



Taihape Area School

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Tena koutou katoa

Welcome back to another busy week. There are now less than two weeks to go until Easter and the first holiday break of the year.

We have a high proportion of impressively **talented young people** in this School – endowed in a variety of domains including music, academics, and sport. Many of these students are genuinely talented, and are definitely quite capable of achieving at the very highest level as they grow and develop. One issue schools our size face is being able to always provide opportunities for some students in certain areas, sport for example. We lack sufficient numbers to field rugby team's right across the board, and size does matter, particularly in the older grades where large robust boys are needed in the forwards.

The frustration is that if all eligible students attended their local school, rather than leave the district, we would be able to better meet the needs of our pupils. Sadly some of the best talent leaves and bolsters the strength of schools with existing strength in depth already. As one example,

if all our eligible students attended TAS, we would without doubt be able to field some pretty formidable rugby teams - teams that could compete at a high level, and by so doing promote our best players to representative level. This scenario applies to other sports, including the traditional favourites such cricket, soccer, and netball, but also to other aspects of school life. Academic levels would be lifted as well, with greater competition across the board.

I admire the attitude, effort, and tenacity of our stars. However for them it can at times be a lonely existence competing and performing when they know they are likely to win, or prevail, because of a lack of genuine opposition or competition. For them the challenge is setting performance goals that they aspire to achieve, and continually endeavouring to raise the bar.

It is fair to say we do box above our weight. Last year our Senior A Netball and Mixed Hockey Teams achieved outstanding results. Our athletes perform extremely well at Interschool events – this summer for example, TAS Athletes won three titles at the Wanganui Secondary Schools Athletics Championships, with several placing's as well. These are huge achievements for students from a small school.

I applaud those parents who choose to support their local school, in some cases in the face of family tradition, and misguided public perception. It is fantastic for our community that these young people continue to grow and develop in the local setting, and that as a community we can celebrate their successes. As the saying goes, success breeds success, and all

Leading Me to Lead My Learning

schools need role models who inspire, and motive, other students.

We are proud of the programmes we offer at TAS, and of the opportunities we provide our pupils. The reality is that there is little they miss out on if they become involved, and in most areas opportunities do exist. However our talent pool in some areas is by nature limited, a circumstance offset by a number of supremely talented individuals.

It has been a really buzzy time here at school with a whole raft of "extra" activities occurring. Two weeks ago we hosted the Variety Bash and Ronald McDonald, while last week we hosted the excellent Fonterra Science Roadshow.

This week is particularly hectic. Today 20 students are in Wellington for the Young Leaders Conference, Rooms 1,5 and 6 are taking part in a Noho Marae at Moawhango Marae, while the Year 11's return this afternoon from a Geography Field Trip. As well 2 students are taking part in the KiwiForeever Programme, and today and tomorrow we are hosting the Real Art Roadshow. Busy times with lots of stimulating, challenging, and educationally rich learning opportunities.

Have a great week!!

Richard McMillan

This week

Sunday 25 th - Monday 26 th	Y11 Science Field Trip
Monday 26 th	Young Leaders in Wellington
Monday 26 th – Tuesday 27 th	Art Bus
Monday 26 th	Room 1 Marae Visit
Monday 26 th – Tuesday 27 th	Room 4 & 5 Noho Marae at Moawhango
Wednesday 29 th	Scholastic Bookclub Issue 2 closes
Friday 30 th	Huntermville Athletics

Important Events Remaining This Term

April

Monday 2 nd - Thursday 5 th	Area Schools Training Clinic
Tuesday 3 rd	Te Reo Marae Visit
Thursday 5 th	Mufti Day- FOT fundraiser
	END OF TERM

Monday 23rd **TERM 2 BEGINS**

Wednesday 25th

ANZAC Day- school closed

Hockey

This Thursday the Hockey team is playing Fielding Agricultural High School 2nd IX in a pre-season practice game of hockey.

We will be leaving from here at 3.30pm.

Athletics

The **Junior (Year 4-8) Athletics Championships** were held last week. Activities started on Monday before rain intervened, with the event completed on Thursday in beautiful conditions. This was a very well organised and enjoyable event, with the children participating with enthusiasm and energy.

