



# Taihape Area School

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**"Leading me to lead my learning"**

## *Tena koutou katoa*

This is the second last week of what has been an extremely busy and productive term. It seems a long time since the summer holidays, and indeed a lot has happened since the term began.

We have a high proportion of impressively **talented young people** in this School – endowed in a variety of domains including music, academically, 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 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 team achieved outstanding results, we won our hockey and football grades, and our Year 7/8 Rugby Team won the Wanganui 7's. Our athletes perform extremely well at Interschool events – this summer for example, amongst other excellent results Boyd Mower was 1<sup>st</sup>, and PT Horton 2<sup>nd</sup> in the prestigious Senior Boys High Jump. The Year 9-13 Interschool Swimming Team finished 3<sup>rd</sup> overall. 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 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.

## The Week Ahead

Monday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Young Leaders Day (PN) The Great Anchor Milk Run begins
6 <sup>th</sup> - 8 <sup>th</sup>	Area Schools Training Camp (Hamilton) Room 7/9 Camp

## Important Events Remaining This Term

Monday 11 <sup>th</sup>	BOT Workshop
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Athletics Carnival
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Hockey v Fielding AS
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>	<b>END OF TERM</b>
May	
Monday 2nd	Term 2 begins

## Staff Change

Emma Pedersen is taking leave from the start of next term. She is embarking on her OE, but assures us that once she gets over her travel lust, she will return to TAS!! We will miss Emma and the huge contribution she makes both inside the classroom and out, particularly in the area of sport.

Allan Gray, one of our most reliable relievers, will be her replacement in Room 7.

## Room Seven Camp

Room Seven has been busy fundraising for their up and coming camp and would like to thank everyone who brought a ticket in their raffles.

The children worked extremely hard and they managed to sell 3 x \$100.00 dollar raffles, and made a total of \$500.00.

Winners are: (all raffles were drawn under Police Supervision)

Raffle One Mr McMillian # 25, Raffle Two Mr Yates #86, Raffle Three Mrs Caron McGuinn # 72

Congratulations to the winners and a special thank you goes out to Mr McMillan and Mr Yates who won the first and second raffle, but donated the money back. The extra money has been used to hire the **Big Blow Up Aqua Run** (from the Taihape Swimming Pool Trust).

We would also like to thank the following:

Taihape New World (for donating \$100.00 gift card to go towards stores);

Heller's Sausages (for Donating Sausages);

Whittaker's Chocolate Company (for donating a box of Sante Bars for our banana and chocolate pudding);

Hubbard's (for Donating Cereal);

Stingers Swim School (for donating 2 boxes of chippies and lollies);

and Mississippi Mud (for Donating a Large Carton of Hokey Pokey Ice Cream).

Room Seven would like to invite all Whanau, Friends, and Staff to Visit us on our camp. We will be at the Kawhatau Outdoor Education Centre on Wednesday the 6<sup>th</sup>, Thursday the 7<sup>th</sup> and Friday the 8<sup>th</sup> (Morning Only).

See you there - we can't wait.

– Emma Pedersen

## Board of Trustees News

**Workshop** - the Board of Trustees is holding a workshop next Monday (11th April). We are in the process of reviewing School Policies and Procedures.

## Waiouru Bus

Negotiations regarding the future of the Waiouru Bus Run are still underway. However the bus run will continue at least until the end of term 3, and most likely until the end of the year. The process has been interrupted because of MOE involvement in re-establishing bus runs in Christchurch.

## Area Schools Training Camp

On Wednesday, until Friday, a number of senior students are taking part in the **Annual Area Schools Training Camp** in Hamilton. This Camp is to select teams – rugby, netball, soccer, and basketball - for the New Zealand Area Schools Winter Tournament, this year to be held in Taupo. We wish our students all the best for these trials.

## Year 7/8 Interschool Athletics

### 'Our Champions'

On Thursday Mrs Whale and Miss Buchanan took a group of athletes to the Annual Inter-School Athletics Championships in Hunterville. 8 of the 14 athletes received top 3 placings:

### First Placings-

- Tyreese Adams in the Junior Boys shot put and discus.
- Charlie MacLean in the Intermediate Girls high jump.
- Shelby Inwood in the Senior Boys high jump.

### Second Placings

- Paris Rewai in the Senior Girls discus.
- Jerome McLean in the Senior Boys shot put and discus.

### Third Placings-

- Brooklyn Walker in the Intermediate Girls long jump.
- Aaron Chapman in the Senior Boys long jump and sprints.
- Warren Cooper in the Senior Boys discus.

Tyreese was placed 1<sup>st</sup>= overall in the Junior Boys competition. An **AWESOME** effort!

A special thanks must go to the teachers who gave up their Thursday afternoons over the last 8 weeks to train the athletes and to the athletes it was a very good lesson that showed that if you put in



the hard work - then results will happen!

Charlie McLean



Shelby Inwood

- Sue Whale

## Panui from Learning Street

I cannot believe how fast this term has zoomed by!! There are still lots of activities planned for the final two weeks of Term One.

Thank you to Elizabeth Cottrell and Marg Mickleson for the fresh fruit they have given to our students to eat.

Rooms 7 and 9, head off to **Kawhatau Camp** on Wednesday, a lot of planning goes into these trips and we thank those of you who have supported the fundraising efforts of these two classes.

**Uniforms** –There has been a noticeable difference in the standard of uniforms. It is wonderful to see the extra effort being put in by families to ensure our students are always looking their best.

