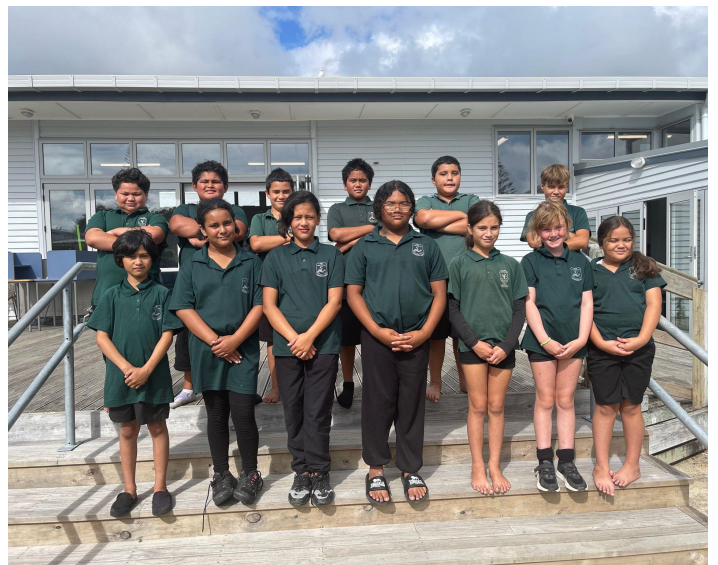


# Taipa Area School



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### IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER TERM 3

June 19th-23rd - Assessment Week  
June 23rd - Football Festival  
June 26th - School Photos  
June 27th - Matariki Games, Cross Country  
June 29th - Progress Day  
June 30th - Science Wananga, Book Fair  
July 17-18th - TEACHER ONLY DAYS  
July 19th - First day back at School.



Kia Ora e te whānau,

Time is passing quickly this term, with a lot of teaching and learning going on. Our staff have been working hard to assess students from years 1-10 against national curriculum levels, while senior teachers have been assessing students based on their subject standards. You can learn more about your child's progress this term at our upcoming

Parent Progress Day on **June 29th, from 10am to 6pm**. This is an important chance to meet with your child's teachers and discuss their progress, so please try to schedule appointments with all of their teachers. If you require further support please call 09 406 0159 and ask to speak with Genie Harrison.

We have exciting updates about our property in Taipa. Two new primary classrooms are currently under construction and we aim to have them completed by the start of term three. Additionally, four new classrooms are being built to accommodate our growing number of students. We will also be converting the hall into two more classrooms and updating the stage and music room. The hall will be further developed to allow for dance, kapa haka, and drama classes.

Furthermore, our school is actively engaging in extensive professional development on restorative practices. This initiative is aiding both our staff and students in cultivating a secure learning environment. We are also fostering a closer relationship with our Iwi/hapu community, with the valued guidance of Lloyd Popata and Trudy Allen, who serve on our school board.

We are bidding farewell to two outstanding teachers at Taipa, who have been with us for more than eight years. Nicola Cameron will be departing to Tauranga to pursue a teaching job in Hospitality, while Aileen Lowe is returning to Scotland to spend quality time with her family. We will deeply miss both of these staff members.

David Lowe  
Principal

### **School Photos**

*Photo Life photographers will be at school on Monday June 26th to take our school photos for 2023. All photos can be ordered online from Photo Life. A code will be sent to whanau and you will be able to order photos using this code.*



### **Ear Health**

*On Thursday July 27th, the Public Health Nursing team and the Tamariki Mobile Ear team will be visiting our school. The team will be checking the ear health of students. If you would not like your child to be seen by the team, there is an opt out form available for you to fill in at the school office. The ear caravan is available for ages 3+, so whanau can bring along younger tamariki for an ear check.*

### **Important Information about Sore Throats**



### **School Ball**

*Our Year 11-13 Ball will be held at the Taipa Bay Resort on Saturday July 22nd from 6:30 - 9:30 pm. School Ball contracts are available from Lisa Baker's office. These need to be completed and signed before tickets can be purchased. The price of tickets is as follows: Single \$30 and Double \$50.*



On Thursday 25th of May our senior mixed Volley team went down to Whangarei to compete. The team did extremely well, winning 3 of their 4 games in the group, beating Bream Bay College, Kerikeri HS and Dargaville HS 2. The one loss was to Whangarei Boys/Girls 1. As a result, we finished second in the group, then played Dargaville HS 3 in the playoff game, which we won convincingly. A big congratulations to the following 7 students who represented the school: Te Atenga Raui, Meri Sherman, Jordayne Spaander, Robert Waru-Morgan, Soli Fox, Jarn Bracken, and Te Kawana Makiha Morrow.

Volleyball has been flourishing at Taipa Area School, as well as across the motu. It was really pleasing for these students to go away to this tournament and perform extremely well against every other school in Northland. This is hopefully just another step in making Taipa Area School a strong volleyball school that can compete with the best in Northland.

