



Taihape Area School

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Tena koutou katoa

The year is rapidly racing to a conclusion with only 3 weeks remaining. It is difficult to comprehend that another year has almost finished, and that Christmas is only just around the corner. Depending upon your state of mind this could mean good or bad news.

NCEA examinations are in full swing, and don't officially conclude until next Wednesday (1st December). It has been interesting living the examination season with our students. The great thing is that they have all taken the process extremely seriously, and most have worked hard to give themselves the very best opportunity to succeed. A number have found the whole process challenging, and extremely stressful. However they will learn from the experience, and importantly the notion that effort and reward are inexorably linked. To

quote Lois Muir - "*put in the hard work, and be at peace with yourself*". And sadly those who haven't made the necessary effort, will achieve the results they deserve.

There are a number of exciting events and activities scheduled before the end of term including the **Girls in Science** trip to Auckland, the popular inter-house **Top Town**, and of course **Prize Giving**, when we celebrate the achievement and success of our wonderful students.

For children this is an exciting time, as they near the end of their current status, and look forward to being so much more grown up, and in a higher class, next year. As well there is also Christmas and the extended summer holidays to look forward to.

A trap (almost unavoidable) we all seem to fall into at this time of the year is trying to burn the candle at both ends. It is very obvious that this is happening as already we have many very tired children here at school. With still just over 2 weeks to go, and they all need their sleep, and normal (as normal as possible anyway!!) routines.

Richard McMillan
Principal

The Week Ahead

22 nd - 24 th	Girls into Science
24 th - 25 th	Room 1 & 2 Camp
Friday 25 th	Year 9 Hangi

The Term Ahead

November

22 nd - 24 th	Girls into Science
30 th - 1 st December	First Aid Course

December

Thursday 1st	Final day for NCEA course assessments. Professional Development Day – No school for Year 9 – 13 students
Friday 2 nd	Interschool Softball- Hunterville
Wednesday 7 th	Top Town
Thursday 8th	Prize Giving - 1pm END OF TERM

Hangi Hangi Hangi Hangi Hangi

\$10.00 a plate

Friday 25th November

Ready at 3pm at TAS

Pre-Order by paying at School Office

(Only plating the numbers sold)

Funds to subsidise the Year 9 Trip

Cricket

Cricket for Year 4-8 children Thursday, from 3.30-4.30pm. Next week (1st December) will be the last day. The weather has severely disrupted things this term – we will try again after the holidays when summer arrives!!

Saturday Cricket

On Saturday the Taihape Cricket Team suffered an exciting and rather unlucky 1 wicket loss to Wanganui Collegiate.

Taihape lost the toss and were asked to bat first. Although 10 runs were scored off the first over, 4 quick wickets fell with the score on 13. Wayne Davies was batting well before he was bowled for 16. However wickets continued to fall, and with the score teetering at 8 down for 36, Arthur Kauika rescued the innings with an exciting and hard struck 59. His first two scoring strokes were sixes, which set the tone for his dynamic innings (which included 4 sixes and 4 boundaries). While Arthur Kauika attacked the bowling, he found solid support in partnership with Tremain Gilbert and Alex Hawira.

In the end the total of 117 proved a handful of runs too few. Excellent bowling from Wayne Davies, Matt Jacobson, Tremain Gilbert, and Brad Fannin almost brought about an unlikely victory. Collegiate struggled through-out, and only reached the target of 118 with their last two batsmen at the crease.

The outstanding bowler was Matt Jacobson who bowled quickly and accurately. He bowled the first three batters in his first spell, then returned later in the innings to pick up two more wickets. His outstanding figures of 5 for 14, off 8 overs, was his first 5 wicket bag.

Unfortunately the fielding didn't quite match the efforts of the previous two weeks with sloppy work yielding a number of unnecessary runs. However Nathan Chaney was tidy as keeper, and took two excellent catches, while Edward Symes took a hard catch at mid-off.

Summary

Taihape 117 (Arthur Kauika 59, Wayne Davies 16, Matt Jacobson 10) lost to Wanganui Collegiate 118 for 9 (Matt Jacobson 5 for 14, Tremain Gilbert 1 for 15, Brad Fannin 3 for 29).

Panui from Learning Street

Class Lists 2012: we are beginning to put together Class Lists for the Primary School for next year. This is an involved task as we do everything possible to ensure we get this right. Please contact AP Deb Logan with any requests.

School Magazine

Work on the **2011 School Magazine** is finished, and it is currently at the printers. The Magazine is a wonderfully comprehensive history of the 2011 School Year, complete with individual profiles, class profiles, sporting and academic results, and a wide range of interesting articles.

The Magazine will be available soon at a cost of \$12.00. Order your copy now from the School Office.

Scholastic Bookclub

Issue 8

Closes Thursday 1st December

Please make cheques payable to Taihape Area School

Summer Camps

Scripture Union Camping offer a range of Summer Camping experiences for Year 7-13 Students. In our region they offer the *Tongariro Eco-Adventure* and *Surf Classic Camps*.

More information about these, plus other camping options, and application forms are available from the School Office.



2011 School Prize Giving Thursday 8th December 1pm

Taihape Swim Centre

Some admission fees for the **Taihape Swim Centre** 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

Quotes of the week

"History teaches us that men and nations behave wisely once they have exhausted all other alternatives" - Abba Eban

"Make the lie big, make it simple, keep saying it, and eventually they will believe it"-
Adolph Hitler.

