



Taihape Area School

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Tena koutou katoa

Only three weeks until the end of the first term (already), a staggering but also sobering reminder of the pace of life these days.

March heralds the beginning of autumn and the change of seasons. However after the “summer” just passed, the change of seasons has been barely discernible – it has after-all felt like autumn for some-time!! The wet, cloudy, and cool summer was a huge disappointment particularly for those of us who enjoy the feel of the sun on their backs.

At this time of the year our thoughts and attention begin to focus on the winter sports season ahead. Sport is a very important part of our school culture, and as a staff we work extremely hard to ensure students are provided with as many sporting options as possible. At this stage in their lives, the majority of students actively seek to be involved in as much sport as possible.

The benefits of this are considerable, and include skill development, fitness and physical well-being, the development of

sportsmanship and a sense of fair play, dealing with the conflicting emotions of winning and losing, learning to manage one’s self, goal setting, striving to be the best they can, developing friendships, and of course having fun. In a sense developing the key competencies as outlined in the New Zealand Curriculum.

As parents we all want our young people to do well, and no doubt many of us hope that our child/children will excel at their chosen sport/s, and perhaps even rise to the top as Provincial, and even New Zealand, representatives.

Sport can be a life-time passion, and provides countless hours of recreational joy for many, many Kiwis. However the majority of young people, after showing huge commitment, potential, and promise in their formative years, fall by the wayside. Previously this was a concern for me, and I still feel sad that so many talented athletes and sports people never realize that potential. But the reality is that as children grow, their interests change, and they become involved in other “things”.

The bottom line however is that as long as they are passionate about something in their lives, they will most likely develop into well balanced, rounded people.

Have a great week!!

Richard McMillan

Leading Me to Lead My Learning

Sir Peter Blake Trust

Congratulations to Rhiannon Scott who has been selected to attend this year's Sir Peter Blake Youth EnviroLeaders' Forum. The Sir Peter Blake Trust received over 220 applicants for this event, from which 50 were selected. 30 of the delegates at this year's forum will go on to join the Young Blake Expedition to the Kermadecs. This is a once on a lifetime adventure to one of the most unique and special places on the planet, and will see the students travel on board HMNZS Canterbury to the Kermadecs from 8-19th August with a crew of subject experts, scientists, artists, educators, communicators, and leaders. The expedition aims to inspire New Zealanders to understand the global significance of the Kermadec Islands and to encourage stewardship of the Kermadec Marine reserve and the planet's oceans generally.

Delegates will have the opportunity to snorkel and gain understanding of the marine biodiversity of the Kermadecs, to experience life on Raoul Island and the work of the Department of Conservation there, to explore the Island's dramatic and challenging terrain and learn about its history, flora and fauna. The Kermadec Islands have been identified as one of the very few pristine marine areas left on the planet, and as they are over 9,000km from New Zealand very few kiwis will ever have the chance to visit them.

Well done to Rhiannon, this is a great achievement already - hopefully she can make it through to the next stage!!

Wanganui Secondary Schools Athletics Championships

Two weeks ago our Year 9-13 Athletics Team took part in the **Annual Wanganui Secondary Schools Athletics Championships**. Although small in number the results achieved were outstanding, and we now have a number of Wanganui Champions among our ranks. A detailed list of results was included in the last Newsletter, but of particular note:

Name	Event	Placing
Ryan Donne-Gregory	Senior Boys Shot	1 st
Rowan Bradley	Intermediate Boys Javelin	1 st
Jesse Theobald	Junior Boys Long Jump	1 st
Isiah Ranganui	Intermediate Boys High Jump	2 nd
Jesse Theobald	Junior Boys 100m	3 rd
Jesse Theobald	Junior Boys High Jump	3 rd
Paris Rewai	Junior Girls Discus	3 rd
Alana Overton	Intermediate Girls Discus	3 rd
Alana Overton	Intermediate Girls Shot Put	3 rd

Congratulations to these very talented athletes, and also well done to all TAS participant for your fantastic attitude and effort. The feedback we have received has been outstanding.

A special thanks to parent supporters Claire Law, Lisa Fellingham, and Tarquin Theobald, and also to Dave Whatarau and Jude Hardwidge for supervising our team.

As a result of their efforts, Rowan Bradley, Ryan Donne Gregory, and Jesse Theobald have gained automatic selection into the North Island Secondary Schools Athletics Championships in Tauranga at the end of the month.

This week

Wednesday 21st Weetbix Tryathlon

Thursday 22nd Junior Athletics- 11am

Friday 23rd Science Roadshow

Important Events Remaining This Term

March

25 th – 26 th	Art Bus Y11 Science Field Trip
Monday 26 th	Room 1 Marae Visit
26 th – 27 th	Room 4 & 5 Noho Marae
Friday 30 th	Huntermville Athletics

April

Thursday 5th **END OF TERM**

Monday 23rd **TERM 2 BEGIN**

Interschool Swimming Sports

The Year 4-8 Interschool Swimming Sports were held on Friday, at the Taihape Aquatic Centre. The standard of competition in all age groups was extremely high, and we are extremely proud of the efforts of our swimmers.

The results will be in the next newsletter.

Thank you to the large number of parents who turned out to support our team.

Year 1-8 Athletics

The Year 1-8 Athletics Sports are being held today at the Recreation Ground. The results will be in the next newsletter.

Scholastic Bookclub

Issue 2

Closes
Wednesday 29th March

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Variety Bash

Last week we hosted the 2012 version of the **Variety (the Kids Charity) Bash**, and **Ronald McDonald**. The Variety Bash Convoy stopped off here on their way to Wellington, as part of a North Island rally.