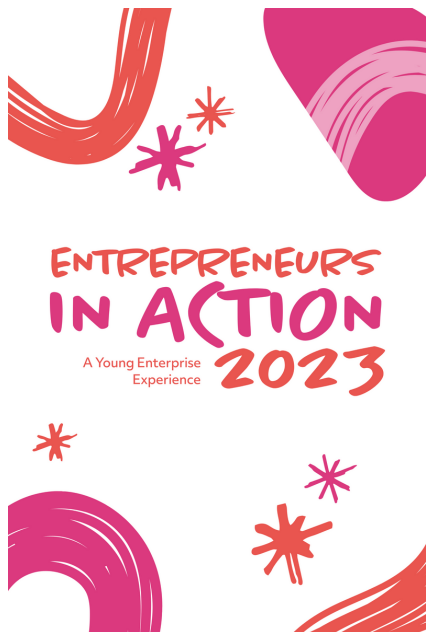


*A HUGE congratulations to **Jarn Bracken** who has been selected for the Northland Maori U16 Rugby team, well done Jarn!*

Could you do a 'Dragon's Den' style Pitch? Well our Taipa senior business class can. In May, all over Te Tai Tokerau, 67 businesses took part in the Young Enterprise Scheme "Pitch Challenge". Four of our senior business class teams went up to Kaitiaki College. The businesses that took part were: Sky Creations (Skyla Hoult), Bush Maori (Legacy Bates), EA Cards (Erin Atkinson), and KeySmiths (Tyla Sumner, Noah Ellison, Dallas Frear (absent)). Although nervous, all the teams made great pitches. The judges were amazing. They put our kids at ease as much as possible, and their positive energy of support for the kids was so apparent. Their comments were all about building up the student's confidence. They gave genuine ideas and feedback on how to develop the student's business. Erin even made sales of her gift cards then and there as they were so impressed!

Northland's amazing YES support team of Megan Prendergast and Gary Larkin set up this event and helped in school beforehand to help prepare the students for this YES Challenge. "The growth we see in student confidence AFTER pitches is always one of the most rewarding times of the year and we are so glad that your students....got to experience it! They did so well.... we were very proud of them all!" said Megan.

The big YES Challenge is August 12th, The Northland Trade Fair, which is hosted by The Old Packhouse Market in Kerikeri. Keep the date free and come down; it should be a great day.



### Taipa's Entrepreneurs in Action

Skyla Hoult is off to Wellington this month, all expenses paid! She was selected as one of the 60 students nationwide to take part in "Entrepreneurs in Action". EIA is an annual event where students come together to compete in two back-to-back business challenges over 48 hours. Students are split into teams and mentored by a host company to compete in the two business challenges. This is a great experience for our young entrepreneurs to connect with some of our country's most innovative business organisations. EIA requires the teams to work efficiently, think creatively, and act entrepreneurial.



## Congratulations to Skyla!!

In week 8, we are running our Common Assessment Activities (CAA) for some of our Year 10 learners. These CAAs are exams, which are the beginning of the NCEA changes that the Ministry of Education is rolling out over the next few years. These exams will allow our students to achieve literacy and numeracy credits when they are ready to sit them. Going forward, all students will need to pass these exams in order to achieve NCEA level 1, 2 or 3.

In week 9, we will be running Assessment Week for our students. This will rearrange the timetable for three days and allow our senior students to have either some practice at doing exams, or some extended time in class to complete some targeted assessment work. Assessment week is run in term 2 and term 3 in order to allow our senior students to prepare themselves for the NCEA exams in term 4. This is especially beneficial for those students who are new to NCEA and exams and need to practise the kaupapa for sitting in an exam hall.

*On Friday night, Taipa year 9 and 10 students played basketball with Aniwaniwa year 9 and 10 students. This was organised by A.N.T TRUST. It was an awesome informal evening of sport and hopefully will be a reoccurring event. A huge mihi to Matua Joe and Whaea Roxanne for their support getting our students there and back and to Matua Darrin for organising this.*

### Kiwi Monitoring

During the months of May and June, Kiwi can be heard more often, as it is their breeding season. Some students from years 9 and 10 have been heading to Hihi, in the evening over the past few weeks, to record Kiwi calls for the Whakaangi Landcare group. The first night was a little bit quiet with only five kiwi calls heard. The following Thursday we heard eleven calls - three of which were female.



We have two more opportunities for students to take part in this kaupapa which will take place on a Wednesday or Thursday night in June, weather dependent.

### Parent Progress Day Term Two

*Our Parent Progress Day will be held on Thursday 29th of June. Interviews will be held in the school hall for year 9-13 students. Year 1-8 interviews will be in the teachers' classrooms. More information will be sent out closer to Parent Progress Day.*



*The class went on a trip to Butler Point whaling museum. We saw many things there, including pohutakawa trees that have grown for the past 3 to 4 hundred years, some even being 900 years old. We continued to wander through the outside of the museum grounds. We eventually learned more about the history of the museum; in 1838 Captain Butler built a cottage and in 1840 married a woman named Eliza Merri. We got to*

*see a real life whaling boat and learned about how it was used. When a whaler yelled, "She blows," it signified that a whale was nearby and that they could see the water coming out of the whale spout. It was a man versus beast fight. The best whaler would throw the harpoon into the whale then tie the attached rope to the boat. The whaler would then get dragged around by the whale until it got tired and they could kill it.*

