



Taihape Area School

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"Leading me to lead my learning"

Tena koutou katoa

The term ends on Friday, another extremely positive one for our school, but at the same time an unbelievably frantic phase of the year. It has been a term beset by tragedy at home, and abroad. The Christchurch and Japanese Earthquakes have provided dramatic backdrops to proceedings, and a huge distraction to our everyday lives. It has been difficult watching these disasters unfold from a distance, but hearteningly the Christchurch disaster has galvanised considerable support locally, and provided a positive focus for school based fund-raising activities.

As well we lost a member of our staff to an untimely death, when Alayna Ranganui-Arnesen sadly passed away.

We have an exciting week in prospect with the **Celebration Assembly** tomorrow, and the **Athletics Festival Day** on Wednesday. As well the **Winter Sports Season** kicks off with a pre-season game for our senior hockey team on Thursday evening.



As a staff we have been delighted with the majority of our students this term – they have worked extremely hard, are progressing well, and have made our school a great place to be. There is a very positive tone around the School, with increasingly positive levels of interaction between students of all ages. It is very heartening when visitors comment on the friendly and very welcoming atmosphere they discover here.

The presence of pupils of such a range of ages has many positive benefits – older students tend to moderate their behaviour around the younger children, while the older students can be fantastic role models and mentors for our younger pupils. This is demonstrated on whole school days, such as the Swimming Carnival and the Athletics Festival, when the Primary Children are in awe at the performances of the senior athletes.

There have been many **highlights**, inside the classroom and out, some of which are listed below: -

- ✓ **The Celebration Assembly;**
- ✓ **Summer Cricket** - afterschool cricket for Year 4-8 pupils, and the resurrection of the Taihape Cricket Club - a combined adult/student team;
- ✓ **Gumboot Day;**
- ✓ **Athletics - Interschool and School;**
- ✓ **Swimming - Interschool and the School Carnival;**
- ✓ The resurrection of a **Parent/Teacher liaison group (FOT);**
- ✓ The very successful **Sports Academies** for Athletics and Swimming;
- ✓ **The Year 13 Rafting Trip;**
- ✓ **The Year 10 Camp** at "Green Pastures";
- ✓ **Red and Black Fund Raising Days;**

- ✓ Year 9-13 Young Leaders Day in Wellington;
- ✓ Room 7 and 9 Camp at Kawhatau;
- ✓ Area Schools Winter Sports Training Camp.

We celebrate the success of our pupils in many ways - [assemblies](#), [newsletters](#), a [word of praise/encouragement](#) etc. Now it's your turn – [please talk to your child/children about their work, their term, and about school generally](#). Ask them about the things that have gone well, and congratulate them on their successes. Also take the opportunity to set some goals for term two, and identify one or two areas to try and improve.

Next term will be another very busy time, and there is a great deal to look forward to including a variety of [Winter Sports](#), [Junior Young Leader's Day](#), [Year 5/6 DARE](#), and the [Science Fair](#).

Have an enjoyable break, and try and spend some quality time with the family - see you all in two weeks.

Richard McMillan
Principal

The Week Ahead

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

End of Term

The holidays begin at 2.40pm, on Friday.

Term 4 begins, and school reopens, on Monday 2nd May. Have a great holiday.

2011 Term Dates

Term	Start Date	End Date
1	31 st January	12 th April
2	2 nd May	15 th July
3	1 st August	7 th October
4	25 th October	13 th December

Term 2 Events and Activities

There is a great deal to look forward to **next term** including:

- ❖ Winter Sport – the Rugby, Netball, Hockey and Football Seasons;
- ❖ School and Community Badminton;
- ❖ Year 5/6 DARE Programme;
- ❖ Class and Sport Photos;
- ❖ Celebration Assemblies (2x);
- ❖ Year 9-13 Young Leaders Day;
- ❖ Science Fair;
- ❖ ...plus, plus...

Area Schools Teams

Last week a number of students travelled to Hamilton to trial for the **Central Area Schools Team**. All athletes performed extremely well with a number earning selection in the Teams to take part in the New Zealand Areas Schools Tournament (to be held in Taupo):-

- Boyd, PT, and Zoe are in the Central North Island Area School Rugby Team;
- Josh Fellingham – the Futsal Team (Futsal is indoor soccer/football);
- Te Puawai, Chante, and Shivaughn in Netball A Team; and Jessie Ann and Gracie in the Netball B Team.

Congratulations to these talented young people.

A special thanks to Jason Fellingham, Sharyn Adams, Dave Whatarau, and Jenny Mower for accompanying our representatives to Hamilton, and for providing them with support and encouragement.

Athletics Festival

This Wednesday we are holding a Whole School Athletics Day.

Programme:

Activities for **Year 3-13** Students begin at 9.00am.

Activities for **Year 0-2** Children begin at 11.00am.

Students must wear either their PE Uniform, or an appropriate House Colour T-Shirt with PE Shorts.