Thank you to the large number of parents and whanau who turned out to support the children – on Thursday in particular, there were large numbers of supporters.

End of Term

Term one finishes for Easter and the Holidays, 2.40pm, next Thursday (5th).

Term 2 begins on Monday 23rd April.

Mufti-Day/Sausage Sizzle

Next Thursday (April 5th) FOT (Friends of TAS) are running a Mufti-Day. This is a fund raising activity to assist with projects around the School.

As well there will be a sausage sizzle at lunchtime.

Welcome

Welcome to Trainee Teacher Natasha Turner who is spending the next 7 weeks working in Room 2.

Fonterra Science Roadshow

On Friday we hosted the wonderful Fonterra Science Roadshow. A school visit to the Roadshow lasts for 80 minutes and is divided into three sections:- two demonstrations, and an opportunity to interact with a wide range of exhibits.

Exhibit Interaction —a number of exhibits were set up around the MFC according to its theme. Students had approximately 50 minutes to explore each of the activities. To help them out, each exhibit had a context board which included information about how to use the exhibit, the science behind it, and where such things occur in everyday life.

A number of the exhibits also had student explainers — TAS Year 9 students who were there to assist visiting students gain the most from their Roadshow experience.



Themes explored included Astronomy, Earth Science, Farming, Forces, Light, and The Human Body

The two demonstrations were *Spectacular Changes* — physical and chemical changes, and *The Hidden World* — things we can't see without special equipment or devices.

National Young Leaders Conference

Today a group of 20 Year 9-13 Students with leadership roles in the School, accompanied by Assistant Principal Barb Wallis, travelled to Wellington to take part in the annual **National Young Leaders Conference**. They left bright and early (5.45am!!), and will be back early evening.

NYLD are annual events, now in their 12th year. The days aim to develop student leadership and be both inspirational and practical. Since 2001 over 80,000 students have attended throughout New Zealand.

The **Objectives** of NYLD are:

- Empowerment;
- Positivity;
- Inspiration;
- Connection;
- Motivation;
- Education.

The **speakers** this year are:

- **Irene Van Dyk** – New Zealand Silver Fern Netball Player;
- **Pio Terei** – Entertainer;
- **Kate Yesberg** – Lawyer;
- **Jehan Casinader** – Journalist;
- **Zane Scarborough** – Attitude Presenter;
- **Florence Reynolds** – University of Auckland student.

NYLD are an initiative of Halogen Foundation. Check out www.halogenfoundation.org for information about the other leadership resources that Halogen provide.

A Message from John Key to all aspiring leaders:

“While at school, I dreamed of being the Prime Minister...

There were a couple of reasons for that. I thought it would be a great job, and I knew that being Prime Minister would give me the chance to make a real difference to people's lives. At the time it seemed like a far-fetched goal. But with a lot of hard work and a lot of support from my family, friends, and people around the country, it's a dream I have been able to achieve.

Along the way, I've learnt that leadership is about many things – integrity, hard work, believing in your-self, perseverance, and being part of a team. It's also about inspiring other people to be the best that they can be, and to reach for their dreams. Every single one of us can be a leader – at school, at work, in our personal life, in sport, in the community, or as a leader of ideas. We can all be someone that other people look up to.

So reach for your dreams. Give it everything you've got. And find the leader within you. Who knows where your path will lead?

*Best wishes,
John Key
Prime Minister of New Zealand.”*



Real Art Roadshow

This week we are hosting the Real Art Roadshow. All of the activities in the Real Art Roadshow Educational Programme are designed to link to the New Zealand Curriculum for Visual Art and integrate the four learning areas:

- Understanding the Visual Arts in Context;
- Developing practical knowledge;
- Developing ideas;
- Communicating and interpreting.

A number of country schools are taking the opportunity to visit the Art Roadshow. We also extend an invitation to members of the Community to visit this wonderful resource. It will be open from 9.00am until 3.30pm



What is the Real Art Roadshow?

