



Taihape Area School

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Tena koutou katoa

This is the last newsletter for yet another year. As is the case at the end of every year, the final bell for 2011 will herald the end of an extremely busy, but productive 12 months, and the end of another era with the departure of a wonderful group of students as they move onto the next stages of their lives.

2011 has been another big year for Taihape Area School, a period of change and consolidation. End of year surveys in the Primary School have provided very positive evidence to support programmes in the key curriculum areas of mathematics, reading, spelling, and language – the results in literacy and numeracy have been outstanding.

This year record number of students sat the NCEA examinations, an indication of the growing academic culture of our School.

Our aim is to continually raise the bar and provide all students with a pathway to success and achievement. The commitment shown by our senior students to academic success and excellence has been a highlight of my relatively short time here.

Taihape Area School has been involved in a huge number of **extra-curricular activities** including:-

- Sport - basketball, netball, rugby, football, softball, swimming, cricket, athletics, and hockey;
- Winter Tournament (held here);
- Secondary Schools Winter Tournament Week – netball in Wellington, hockey in Ngatea;
- 7's Rugby;
- Kiwi Cricket;
- Hunterville Year 7/8 Softball Tournament;
- A range of School Camps and EOTC Experiences (including the Junior Camp, Room's 5 and 7, and the Year 12 Leadership Camps at Kawhatau, the Year 11 Careers Trip to Wellington, the Year 9 Whakatane Camp);
- The Mathex Competitions;
- The Krypton Challenge;
- The Manawatu Science Fair;
- The Young Leaders and Senior Leadership Days;
- The School Ball.

As well the Option's Programme has enabled students to take part in a very wide range of activities including skiing, rafting, EOTC, Agriculture, Arts, Music, Dance, ICT, Mathematics, and Science.

We also had a number of students selected in representative sports teams this year, including players in New Zealand Area Schools Netball and Rugby Teams.

Other highlights:

- Our Senior A Netball finishing 3rd in the Wanganui Competition, and 14th in the North Island Secondary Schools Championships;
- Our Junior A Netball Team winning their grade in Wanganui Competition;
- Joint winners of the Year 7/8 Softball Tournament;
- Hockey Team 4th in North Island Mixed Hockey Tournament in Ngatea (2nd last in 2010!!):

The success of the school this year is attributable to the efforts, passion, and commitment of many people:-

We have a **wonderful staff**, with a united and unflagging commitment to teaching, and especially to our children, as well as to innovation, quality personal development, and continual improvement. Thank you to our staff for providing such wonderful support and tireless enthusiasm throughout what has been an extremely successful and productive year. There is a saying about “going the extra mile” – this applies without exception to the people who work in this school. In fact some members of our team need to realize that there is life outside school!

We thank our **Board of Trustees** for their dedicated efforts, and vision for the future of our school. The growth of Taihape Area School, and the number of projects completed over the past year is a tribute to their enthusiasm, vision, and hard work.

Thank you to all members of the **school community** (e.g. sports coaches, camp

parents) who have helped out in so many ways through-out the year.

And last, but not least, thank you to our **students**, the reason why it all happens. We are continually reminded by our visitors what special young people we have in our school. Best wishes to our leavers – Kia Kaha!!

The holidays will no doubt pass very quickly, and we look forward to another successful year in 2012.

All that remains is to wish you a **Merry Christmas**, and a **happy New Year**.

Richard McMillan
Principal



Taihape Area School

PRIZEGIVING 2011

Thursday 8th December

1pm

What's happening this week

Sunday – Tuesday	Year 10 Camp – Returning 2pm
Monday 5 th	Room 4 Day Out
Tuesday 6 th	Year 1- 8 Reports sent home
	Reo Rua Whanau evening 5.30pm
	Year 13 Dinner Dinner- Al Centro's- 6.30pm
Wednesday 7 th	Top Town (Mufti Day)
Thursday 8 th	Year 3-6 T-ball Competition
	Prize Giving 1pm
Our school year ends	

Enjoy your holidays, stay safe and we will see you in the new year.

End of School Year Procedures

End of School Year

The 2011 School Year finishes after Prize Giving this Thursday.

Reports

Junior School Reports will be sent home tomorrow. Please remember to check those bags for these!! Hopefully you appreciate the new Reporting Format which provides a detailed summary of your child's 2011 Learning Journey. Over time these Reports will become priceless histories of their time at school.

Start of School 2012

The new School Year begins on Monday 30th January.

Primary Classes 2012

All Junior Children (Year 1-8) will find out their new classes, for 2012, tomorrow morning.



Procedures for the Start of 2012

Enrolments

Deans for years 9 -13 will be taking enrolment interviews for new students from Tuesday 24th January to Thursday 26th January, between 1 and 3 pm.

Course Changes

Students wishing to change their courses following the release of external results will need to see their Deans between Tuesday 24th January, and Thursday 26th January, and between 1 and 3 pm.

School Uniform

There are no changes to the school uniform for 2012 for Years 1-12. Please ensure that your child is in correct school uniform at the start of the year – information on purchasing the correct uniform can be obtained from the school office.

Stationery

All students need to have ALL their stationery on day one of the school year.

Stationery lists will be included with your child's end of year report.

Year 7-9 Technology

Next Year all Year 7-9 Students will be taking Technology and will require covered shoes (not canvas!!). This is for safety reasons, and as a result is non-negotiable.

Panui from Learning Street

Another school year is drawing to a close and we are very excited to look towards 2012. Today the Year 1-7 students learned which class and teacher they would have for next year.