There will be no lunch break, so students require plenty to eat and drink.

Hockey

On Thursday afternoon, the **Senior Hockey Team** is travelling to Fielding to play a pre-season game against the Fielding Agricultural School 2nd X1. We are leaving from here at 3.30pm for a 5.00pm hit off.

After a long and concentrated build up we await this first hit-out of the New Year with much anticipation, and considerable expectation.

Celebration Assembly

Due to the crazy busy week we had last week, the **Celebration Assembly** Scheduled for this week has been moved until next term. Last week the Manu Leaders, including teachers, were all out and about and involved in a range of

activities including the Area Schools Training Camp, and the Room 7/9 Camp, meaning that it was impossible to do the necessary preparation for the Assembly.

Year 9-13 Young Leaders Conference in Wellington

Last week a group of 20 Year 9-13 Students travelled to Wellington to take part in the Annual **Young Leaders Conference**. These Conferences expose students to a range of exciting, inspirational, and motivational speakers, with the leadership theme at the forefront of all presentations.

Although a very long and tiring day – leaving from Taihape at 6.00am, and returning after 6.00pm – the students involved thoroughly enjoyed the experience, and will hopefully put their new learning to practice.

A special thanks to Barb Wallis for coordinating this venture, and to Dave Chambers for driving the bus.

Reading

The holiday break is a long time away from books, and essential **reading practice**, for many children, in particular 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.

Panui from Learning Street

I had the pleasure of attending the Year 4-6 **Camp at Kawhatau** last week. What an absolute blast it was. Teachers' Emma Pedersen and Karen Brew had organized a full on activity based adventure for all students and parent helpers. It was a real shame that more parents were unable to be a part of this experience as it gave all of us a chance to see our Talented Awesome Students in a totally different environment.

The camp was a team building exercise and Kiwican values that the students had been learning this term were a feature. Perseverance, Role Model, Team Work were all on display.

I was so proud of the caring manner in which the students interacted with each other and the adult supporters. The team building games were completed in house groups, the competition was fierce! Many thanks go to the teachers, parents, grandparents, and friends who made this camp possible.

Farewell

It is with a lot of sadness that I take this opportunity to say farewell to Emma Pedersen. Emma is taking leave to explore the world outside our Taihape Township. In the year that I've spent with Em, I have learnt she is an absolute treasure and her dynamic personality will be a loss to our school community. Emma has, some would say, an old school approach to teaching. She has high expectations of herself and her students. She knows learning should be fun and centered on all students individual learning needs. I wish Emma all the very best that life has to offer in the year ahead.

Welcome

And now...welcome to Allan Gray who will be teaching in Room 7 for the rest of this year. Allan has been a fantastic reliever throughout all levels of our school and will be a positive addition to the Learning Street team.

The Term Ahead

There are a couple of dates to put into your calendar for next term.

Week 1 – Wednesday 5.30pm in the Staffroom.

Meeting for all parents of years 4-6 with Constable Peter Marks to discuss the DARE programme that their children will participate in during Term 2.

Week 4 – National Young Leaders Day – Palmerston North. House leaders and councilors will attend this awesome leadership day.

Finally

This time last year I was coming to terms with what I was leaving behind. My family and I had made the decision to move to Taihape Area School, and although I was excited, I realized I was moving away from my house, school community and most importantly my Mum and Dad. Looking back on the year that has sped by I must say it has been a challenge. Not for any other reason, than with change comes uncertainty, loss, and wondering. I am very thankful to the TAS community, particularly the students who have allowed me to become part of their extended family. I have loved starting the year as part of the TAS Whanau and feel like I'm supposed to be here. Watch this space...we have only just begun our learning journey together, and remember 'Together Each Achieves More'. Have a wonderful holiday, look after each other and remember to find time to laugh!

Deb Logan – Assistant Principal

Camp Kawhatau

Last week Rooms 7 and 9 spend 3 days at the wonderful **Kawhatau Outdoor Education Centre**. Despite the weather, the children had a fantastic experience, and came home tired but excited about their adventure.

Well done to teachers in charge, Emma Pedersen and Karen Brew, for organising such a wonderful camp. They left no stone unturned in their preparations, and the success of the camp was a reflection of this.

The only negative was the lack of parental support. As a result, a number of community members were press ganged to attend – without their support the camp would not have happened.

Board of Trustees News

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As part of our role in governing the school we see fit that it is important to report to you, our school whanau whanui and community, on our progress and developments.

Over the past 12 months we have reviewed a lot of documentation, policy, procedures and MOU.

1. Charter and annual plan for 2011;
2. Finance;
3. Tangi – as a” venue” and for “when attending as a school”;

4. EOTC;
5. Property-building maintenance and completion;
6. Transport.

Details of these documents are available at the school office and are for you all to view should you need to; also it is important if there is any information that you need clarification, please do not hesitate to contact any one of us, we are all only willing to be of help.