The Real Art Roadshow is two fantastic collections of real New Zealand art that wheels their way to schools throughout the country. The mobile art gallery unfolds to form a 80 square metre space and displays

over 60 original artworks by some of New Zealand's leading artists. New Zealand's biggest travelling art collection.

What is the objective of the Roadshow?

The Real Art Roadshow aims to give students interested in art the opportunity to see the real thing; to be inspired, challenged and 'wowed' by the true scale, texture and colour of original artworks, no matter where they live or where they study.

Who is behind the Roadshow?

The Real Art Roadshow is the brainchild of Fiona Campbell, Rob McLeod and Gerald Barnett, three visionary art curators who had the idea of bringing real art to school students in geographically isolated or challenging locations throughout New Zealand. Prior to the Roadshow, many of these students had only encountered New Zealand art through textbooks and web images. Realising that it's not always possible to bring the students to the art, the team had a eureka moment and decided to bring the art to the students!

Where does the art collection come from?

The Real Art Roadshow collection has been purchased from the artists themselves as well as dealers and auctions. It has been put together with art students in mind and dovetails neatly into the New Zealand art curriculum. This, however, does not make it predictable or a reflection of art establishment tastes.

The Real Art Roadshow is everything you expect it to be, yet is full of the unexpected. As one reviewer noted: "For the seasoned gallery-goer the collection is full of surprises and has enormous breadth". The collection features both renowned and emerging New Zealand artists, and crosses a variety of genres including painting,

sculpture, photography, jewellery and ceramic art. It has been overwhelmingly well received by students and teachers, as well as a wider public audience, each agreeing that the Real Art Roadshow is art that moves, in more ways than one!

Thank You

Thank you to Head of Art, Andrew Yates, who organised this experience.

Kiwi Forever

This week Courtney Saiat is taking part in the Kiwi Forever Programme. This is a week long experience based in Ruapehu National Park. The Programme is focused on our national icon, the Kiwi. Based on Ngati Rangī marae at the foot of the mountain, 'Kiwi Forever' has a strong cultural focus, and examines the challenges the flightless Kiwi faces in its fight for survival.

The programme highlights the importance of learning to work cooperatively with a variety of people, understanding the spiritual connection of Maori to the Kiwi, and the personal satisfaction of helping to save endangered species.



Key outcomes are:

- Youth leadership through personal experience;
- Feedback planning and action – in a context of the Kiwi Forever programme;
- Knowledge of the biodiversity of Kiwi;
- The importance of Kiwi to Maori;
- What does it mean to be a known as a Kiwi (person/ icon)? What would be the impact if New Zealand lost its national icon?

We wish Courtney a great week!!

Scholastic Bookclub

Issue 2

Closes
Wednesday 29th March

Please make cheques payable to
Taihape Area School

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

"Education is a better safeguard of
liberty than a standing army" ~
Edward Everett.

"Real education must ultimately be
limited to men who *insist* on knowing,
the rest is mere sheep-herding" ~
Ezra Pound.

Community Notice Board

Saturday Morning Rugby

Registration Day
Saturday 31st March
10am
Taihape Recreation
Grounds
\$20 registration fee

Junior Football
It's not too late!

Contact Toby
Schweikert
06 3880 608
To register

Taihape Heated Pools

Free Family Fun Night at
the Pool

Thursday 29 March

5pm to 7pm

Free Entry, sausage sizzle,
inflatable.

This is just a thank you to
the community for their
support during the season.
Kind regards

Buzzz Clarke

Information Centre

Thinking of heading out of town these
holidays?



will help you chose your
pathway...

Call into the Taihape Information
Centre for all your travel,

accommodation and
activity bookings.

Free maps and visitor guides
available as well as a selection of
Taihape souvenirs.

We are open 7 days from 9am-5pm.

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27 KUKU STREET TAIHAPE
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Easter Holiday Program

AGED 8-18

10th – 13th April 2012

@ Raukawa Camp

CAMP ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

Abseiling

High Ropes

Eeling

Kayaking

Bonfire

Climbing Wall

Camp Craft

Flying fox

Mountain bike

and loads more...

ALL THIS, FOR WHAT? \$20.00 first in first serve

TO REGISTER OR FOR MORE INFO

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