



Taihape Area School

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Tena koutou katoa

The end of October and we enter the business end of another year. For our senior students the next few weeks are extremely busy as they begin their examinations.

Do you remember sitting those 3 hour exams – the nervous wait before you were allowed into the exam room, filling out the administration details, then the feelings of hope and trepidation as you opened the paper and looked at the questions for the first time? And then the race against time to get things completed.

Mind you some people I remember certainly seemed to have no difficulty with the exams they sat – one person I remember from Varsity days in fact



left before the examiner had even finished reading out the instructions – and he was actually disappointed he failed the paper!!

External examinations for our Students begin next week (10th November). Although most students have been busy preparing for the past few weeks, the time between now and the examinations is still crucial for the students involved - it is essential that they continue to put aside time to study, and that they follow their study plan to ensure that they are fully prepared, and therefore able to give themselves every chance of success.

I would like to acknowledge the significant efforts of the teachers who gave up valuable holiday time to provide tuition. It should be noted that many of our teachers also give up their weekends to assist our students, either one on one, or in small group situations. The teaching staff at TAS is extraordinarily generous in terms of the time and support they provide our students as they prepare for NCEA.

If you have any concerns at all in the lead-up to these examinations, please contact the school.

Richard McMillan
Principal

The Week Ahead

Wednesday 2nd	Level 1 Technology portfolios submitted
	Level 2 Art portfolios submitted
Friday 4th	Year 9 Gala

The Term Ahead

Monday 7 th	Celebration Assembly
Wednesday 9th	Level 3 Arts portfolios submitted
Thursday 10th	NCEA exams begin
Friday 11 th	Interschool Cross Country- Hunterville
15 th – 18 th	Year 9 Camp
22 nd - 24 th	Girls into Science

December

Thursday 1st	Final day for NCEA course assessments.
Friday 2 nd	Interschool Softball- Hunterville
Monday 7 th	Top Town
Thursday 8th	Prize Giving
END OF TERM	

2012 Term Dates

Term	Dates
Term 1	Monday 30 th January to Thursday 5 th April
Term 2	Monday 23 rd April to Friday 29 th June
Term 3	Monday 16 th July to Friday 28th September
Term 4	Monday 15 th October to Thursday 6 th December

Thank you to those families who have returned the Waiouru Bus Run Survey forms. It is our intention to continue to provide this service next year (and beyond!!). At this stage however we are not able to provide details of exactly how it will look. Hopefully we will have more information very soon.

If you know others who are planning to attend TAS please let us know.

Thank you for your patience with this very important issue.

Waiouru Bus

Celebration Assembly

1.30pm next Monday (7th November)

N.B. Change of Timetable for Monday.

8.45	Dean's Room's and Karakia
Block 1	8.55 – 10.05
First break	10.05 – 10.20
Block 2	10.20 – 11.30
Second Break	11.30 – 11.45
Block 3	11.45 – 12.55
LUNCH	12.55 – 1.20
Assembly	1.30 – 2.40

Cricket

Cricket for Year 4-8 children will hopefully begin this Thursday, and runs from 3.30-4.30pm. Weather permitting!!

Prize Giving Cups and Trophies

Please could all students who received cups and trophies at last year's prize giving please return these to school asap as they need to be engraved for this year's prize giving.



2011 School Prize Giving
Thursday 8th December
1pm

Taihape Swim Centre

The **Taihape Swimming Centre** is now open. Some admission fees have increased for the 2011/12 season. Please see the new prices below: -

- **Facility Hire**
\$60.00 per hour (includes 2 lifeguards)
- **School Prices**
\$1.20 juniors,
\$1.50 seniors (9am - 3pm)
- **School Swimming Sports**
\$50.00 per hour + GST
- **School Lessons**
\$4.00 (TCDT Lifeguards)
- **Carnivals**
\$60.00 per hour
- **Child/Toddler** \$2.00

Congratulations

Congratulations to Molly Chaney who represented TAS with consummate skill in the **Annual Hunterville Speech Competition**, held yesterday.

Wanted

The Year 12 Students would like some items for the upcoming **Top Town** Event they are organising. They require red, yellow, green, and blue buckets plus ice cream containers. If you can help please send these along to school.

Student Website

Recently Studyit www.studyit.org.nz won its fourth Net Guide Best Site award. Winning Best Site for Students confirms Studyit's place as New Zealand's most popular student web site.

Studyit is the free and safe online support site that was used by 42% of NCEA students in 2010. Expert teachers are ready to respond 24/7 to student questions on the fourteen forums.

Studyit is funded to the end of 2011 by the Ministry of Education but is looking for a funder to continue support for NCEA students next year.

www.studyit.org.nz for NCEA maths, science and English students. [Studyit facebook](#).

Winner of the 2008, 2009 & 2010 Net Guide People's Choice Award for Best Education site, and 2011 Best Student Site. Winner of the 2006 TUANZ Education Innovation of the Year Award.

