



Taihape Area School

Monday 15th September, 2014

Term 3 - Newsletter Number 9

Phone 06 3880130
Email rmcmillan@tas.school.nz
 office@tas.school.nz
Website <http://tas.spikeatschool.co.nz>

"Leading me to lead my Learning"

Tena koutou katoa

Welcome back to another week. The term is moving towards an inexorable conclusion, with only two weeks remaining. We all lead very busy lives, and although occasionally it is important to have time out, and take the opportunity to rest and recuperate, it is crucial that students, particularly those in years 9-13, demonstrate increasing urgency in their approach to learning and their studies.

NCEA Examinations begin in week 5 next term, which is only 8 weeks away. For those students sitting NCEA External Examinations, time is rapidly running out - the next few weeks are critical.

As aptly demonstrated by the efforts and amazing successes of the Wearable Arts Students and TAS Sports Teams, preparation and hard work is required to succeed. In short you get back what you put in.

We had a very busy week last week. The Junior Team (Year 1-8 Teachers) were

involved in Mathematics Professional Development. Two Teams took part in the annual Krypton Factor Competition, at the Army Base in Waiouru. This year the Senior Team came out on top winning the trophy for the best team As well Hoani Herewini-Dygas won a special prize for attitude, sportsmanship, and effort.

However a major highlight of the week was the Rotary Dinner attended by the members of our Student Leadership Team. This is an annual activity, and one of the real highpoints of the year. At this meeting the Students take on the allocated roles of the Rotarians, and actually run the entire Meeting. As is always the case, our leaders did this with aplomb and confidence, and thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

The Rotary Members are always extremely responsive to our students, and are very interested in them as people. The Students are given an opportunity to talk about their ambitions, goals, and future pathways. The response from the Rotarians is always positive, affirming, and very encouraging.

This Dinner is one example of a productive partnership that exists between the School and Community Groups. As well as the Dinner, the School assists Rotary at Gumboot Day, and each year Rotary donates Dictionaries to our Year 4 Students.

A highlight of Hui-ata-a on Friday morning was the **PB4L** Prize Draw. All Students who had received Reward Cards for positive behaviour were entered into a draw, with 12 names drawn from the PB4L Box. The prizes included such things as a basketball, a rugby ball, drink bottles, toys,

books, colouring pencils, and beanies. The efforts of the teachers were also acknowledged.

Have a great week!!

Richard McMillan
Principal

The TAS School Wide Behaviour Expectations are: -

Rangatiratanga:

We are Learners
We show Rangatiratanga

Whanaungatanga:

We are Caring
We show Whanaungatanga

Wairuatanga:

We are Reflective
We show Wairuatanga

Manaakitanga:

We are Respectful
We show Manaakitanga

Student Interview Day

Please note organisation for the first Thursday (16th) after the Holidays:

- School will be closed for normal Instruction;
- The **Junior School** (Year 1-8) Teachers are taking part in a PD Day in Palmerston North;
- **Year 9-13 Students** will be Timetabled for Interviews for Courses for 2015. That is their will be no classes for them, but they will still be able complete work, or revision, at home.

Tall Poppies

The following Taihape Area School students rose above the crowd last week as outstanding achievers, and members of our learning community:

Kainda Troon (Room 1) - for awesome progress in reading - level 15 this week;



Asya Grant (Room 1) - for showing rangatiratanga and always being prepared for the day with her reading folder and PE gear;

Jaymi Gorman (Room 9) - for showing Rangatiratanga: always being a focused learner and maintaining a high standard of work;

Rawiri Morice (Room 9) - for showing Rangatiratanga: being a focused learner.

Marshall Rukupo-Rihia, Annalise Ziarno, and Meryne Hirst (Year 9) for working well toward completion of tasks in the Chemistry unit;

Mitchel Fanin (Room 4): for showing Rangatiratanga - Consistently being prepared for and applying himself 100% in cross country training;

Nga Whakapai Twomey and Tatiana Grant (Room 5) - for showing Rangatiratanga in leading whole school waiata;

Te Whetu Witika and Jason Squires (Room 6) - for actively leading their own learning;

Deonie McClay, Lakisha Rata-Hall (Year 9) for completing and presenting the

investigation of infectious diseases first in Year 9;

Georgia Adams (Year 10) - for preparing Staff morning tea.



Tall Poppies from Learning Street for Week 8

Supporting your Child at Home : Numeracy

Newspapers are filled with numbers, and provide lots of opportunities for raising awareness (seeing the math's around us), and for solving problems.

Try the activities below during the holidays.

Big Numbers for the Middle/Senior School (in this case Year 5-8)

Turn to the property pages or motor vehicle sales;

Let's read the numbers;
What's the most expensive house/car/motorbike we can find?
Which is the cheapest?