Enjoy the holiday break with your tamariki Na

The BOT of TAS

Workshop - the Board of Trustee’s is holding a workshop this evening at 5.30pm.

Kia ora Kiwicanners

Wow the last week of the term and the holidays are upon us. Thanks to our teachers for their on-going support. And a big Shout out to all our Students. What a fantastic term we’ve had in Kiwican this term.

To wrap up the term we have a Challenge Day planned for Tuesday 12th. Starting at 9.30 and going through until lunchtime. We will have the other kiwican leaders from the Rangitikei come and assist us. So parents and whanau feel free to come on down to the Rec and check it out. To our Students don't forget to bring your PE Gear.

We look forward to seeing you all next term. Have a happy Easter, a great holiday and take care of yourself and others.

Ka Kite Whaea Moo and Whaea Wanda

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 value that fact!!

Awesome Colgate Carton Race

Dear Householder

We need your empty **Colgate Toothpaste Cartons!!**

Our Schools is competing to win a share of \$60,000 worth of new sports gear. It's 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 30th 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

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.anchormilkrun.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.anchormilkrun.co.nz

Quotes of the week

"Growing up used to mean the first pair of long trousers. Now it's the first R film" - Bill Vaughan.

"A compulsion is a highbrow term for a temptation we're not trying too hard to resist" - Hugh Allen.



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!!

Misbehaviour by Kids rated No 1 Social Issue

A top government adviser says the number of children dealt with by police for assault is "the tip of a very big iceberg" and more than 40,000 others could follow in their violent footsteps.

Dr John Langley said up to 47,000 children and young people within the compulsory school system could be described as having conduct or significant behaviour problems. "It's the single biggest social problem New Zealand has, without a doubt," he said. "Not all of those kids will necessarily be at the extreme end, but a good portion of them will be."

Dr Langley is part of an advisory board set up by the Ministry of Social Development to prepare a series of reports on children with conduct problems including antisocial, aggressive, dishonest, disruptive and violent behaviour.

Yesterday, the *Herald* revealed that the number of children younger than 9 dealt with by the police for assaulting others almost doubled last year from the previous year.

Dr Langley said the advisory board's reports and suggestions would be used to

develop a comprehensive plan for dealing with such children.

"I don't think the extent of this problem until recently had ever been recognised. It impacts on the lives of hundreds of thousands of people one way or another.

"What I think has been recognised in the last two to three years is that if we want to respond to this properly, we have to do it in a very systematic and thorough way."

Dr Langley said there were a number of reasons children developed conduct disorders.

"In the majority of cases, the behaviour is learned. And it's learned because of the environmental conditions the child is in.

"Many of the kids are brought up in places where there are very few rules, or at least consistent expectations on what they should do.

"Pro-social behaviour - the kind of behaviour most kids learn - isn't learned in those environments. These kids learn other things and what they learn are consistent and rational for them."

He said the behaviour scale ranged from whining and "pestering" to violent and aggressive behaviour like lighting fires and using weapons. He said there was no "silver bullet" or quick-fix solution but the younger the children were when intervention happened, the better.

"What we do know is that if we can intervene early ... we have something like an 80 per cent chance of sorting the behaviour out.

"Once the kids reach the age of about 10 or 11 it drops to about 50 per cent and once they hit the teenage years, while it's possible, it becomes vastly more difficult ... Often then it becomes a chronic lifelong problem."

Dr Langley said if the right approach was taken, the number of children with conduct problems would rapidly decrease.

"In two or three generations we could be looking at a vastly different New Zealand. But unless we're prepared to put some work into the problem, it's the same old story - if you keep doing what you're doing, you'll keep getting what you're getting."

By [Anna Leask](#) | [Email Anna](#)

"High School Musical 2"

The Regent on Broadway, and Manawatu Theatre Society, are proud to present the hugely popular stage show "High School Musical 2" during the School Holidays.

Ticket Prices:-

Adult	\$30.00
Child	\$25.00 (1-18 years)
Family	\$95.00
Concession	\$25.00
Groups	\$28.00 (10 or more)

NB One free adult ticket per 5 children.

B Reserve seats are also available - \$20.00 Adults, \$15.00 Children. The B Reserve seats are lower rated seating.

See more information later in newsletter.

Can you help?

Mother looking for a ride to and from school for my son living on Kiwi Road. Also a ride to and from soccer practise on a Friday afternoon.

If anyone could please help it will be greatly appreciated.

Text or phone Candy 0276535516

Holiday Programme

Taihape Youth Centre

Easter School Holiday Programme

Tue 26th April;

Mountain Bike riding from Horopito to Ohakune ride the original stagecoach road/track

Wed 27th April;

Horse riding under the Ruahine Ranges

Thur 28th April;

Tongariro Trout Fish Centre and then trout fishing charter on Lake Taupo

Fri 29th 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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