Quotes of the week

"Man who waits for roast duck to fly into mouth must wait very, very long time".

"There are only two ways to live your life. One is as though nothing is a miracle. The other is as though everything is a miracle".
- Albert Einstein.

Panui from Learning Street

We welcome the following students to Learning Street this term. Tristan Jacobsen, Ezra Hopa-Cribb, Jahna Pekamu, Ethan Meadows and George Abernethy all start in Room 1 this term. We know you will have a wonderful time with us.

THE SANDPIT

We have been incredibly lucky to receive a donation from Taihape Honda for purchasing new sandpit toys. This week the toys were presented to the students by Tourelle and Anthony Wanoa. This generous gift means not only have we been able to purchase toys this term, we will also have some new equipment throughout next year. Thank you Wanoa family you have put a smile on lots of our children! ☺

Celebration Assembly

Next Monday the Leaders from Learning Street will be running our Celebration Assembly. There are lots of performances planned and many awards to share. Please come and support our students.

KiwiCan

Nga mihi o te ra ki a koutou katoa...

WOW last term!!! It surely will be a busy time for everyone!! This term we will be working with the theme REALTIONSHPIS and the modules SELF ESTEEM and PRIDE.

It is with sadness that Moo and I have been informed that our Kiwi Can Charitable Trust have decided that it is no longer viable for our program to be run in the Rangitikei district anymore :(So this term will be the last term of Kiwi Can at TAS!!

We will however make the most of our time with the students and teaching staff this term!!!!

KC see you!!

Wanda and Moo

Public Health Nurse Advice: Hand Washing

Washing hands kills germs but how much difference does it make to a child's health? Children who wash their hands regularly have fewer sick days with colds and flus, and less time off with '*tummy bugs*'.

Teach children to get into the habit of hand washing to help control the spread of disease. If your child is a reluctant hand washer, liquid soap (from a pump) may be more fun. It takes 20 seconds to wash your

hands properly ... that's the same time it takes to sing '*happy birthday to me*' twice.

Drying your hands is very important too, as wet hands attract bugs like a magnet.

COUGHING AND SNEEZING:

Did you know that viruses travel about 6 metres when you sneeze, and 3 metres when you cough??

These days, as one way of preventing the spread of viruses, we are teaching children to cough and sneeze into their elbows or alternatively to cough or sneeze into a tissue and then throw it away.

This is a good practice to get into as well as cleaning hands after every time you cough or sneeze.

School Magazine

The **School Magazine** goes to the printer this week, and will be available for purchase very soon. We are indebted to Rachel Scott who has



stepped in at very short notice to produce the magazine, after the student initially responsible left school last term. This is a huge task, particularly at this time of the year when work commitments are considerable anyway

Scholastic Bookclub

Issue 7

Closes Friday 18th November

Please make cheques payable to Taihape Area School

Year 9 Mini Gala

Taihape Area School Hub

Friday 4th November

4 – 6 pm

- Food Court
- Sausage Sizzle
- Car Wash
- Garage Sale
- Clothes Stall
- Book Stall
- Tombola
- Raffles
- Cake Stall
- Face Painting
- Popcorn/
Lollies
- White Elephant
Stall
- Competitions and Activities Galore

Come along and support the annual Year 9 Gala raising funds for their school trip



Purchase a
TARGA RALLY CALENDAR
from the school office
Gold Coin Donation

Study Leave for Years 11-13

Unlike many schools with secondary students TAS is prepared to support our Year 11 to 13 students while they prepare for external assessments (exams) and continue to provide further opportunities for internal assessment even after external assessments begin.

All senior courses will finish on Wednesday the 9th of November but Teachers will continue to be available during their usual timetabled Year 11 to 13 class times until the 25th November for revision and internal assessment opportunities by arrangement only. Students are expected to sign in at the office.

Students who are not involved in revision classes or internal assessment opportunities are required to indicate they are taking leave from school from the 9th November by bringing a letter to their Dean signed by their caregiver or completing the form below.

Students who arrive at school but are not involved in revision classes or internal assessment opportunities will be asked to leave the school grounds.

A First Aid course (with NCEA credits) will be run on the 30th of November and 1st of December for Year 11's and those seeking to refresh their knowledge in preparation for the work force.

Students are required to attend prize giving on Thursday 8th of December and are encouraged to return to take part in the Top Town house competition on Wednesday 7th of December.

Request for Study Leave/ Course completion leave

_____ (Student name) in Year ____ would like to notify TAS that they will be taking leave from the 9th of November as they :

a. Have completed their studies for the ☐ year

b. Will be studying at home ☐

They will be attending the First Aid Course on the 30th October / 1st ☐ December

Attending Top Town on December ☐ 7th.

They understand that they are required to attend Prize Giving on the 8th December

_____ (Care giver signature)