“At the heart of Variety’s fundraising efforts is the very unique *Variety Bash* – a quirky car rally which travels hundreds of kilometres in March each year fundraising for Kiwi kids, distributing grants, entertaining communities and telling the Variety story. It’s a mad-cap adventure full of eccentric vehicles, larger-than-life characters and heart-felt philanthropy!

For Variety, the Bash provides an ideal opportunity to raise funds and distribute grants to children in need throughout New Zealand who may be challenged by disability, illness or circumstance. The Variety Bash is a unique event. The logistical structure is based on a week-long car rally, however the Bash is not a race, and the winners are those that raise the most funds and have the most fun!

A Variety Bash convoy consists of vehicles ranging from classic cars to fire engines and everything in between! Vehicles must be at least 30 years old and each year the convoy travels through a different part of New Zealand passing through main towns and rural communities.”

Ronald McDonald was part of this year’s Bash, and he performed a show for our Year 1-6 students.

This was a really spectacular interlude. The children enjoyed seeing the wonderful vehicles, and the wacky characters. The people involved were friendly and engaging, and really enjoyed meeting our

young people - there were many comments about their good manners.

Variety donated the School a box of books for the Library, and a number of sports balls. As well all children were given a range of goodies and treats (such as hats, pencils, stickers, sweets).

All in all a memorable and enjoyable experience.

Saturday Cricket

The cricket season is now over for the **Taihape Cricket Team**. All in all it has been a very successful and enjoyable season, with the highlight finally putting 3 victories on the board. This season we have displayed a flash new uniform, tops and caps, and sourced a quantity of new gear (donated by a kind sponsor). The next challenge is to replace the matting surface of the cricket block.

The last few weeks have been a struggle getting a team together, as the usual overlap between seasons (cricket/rugby) infringes. However cricket in Taihape is underway, and hopefully will go from strength to strength in the years ahead.

The bowling attack has been the real strength of the team with Matt Jacobson and Wayne Davies forming a potent opening partnership. They have been a real force to reckon with, and posed plenty of challenges for opposition batsman. Nathan Chaney, Brad Fannin, and when available, Tremain Gilbert have provided excellent backup. At full strength, the bowling was the strongest in the grade.

The fielding this season has been a real highlight, showing dramatic improvement from our involvement in the summer

league the previous year. Committed ground fielding and excellent catching supported the efforts of the bowlers. Nathan Chaney did an excellent job as wicket keeper, while Kerryn Clark and James Morrison tried hard and fielded consistently well, and Arthur Kauika caught well in the slips.

The batting was the achilles heel of the team, although there were a number of standout performances over the season. Matt Jacobson, Arthur Kauika, Mark Riley, and Nathan Chaney scored half centuries, while Wayne Davies batted consistently without producing that big score.

The challenge over the winter is to recruit a couple of reliable batsmen. Cricket training will recommence in August. Roll on the summer of 2012 - 2013!!

Specsavers

Poor and easily corrected vision problems are often misdiagnosed as learning difficulties and consequently can lead to poor academic performance as well as low self-esteem.

To help parents of school children to book an eye examination, **Specsavers Optometrists** are offered until 31st March, **KIDS GO FREE**, at Specsavers Wanganui.

This is a free eye exam for all kids under 16.



PGG Cash for Communities

Any farmer who purchases Balance Agri-Nutrients fertiliser, or selected agri-chemicals, or seed, on their PGG Wrightson Account, between 7th February and 31 May, 2012, can earn cash for their local school.

All you need to do is nominate Taihape Area School at www.pggwrightson.co.nz and then your purchases start earning cash for the School.

Visit the web site (www.pggwrightson.co.nz), click on the Cash for Communities button to download posters, ad templates, and colouring activities for children.

Last year this programme raised over \$80,000 for schools and community organisations around New Zealand.

Quotes of the week

"To the uneducated, an A is just three sticks" - A. A. Milne.

"He who opens a school door, closes a prison" - Victor Hugo.

"Education's purpose is to replace an empty mind with an open one" - Malcolm Forbes.

Junior Football

Did you miss Registration Day?

Contact Toby Schweikert

06 3880 608

To register

From the Library

February "get into reading month" winners

Lost Book Draw:

Mindy Bristol Yr 10

Current book returned draw:

Hone Morice Rm 2

Class with no overdue books in February:

Rm 1

Sport Coaches Needed

Can you help Taihape Area School need Coaches for 2012 competition?

Netball coaches for 5 to 8 year olds

Rugby Year 9 & 10 and a combined Under 19's team.

We provide or subsidize training equipment, uniforms, transport & Professional Development for all coaches

Please contact for Senior Netball:

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Contact for Rugby:

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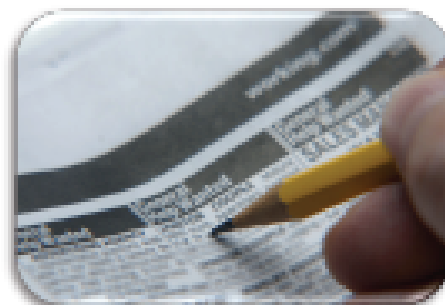


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Find out about the latest searching techniques and
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Monday 2nd April, 1 Tui Street

10:00 am – 1:00 pm.

Session Two – Cover Letters and Interviews

Tips and Tricks for writing the perfect cover letter
and the Dos and Don'ts of Interviews

Tuesday 3rd April, 1 Tui Street

10:00 am – 1:00 pm.



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