The Junior Team have worked together and are really pleased with the way the class lists look. We have a few changes in the Junior Team which adds to the anticipation for the New Year.

The Teachers in the Junior Team for 2012 are:

Room 1	Sue Whale	New Entrant
Room 2	Stacey Buchanan	Year 2
Room 3	Avis Hawira	Year 2-4
Room 5	Anne Anderson	Year 2-4
Room 9	Karen Brew	Year 5/6
Room 4	Claire Kelly	Year 7/8
Room 6	Ahnna Stewart	Year 7/8

We wish you and your families a very happy and safe holiday.

Year 9 - 2012

Due to the unknown number of enrolments for Year 9 next year. Students will find out which class they are in at a later date.

Deb Logan

Cricket

Cricket for Year 4-8 children this Thursday, from 3.30-4.30pm

Top Town

Top Town is this Wednesday.

Students are asked to wear mufti, with a prize for the “best dressed”. A towel and change of clothes is also required because they are likely to get wet and possibly muddy. They will also require sunblock, plenty to drink, and a big lunch.

We also require ice cream containers – please take these to room 11 before Wednesday.

Timetable

9.00-10.25	Block 1	Years 7-9
11.00-12.25	Block 2	Years 10-13
1.00-2.30	Block 3	Years 1-6

Thanking you
Year 12 Students

School Magazine

Work on the **2011 School Magazine** has finished, 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 is available to be purchased from the school office for \$12.00.

Thanks

A huge thanks to Simon Power who has donated a book (“**New Zealand Native Trees**”) for our Library.

Thanks also to the New Zealand Defence Force who have donated another book, “**The Territorials: The History of the Territorial and Volunteer Forces of New Zealand**”.

These are both excellent and very significant publications, and will certainly enhance our Library.

School Grounds

We love seeing the **School Grounds** used during the weekends and holidays. Please remember to leave them tidy, and respect School Property.

The School belongs to us all – please treasure and value that fact!!

Year 7-9 Technology

Next Year all Year 7-9 Students will be taking **Technology** and will require covered shoes or sneakers (not canvas!!). This is for safety reasons, and as a result is non-negotiable.

Reading - Limit the Damage!!

The holiday break is a long time away from books, and essential **reading practice**, for many children, particularly our Primary aged students. It would be wonderful if all children could spend some time each day during the holidays reading, or being read to. The benefits will be long term.

The Taihape Library is also well worth a visit.



It is well known that the reading levels of most children slip over the holidays, in particular after the long summer break. Positive intervention at home can limit this “damage”, and ensure that your child/children begin the year in good shape.

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

Cricket

On Saturday Taihape played its first match of the summer league against Saracens, from Marton. The summer league is played during December and January when College teams are unavailable. The format differs from the normal grade in that instead of 40 overs straight, each team bats for two periods of 20 overs.

Taihape fielded first and struggled in the very hot, trying conditions. Saracens scored 292 from their combined 40 overs. Matt Jacobson was the standout bowler with 2 for 29 from his 8 overs. Brad Fannin took 2 for 46, Nathan Chaney 2 for 45, and Kerryn Clark 1 for 42. The bowling however lacked consistency and leaked runs on a very regular basis.

In reply Taihape scored 130 with Matt Jacobson completing an excellent all round game with a hard hit 77 (2 sixes and 12 fours). Mark Riley 21 and Arthur Kauika 11 were the next best.

Summary

Taihape 130 (Matt Jacobson 77, Mark Riley 21), Saracens 292 (Matt Jacobson 2 for 29, Brad Fannin 2 for 46, Nathan Chaney 2 for 45, Kerryn Clark 1 for 42).

Quotes of the week

“I hope life isn't a big joke, because I don't get it” - Jack Handey.

“There is only one success - to be able to spend your life in your own way” - Christopher Morley.



From the very first day of Term 4, twenty five hopeful and keen softball players trialed to make the cut for the Annual Year 7 & 8 Hunterville Softball Tournament. Twenty two students were selected and made the commitment to turn up to four practices a week, during our lunchtimes, in wind, rain and blistering sunshine!

Last Friday our two excited teams travelled to Hunterville, it was sweltering hot but we were keen and ready to rumble. As soon as the games began TAS was focused and played their very hardest. Both teams played exceptionally well and the TAS BLUE team picked up their act and cleaned up all their games.

The TAS GOLD team won 4 games, drew one in the Round Robin, and then went through to the finals as the strongest team. Unfortunately, they didn't quite get there but it was a very close score with Hunterville managing to come out on top.

A big 'ups' to our 2011 Coaches; Babette, Lea and Lance, we couldn't of done this without your awesome support! Also thanks to all the whanau that travelled down to support and encourage us on the day.

We would also like have an extra special shout-out to thank Jude, who coordinated our two teams, and shared her super softball skills and knowledge with us. It is because of all these people but especially Jude that we were so confident, prepared and well drilled on the day! There was lots of evidence of the all our TAS Values on the day – wicked!

Hannah Brew and Ashleigh Squires



TAIHAPE YOUTH CENTRE
27 KUKU STREET TAIHAPE
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BACK 2 SCHOOL CAMP

AGED 8-18

24-27 JAN 2012

@ The Mangaweka Camping Grounds

CAMP ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

camp craft	kayaking	eeling
rafting	bonfire	camp cooking
target shooting	games	bush walks
whakapapa of the area	prepare and serve a hangi	fun!!!!

and loads more...

HOW MUCH IS IT?

FREE

so it's first in first serve

TO REGISTER OR FOR MORE INFO

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