More than/less than (Number) for the Junior School (Year 1-4)

Turn to a sports page with scores and ask:

Can we spot any numbers bigger than 5/10/100?

Let's circle them with a pen;

Can you find any numbers less than 5/10/100?

Use a different colour, and circle those.

Australian Mathematics Competition

Recently a number of Year 5-8 Students took part in the prestigious **Australian Mathematics Competition**. The results were very encouraging:

Proficiency Grade

Brayden Peehi-Marsden
Grace Mallalieu
Nick Hak
Samuel Troon
Maclayn Witika

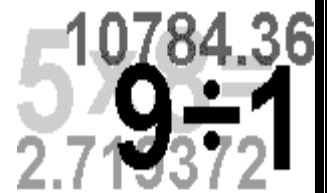
Joshua Wong
Jason Squires
Peita Law
Aden Tapu

Credit Grade

Tyreese Adams
James Hamilton

John Geraghty

Literally tens of thousands of students from New Zealand, Australia, and the South Pacific take part in this annual event.



Congratulations to these students, and special thanks to their teachers, as well as HOD mathematics Mr Vijay, for preparing them for the Competition.

Board of Trustees

Next Board meeting

The next Board of Trustees meeting is to be held on Wednesday 24th September at 5.30pm in Room 16. Board of Trustee meetings are public meetings and all are welcome to attend.

Election of a Student Trustee to the Board of Trustees

At the close of nominations we received 5 candidates; these being:

1. Maxwell Sage – year 12
2. Nicola-Mary Geraghty - year 12
3. Zarn White - year 9
4. Shelby Inwood - Year 11
5. Vidya Vijayakumar – Year 12

Voting will take place this week. The elected candidate will be able to attend the next Board meeting in October

Mufti Day

Book Character Mufti Day

Thursday 25th September

As part of Book Week we will be having a whole school book character mufti day on Thursday 25th September. The students are asked to come to school dressed as a character from any book. This does not have to be a main character, and can be from any book they have read. There will be no cost for this day.

Stop, Look, and Listen

On Friday we had a visit from Ronald McDonald who spoke to the children in rooms 1, 3, and 5 about Road Safety. The key message was “Stop, Look, and Listen” before crossing the road (using the Pedestrian Crossing!!).



Future Pathways

For Students planning to leave at the end of the year, there are numerous pathways for students to follow and we have a number of specialist staff to help coordinate the leaving process. We have Deans, the career advisor, and the Gateway/Star co-ordinator with whom you can liaise.

These staff can help with CV writing, applications for apprenticeships, jobs, as well as future study and general advice, and they also have contacts at Polytechnics and universities for students wishing to gain further advice.

If students are planning to leave without finishing NCEA Level 2 or 3 or university entrance, UCOL and other polytechnics, offer courses for students to gain specialised certificates and diplomas that allow them to enter higher level courses in future years.

More information regarding future pathways can be found on the School Website (www.tas.school.nz) then following the path - **Home > Education for Years 9-13 Students > Leaving School - The Next Step > Leaving School.**

For students wishing to enter degree programmes at polytechnics and universities, the following are the basic entry requirements. However, some courses require further prerequisites.

For students this year the minimum requirements for University Entry: -

Approved subjects - 42 credits at **Level 3 or higher**, made up of:

- 14 credits in one approved subject;
- 14 credits in another approved subject;
- 14 credits from one or two additional domains, or approved subjects.

Literacy requirements - 8 credits in English or Te Reo Maori at **Level 2 or higher**, made up of 4 credits in Reading and 4 credits in Writing, and Numeracy at **Level 1 or higher**, made up of: credits in Mathematics, or Statistics, and Probability or Pangarau, or unit standards 26623, 26626, 26627.

For students planning to complete their studies next year student will need the following:

NCEA Level 3

Three subjects - at **Level 3 or above**, made up of:

- 14 credits each, in three approved subjects;
- Literacy - 10 credits at **Level 2 or above**, made up of:
 - 5 credits in reading;
 - 5 credits in writing.

Numeracy - 10 credits at **Level 1 or above**, made up of:

- achievement standards – specified

Knitting Club

The TAS knitting club will meet for the first time in Room 1 at 12:30 on Wednesday. We have 10 keen juniors that are going to learn to knit with a group of Nana's, parents and teachers.

We are starting with Peggy squares and moving on to the Poppies for the 100 year ANZAC quilt.

If there are any other knitters keen to come and help feel free to join us on Wednesday. A BIG thank you to Pauline from The Quilted Gumboot who has donated knitting needles and wool for the students to use.