Headlice

The bane of many parents, the head louse is a tiny, wingless parasitic insect that lives among human hairs and feeds on extremely small amounts of blood drawn from the scalp. Although they may sound gross, lice (the plural of louse) are a very common problem, especially for kids ages 3 years to 12 years (girls more often than boys).

Lice aren't dangerous and they don't spread disease, but they are contagious and can just be downright annoying. Their bites may cause a child's scalp to become itchy and inflamed, and persistent scratching may lead to skin irritation and even infection.

It's wise to treat head lice quickly once the diagnosis is made because they can spread easily from person to person.

Signs of Head Lice

Though very small, lice can be seen by the naked eye.

Lice eggs (called nits). These look like tiny yellow, tan, or brown dots before they hatch. Lice lay nits on hair shafts close to the scalp, where the temperature is perfect for keeping warm until they hatch. Nits look sort of like dandruff, only they can't be removed by brushing or shaking them off.



Unless the infestation is heavy, it's more common to see nits in a child's hair than it is to see live lice crawling on the scalp.

Lice eggs hatch within 1 to 2 weeks after they're laid. After hatching, the remaining shell looks white or clear and continues to be firmly attached to the hair shaft. This is the stage when it's easiest to spot them, as the hair is growing longer and the egg shell is moving further away from the scalp.

Adult lice and nymphs (baby lice). The adult louse is no bigger than a sesame seed and is grayish-white or tan. Nymphs are smaller and become adult lice about 1 to 2 weeks after they hatch. Most lice feed on blood several times a day, but they can survive up to 2 days off the scalp.

Scratching. With lice bites come itching and scratching. This is actually due to a reaction to the saliva of lice. However, the itching may not always start right away — that depends on how sensitive your child's skin is to the lice. It can sometimes take weeks for kids with lice to start scratching. They may complain, though, of things moving around on or tickling their heads.

To remove lice and nits by hand, use a fine-tooth comb on your child's wet, conditioned hair every 3 to 4 days for 2 weeks after the last live louse was seen. Wetting the hair beforehand is recommended because it temporarily immobilizes the lice and the conditioner makes it easier to get a comb through the hair.

Wet combing is also an alternative to pesticide treatments in older kids. Though petroleum jelly, mayonnaise, or olive oil are sometimes used in an attempt to suffocate head lice, these treatments have not been proven to be effective.

Keep in mind that head lice don't survive long once they fall off a person. So it's unnecessary to spend a great deal of time and money trying to rid the house of lice.

Preventing Reinfestation

Here are some simple ways to get rid of the lice and their eggs, and help prevent a lice reinfestation:

- Wash all bed linens and clothing that's been recently worn by anyone in your home who's infested in very hot water (130° F [54.4° C]), then put them in the hot cycle of the dryer for at least 20 minutes.
- Have bed linens, clothing, and stuffed animals and plush toys that can't be washed dry-cleaned. Or, put them in airtight bags for 2 weeks.
- Vacuum carpets and any upholstered furniture (in your home or car).
- Soak hair-care items like combs, barrettes, hair ties or bands, headbands, and brushes in rubbing alcohol or medicated shampoo for 1 hour. You can also wash them in hot water or just throw them away.
- Because lice are easily passed from person to person in the same house, bedmates and infested family members will also need treatment to prevent the lice from coming back.

Girls Night Out at The Majestic

Cocktails, Finger food, Chick Flick

Thursday 24th November, 6.30pm

\$25 p.p

Dress up in cocktail dresses for a real kick up your heels night at The Majestic with your girlfriends .

R.S.V.P. *ESSENTIAL* by 20th Nov

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THINKING OF BUILDING?

Keys to Successful New Home Building

A FREE SEMINAR IN FEILDING

Homebuild Homes, BNZ Bank Feilding and Property Brokers Feilding invite you to a short , informative seminar on the key things you should know **before** building a new home. Something for everyone; whether you are weighing up options or know that building is right for you. Areas covered:

- **The building process:** getting the right section, basic building steps, costs, expected timeframes, hidden traps.
- **Finance:** the mortgage finance process, financing for building.
- **Selling your existing home:** top tips to maximize your return.

Date/Time: Tue 29 Nov, 5-6pm

Where: BNZ Business Centre,
1st Floor, BNZ Building,
Manchester Square, FEILDING

RSVP: Fri 25 Nov
Ph: 357 1666 or email:
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UTIKU OLD GIRLS NETBALL



XMAS QUIZ NITEs

FRIDAY 2nd Dec 2011

@ UTIKU RUGBY CLUBROOMS

7PM START

\$50 Per Table – 4 people per table

20 Tables available

Each team can come in a theme of their choice

There will be prizes for the winner of each round and

1st prize for the overall winner.

Supper will be provided

Bar will be open (cash only)

To Register contact

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so come along and test your knowledge

It is getting to that time of year again and we have documented lots of the year's happenings at TAS.

We have put everything together in a wonderful TAS magazine.

Full colour copies are \$12.00 each and will be available at the school office from the 5 December.

Would you like to have a copy to treasure and look back on? Would Grandma like one for Christmas?

Then book yours now!

Name

Number of Magazines required

Payment enclosed \$

(Please hand this into the school office)