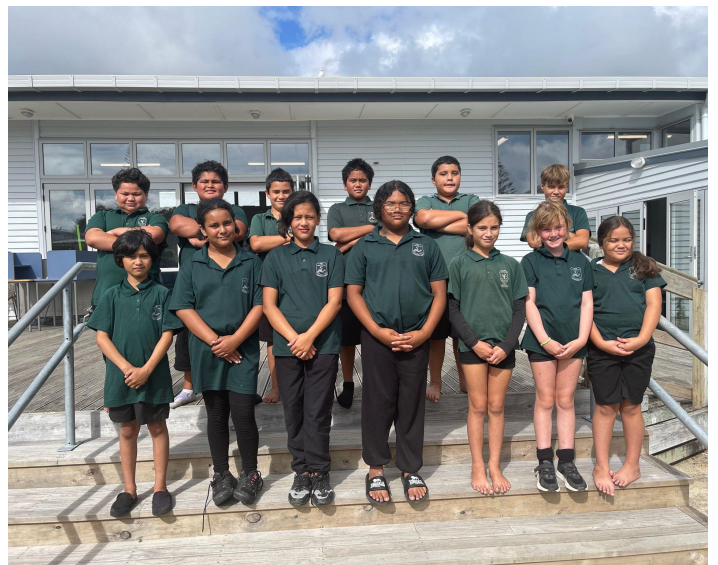


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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

May 25th - Senior Mixed Volley
May 30th - Special Football
June 5th - King's Birthday
June 6th - Table Tennis Novice Year 9-10
June 8th - 3X3 Basketball Year 9-10



Kia Ora e te whānau,

Welcome back to term two. Please take some time to read through our newsletter. It's an opportunity to see what our students have been doing over the last few weeks of term one.

Whāia te iti kahurangi ki te tūohu koe me he maunga teitei

Seek the treasure you value most dearly: if you bow your head, let it be to a lofty mountain

This whakatauki is about aiming high or for what is truly valuable, but it's real message is to be persistent and not let obstacles stop you from reaching your goal.

This term brings a sense of achievement. The teaching and support staff strive for students to make significant progress in their learning. During term one, teachers assessed students against the national curriculum and produced realistic goals for term two. All year 1-10 students should know their subject-based reading, writing, and Math goals. Our senior students should understand where they are on their NCEA achievement pathway.

While prioritising student achievement, we feel it's equally important to create a sense of belonging and safety at school. A sense of belonging and safety is reinforced in our school values of manaakitanga (respect) painga (positive) and mahitahi (teamwork). All staff will be revisiting 'restorative practices'. This is a strategy to support students in developing a stronger sense of ownership.

Nga mihi nui

Mr David Lowe
Principal

Taipa Area School & East Zone Swimming Sports

It was an amazing show to see so many of our tamariki, Years 1-3, stepping up and showing us how much they have learned in the pool over this summer period.

The competition between the years 4-8 was intense with them trying to make it through to the Eastern Zone. A big shout out to the class teachers for teaching the tamariki about pool safety, how to swim and training them up for our competitions.



A big thanks to the students from YR9 who timed all of the races- Mia Millchamp, Sally Pikaahu, Alysa Duval and Ariela Angell. We have some awesome photos so thanks to Katie George and MacKenzie Brame. Thank You to Parents who were able to come and watch the event.

Tamariki placed 1st, 2nd or 3rd went through to the Eastern Zone.

Congratulations to the following students who made it through to the Eastern Zone:

Primary Students

Waiaria Rutene
Ruby Parish
Pearl Lythgoe
Luke Yates-Tomars
Siaosi Pikaahu
Te Wiroa Henare-Leech
Servannah Hampson-Wharemate
Kahu Hetaraka
Marea Kenny-Paratene
Xylan Lawrence
Karm Risetto
Tukotahi Pikaahu
Zahcadius Hetaraka
Samuel Tainui
Gordon Murphy

Intermediate Students

Josie Millchamp
Ali Pesaeli
Raiha Smith
Samuel Russell
Rihari Job
Thomas Russell
Te Ariki Winiata
Starlie Duval
Romy Kamariera
Anthony Tepania
Jordyn Kahu-Kingi



A massive **CONGRATULATIONS** to **Qweziq Hetaraka** for coming 4th in the Eastern Zone 8 Year old Boys Freestyle and heading to Dargaville to compete in the next competition.



Marine Biology and Predator Control

In term one, Level One Marine Biology and Predator Control and Level Two Adventure tourism went to the Poor Knights Marine Reserve as part of their course. We left Taipa at 7am by bus and van for a 2.5 hour journey to Tutukaka to meet the boat "Perfect Day".

We had a 45-minute boat trip to get to the islands. A few of us felt a bit seasick but the good news was no one was ill! Once out on the islands, the students divided into groups and



observed the marine life that was underwater. The weather was amazing and the sea was calm so that made the visibility under the water pretty special. We could see for more than 10 metres. The students were treated to some pretty spectacular underwater

scenery with schools of snapper, maumau, demoiselles, rays, puffer fish, gardens of seaweeds, underwater structures and bryozoans, in high density. The kina were huge, but not as numerous. This is in contrast to Maitai Bay, where there are a lot more, but they are much smaller and this has led to kina barrens being created - cleared of seaweed.

After the dives and the manu session off the side of the boat, we got changed and we cruised around the islands and into the largest sea cavern (Rikoriko cave) in the southern hemisphere. We managed to conjure up a waiata in there which sounded pretty awesome. We learned about some of the history of the islands as well. On the way back, we went past the pinnacles and were treated to the sight of some seals sunbathing on the rocks, as well as large schools of trevally under the boat, with the odd large predatory kingfish hunting them. Awesome to see.

We arrived back at Taipa about 7:45pm . It was a long day, but well worth it!

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