- Sue Whale

Cash For Communities

Any farmer who purchases Balance Agri-Nutrients Fertiliser on their PGG Wrightson Account, between September 1st and November 30th 2014, can earn cash for Taihape Area School.

When you purchase Balance Agri-Nutrients Fertiliser please nominate Taihape Area School at

www.cashforcommunities.co.nz!!

Quotes of the Week

"If you want to know what a man's like, take a good look at how he treats his inferiors, not his equals" — [J.K. Rowling](#) ([Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire](#)).

"I am enough of an artist to draw freely upon my imagination. Imagination is more important than knowledge. Knowledge is limited. Imagination encircles the world" — [Albert Einstein](#).

Athletics Development

Hi all

Athletics Wanganui and Sport Wanganui together are running an Athletics Development Programme. Staff, students and parents from schools around the district are being encouraged to be involved in this programme to get tips and ideas on the basics of athletics officiating which will hopefully help in running our own school athletics events.

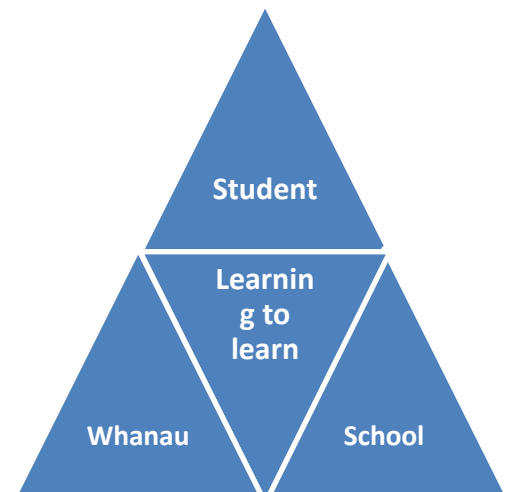
- This course will be informal, fun, relaxed and include basic background and rules also covering practical experience in jumping, throwing and track. It is free of charge and food will be provided.
- This is an awesome opportunity from Sport Wanganui so please consider getting involved and perhaps encourage students and parents who may have an interest in this.

If this sounds like something you may be interested in please come and see me or register your interest so I can inform Wanganui of our numbers.

- Thanks Loni

The Impact of Families

Without stating the obvious families have a huge impact upon the growth and development of children. Of the approximate 6000 waking hours, per year, 5000 hours are spent with their families/whanau and their friends. Only about 1000 hours are spent in association with School.



A positive three-way partnership (whanau/school/student) without doubt promotes the academic growth of students.

Not Sure What the Future Holds??

An excellent range of information regarding future pathways can be found on the TAS Website (www.tas.school.nz), follow the path - **Home > Education for Years 9-13 Students > Leaving School - The Next Step > Leaving School.**

Spring Holiday Programme



Mon 29 Sept
Teddy Bears
Picnic



Tue 30 Sept
Super Hero
Cape Making



Wed 1 Oct
Pizza Fiesta
Day



Thur 2 Oct
Witch in the
Cherry Tree



Fri 3 Oct
Recycling Art
Day



Mon 6 Oct
Pyjama Day



Tue 7 Oct
Puppet
Making



Wed 8 Oct
Kooky Hair
Day



Thur 9 Oct
Cupcake
Decorating



Fri 10 Oct
Dress Up
Day



29th September - 10th October 2014

8:30am - 3:30pm* daily

Taihape Kindergarten, Toroa Street, Taihape

20 Hours applies to this programme

yourkindergarten ASSOCIATION
Member - 0 Teo Tereke

Please see the Head Teacher for your enrolment form or download it from our website.

You may qualify for WINZ subsidy – contact the local WINZ office to check. (Current WINZ-subsidised children will be required to complete subsidy paperwork, available from our office or your kindergarten on enrolment.)

A weekly family contribution of \$10 applies. If you do not give your 20 hours ECE to the Kindergarten while enrolled you will be billed for every hour attended at \$5.50 + GST per hour. For full information on fees please ask to see the information flyer. *Fees apply from 2:30pm.

Call Taihape Kindergarten for details or email manager@yourkindergarten.co.nz.

(06) 388 0368 | www.yourkindergarten.co.nz



Ruapehu Rural Education Activities Programme Inc.

SELF DEFENCE AWARENESS CLASS

Would you like to learn Self Defence tips and tricks? Come along to gain the following strategies:

Verbal Defence

- Strategies against pushy sales people

Personal space invasion

- Stand over tactics
- Pushing into your house

Pushing you out of line in shops

- Out side awareness

Physical Defence

- Strategies & environmental weapons

When: Tuesday 23rd September

Where: Ruapehu REAP Offices - 1 Tui Street, Taihape

Time: 12:00pm - 12:30pm

Cost: Free

Pre payment is essential before the course starts

Contact us to book your place now:

T: 06 388 0109 E: learning@ruapehureap.co.nz

W: www.ruapehureap.co.nz

Ruapehu Rural Education Activities Programme Inc.
"making our region a thriving hub of lifelong learning"



Ruapehu Rural Education Activities Programme Inc.