**Goal Setting** – By now all students in Years 1-8 will have had their whanau, student, and teacher goal setting meetings. These meetings are very important as they give parents a chance to meet their child's teacher, to clarify classroom expectations for the year and to set some specific learning goals. If you haven't managed to make these meetings please contact your child's classroom teacher to set up a time. I have made contact with some of our parents to hear how they have found these meetings and I am very pleased with the positive feedback, and constructive comments I've received.

“Affirming words from moms and dads are like light switches. Speak a word of affirmation at the right moment in a child's life and it's like lighting up a whole roomful of possibilities”.

-- Gary Smalley

“Always kiss your children goodnight - even if they're already asleep”.

-- H. Jackson Brown, Jr.

Enjoy the last two weeks of term - Deb

## Powerco Grant

Great news last week with notification from the **Powerco Wanganui Trust** of a grant of \$10,000 to assist with the development of the Gully area.

This is a generous donation, and we will now be able to start work on this project.

## Room 9 Raffle Result

Room nine's \$100.00 raffle was drawn and the winner was Sue Whale with ticket number 63. Our second raffle is still being sold and we will draw that as soon as the last few tickets are sold.

## Awesome Colgate Carton Race

Dear Householder

We need your empty **Colgate**

**Toothpaste Cartons!!** Our

School is competing to win a share of \$60,000 worth of new sports gear. Its part of a campaign called the Awesome Colgate Carton Race and the winning schools simply have to collect the most Colgate toothpaste cartons per pupil. That's how easy it is.

So we're asking everyone we know to raid their bathrooms and check their recycling bins, ask your friends, family, even neighbours across the fence for Colgate Toothpaste Cartons – every carton counts, so please do whatever you can to help us win!!

We'd be grateful for 1 or 2 empty Colgate toothpaste cartons, and absolutely thrilled if you had more!! You can drop them into the School Office by 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2011, or simply pass them along to one of our school families.

Thanks for your support, and for giving us a sporting chance.

You can find out more at: -

[www.colgatecartonrace.co.nz](http://www.colgatecartonrace.co.nz)

## The Great Anchor Milk Run

For the next 80 days we will be involved in another fund raising opportunity, the

**Great Anchor Milk Run**

promotion. This promotion gives schools and consumers the chance to win a share of \$500,000 cash by simply purchasing any

specially marked Anchor milk. Every litre of milk equals 1 entry into the draw e.g. 1L = 1 entry, 2L = 2 entries, 3L = 3 entries.

To be in to win, enter the unique code on the reverse of the Anchor milk bottles by **texting to 311 or enter online** at: -

[www.anchormlkrun.co.nz](http://www.anchormlkrun.co.nz)

One lucky winner will be drawn each day to win \$2,500 cash, and \$2,500 for the school of their choice. All entrants go in the draw to win the grand prize of \$50,000 and \$50,000 for their nominated school. For more information and for detailed terms and conditions, visit: -

[www.anchormlkrun.co.nz](http://www.anchormlkrun.co.nz)

## Year 11 Fundraiser

Next Monday lunchtime the Year 11 Technology Class are holding a Cake Stall to raise funds for a class trip. The Stall has an Easter theme - Bev Symes.

## Quotes of the week

"In order to be a realist you must believe in miracles" - David Ben-Gurion.

"Democracy is the art of disciplining oneself so that one need not be disciplined by others" - Georges Clemenceau.

## Reminders

We need your empty **Colgate Toothpaste Cartons** and old **Cell phones**.

Buy **Anchor milk** and text to 311 to win cash for yourself and TAS!!



Host an overseas student ...

**EF (Education First) Foundation** is looking for volunteer

host families for 15 – 18 year old students who want to live with a New Zealand family and attend high school. With different nationalities and interests to choose from, you are able to find a student to suit your family.

**Host families come in all shapes and sizes.** If you are able to provide a bedroom, a place at your table and a caring home environment, you have what it takes to share your life with a high school student from overseas.

Apart from your commitment to provide food and accommodation, you do not have to take on additional financial expenses. All EF students are fully insured and bring their own spending money. EF also gives you around \$50 per week to help cover expenses.

**To find out more about hosting** an EF student, please contact Vanessa Witt, Phone 06388 0608  
vanessa@greenhaus.co.nz

## Athletics

### Are you able to help???

Our Athletics Carnival is on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> April and we need your help to make our day successful.

Please contact Jude Hardwidge 0273897721 or the school office if you are able to help.

## Scholastic Bookclub

### Issue 2

Closes Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April

Please make cheques payable to  
Taihape Area School

## Saturday Morning Rugby

### REGISTRATION DAY FOR ALL GRADES

9<sup>th</sup> April @ 10am  
Taihape Rec  
\$20 per player

The first 100 registrations receive a rugby ball

Socks for U10's, U11's and U13's are able to be pre ordered

Any queries to Rob Stratton 3880052

# Taihape Youth Centre

## Easter School Holiday Program!

Tue 26<sup>th</sup> April; *Mountain Bike riding from Horopito to Ohakune ride the original stagecoach road/track*

Wed 27<sup>th</sup> April; *Horse riding under the Ruahine Ranges*

Thur 28<sup>th</sup> April; *Tongariro Trout Fish Centre and then trout fishing charter on Lake Taupo*

Fri 29<sup>th</sup> April; *Target Shooting with the Deerstalkers and then check out the Big Guns at the Army Museum*

**Register** with Dave at the Hutt, limited numbers.

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