To Remember

November

Monday 7th - Teachers Only Day

Monday 28th - Teachers Only Day

December

Monday 5th - Middle School Prizegiving

Thursday 8th - Junior Prizegiving

Friday 9th - Last Day of School

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