Blokes Cooking Lesson

Are you hungry? but not that flash in the kitchen?

Come along and join us for a fun basic cooking lesson. Learn how to cook cheap, quick and tasty meals.



When: Thursday 18th September

Where: Ruapehu REAP, 1 Tui Street, Taihape

Time: 5:30pm - 7:30pm

Cost: 5 bucks, everything you make you eat

Tutor: Elysia McKay

Pre payment is essential before the course starts

Contact us to book your place now:

T: 06 388 0109 E: learning@ruapehureap.co.nz



BOOK FAIR GARDEN

Catch the reading bug!



BOOK WEEK – 22 September to 26 September
Last week of Term

Activities abound all week:

Monday - Friday

Various activities are occurring in every classroom, Teachers are swapping classes every afternoon to read to a different class.

Thursday

Today students can dress up as a book character, and have a parade around the school, come and join in with the adventure.

All Week - BOOK FAIR

We invite your entire family to participate in our Book Fair; you'll find hundreds of quality books at our Book Fair with a wide assortment for all reading levels.

We look forward to seeing you there, Mostly, thank you for believing in books and the importance reading has on your child's future.

Location

Of book fair:

In the Library

(Book fair is open at all times during school)



LET'S GROW READERS!

SCHOLASTIC
Book Fairs



TAIHAPE AREA SCHOOL

Invitation

PB4L POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR for LEARNING Whanau and Community Evening:

You are invited to come along and find out about PB4L, Positive Behaviour for Learning, at Taihape Area School.

The PB4L Team will explain how this initiative can promote student learning and achievement.

- **When** **Thurs 25th September**
- **Where** **Taihape Area School Hub**
- **Time** **5.00 – 5.30 pm**

Refreshments provided.

Reward point for children of whanau who attend.

RSVP to TAS SCHOOL OFFICE before Wednesday 24th September.

PB4L Information Evening 25 Sept

Please indicate whanau name _____

Please indicate how many adults / children will attend:

_____ adults _____ children

SIGNED _____

This Term

September

Tuesday 16 th – Friday 19 th	Year 12 Camp
Wednesday 17 th	Scholastic Book Club Issue 6 closes
Friday 19 th	Taihape Schools Country
Monday 22 nd – Friday 26 th	Book Fair Week
Monday 22 nd – Tuesday 23 rd	Room 6 Ski Camp
Thursday 25 th	Book Character Mufti Day
	PB4L Whanau and Community Evening
Friday 26 th	Rangitikei Tough Kids
	End of Term 3

October

Monday 13 th	Term 4 Begins
Monday 13 th – Wednesday 15 th	Pit Bike Racing- Mansfield
Thursday 16 th	Student Interview Day (Year 9 – 13)
Monday 20 th – Tuesday 21 st	Year 10 Science Trip
Monday 27 th	Labour Day (SCHOOL CLOSED)

November

Monday 10 th	NCEA Exams Begin
Tuesday 11 th – Friday 15 th	Year 9 Camp- Whakatane

December

Tuesday 2 nd	NCEA Exams End
Friday 5 th	End of School Year



Dear Parents and Caregivers

As you may be aware, rheumatic fever (which can lead to heart disease) is a serious health condition caused by a throat infection with Group A Streptococcus (GAS) bacteria. If your child has a sore throat its important you get her/him checked by a doctor or nurse.

Public health nurses at school can offer children the opportunity to have their sore throats checked and treated at school for FREE, (Please note, free treatment is only offered if a Strep A GAS infection is confirmed)

The nurse will look in to your child's mouth and check their throat with a simple swab to see whether the sore throat is a streptococcal infection, and send the swab to the lab for testing. If your child's swab comes back positive for strep throat we will contact you to discuss treatment options

In Aotearoa New Zealand most people who get rheumatic fever are aged 5-14 years. It is more common in Maori and Pacific children.

If you do not wish your child to have their sore throat checked at school, please ring the Whanganui Public Health Centre on 348 3260, or email us on PHC.Admin@wdhb.org.nz with your child's name and school, to let us know you wish to opt out of the programme.

If you have any questions about rheumatic fever, your public health nurse will be able to help you, or you can check out the Heart Foundation website:

<http://www.heartfoundation.org.nz/know-the-facts/conditions/rheumatic-fever>

Kind regards

Public Health Centre