



Taihape Area School

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"Leading me to lead my learning"

Tena koutou katoa

The start of any school year can be a real shock as we struggle to make the adjustment from a prolonged period of freedom, and life without routine, not to mention the sound of the school bell!! The following article provides some tips for assisting with the transition back to "mainstream living".

Back to School Tips from TVNZ "Breakfast"

By Janice Davies - Attitude Specialist at
www.attitudespecialist.co.nz

Coping with transition from holiday to school

1. Younger children get tired. Allow them time to rest. You could give them a small reward/surprise at the end of the day/week. Give them something to look forward to.
2. Together start a new time schedule.
3. Don't have lots of activities for first few days...let their bodies re-establish a new Schedule.
4. Let them pick a treat for their lunch box.

Getting them to have a positive attitude

1. Enthuse to create enthusiasm. Talk about their new uniform, clothes, books, friends, teacher, classroom, responsibilities,
2. Remind children they will probably have to share your holiday stories. Ask the children what they enjoyed the most and discuss about sharing their adventure.
3. Remind them about learning new and exciting things. Remind children about something they tried over the holidays and achieved and how good they felt when they could do it. Talk about the challenges they may have had before achieving it, i.e. learn how to swim...they could not do it the first time.
4. Get children to reflect back to what they loved last year and how they can do more of it or improve this year.

Ideas to help them towards getting the most out of the year

1. Create enthusiasm by asking: What do they want to try that is new?
2. Parents learn to ask open questions. What, Where When, Why How. Turn the TV off and ask at the dinner table, e.g. What did you learn/enjoy/try at school today?
3. Discuss their favourite sports person and remind them they still have a job/career and had to learn how to study and set goals and try new things.

Teach them to use a "Success Journal"

1. I am great because _____
2. Today I did/achieved ___
3. If felt good because ___
4. Next week I will try _____
5. I wish that _____

Tips to help them get the best socially out of school.

1. Remind them they meet with old friends and meet some neat new friends.

2. Discuss that they have friends that they like and have fun with. It is okay to like some people and not others.
3. Discuss that if other children make you feel not okay, it's important to tell your children to talk to you about it (Bullying tips attached).

Tips to help them get the best academically out of school.

1. Parents, you should know what your child LOVES doing or what their passions are and include these into the conversations about their school topics;
2. Include these same skills they will need in the future lessons. .i.e..... a future prime Minister like John Key....business, history and geography skills are important OR if you want to become a football star like Dan Carter...you will still need to learn to these language and business skills;
3. Learn about your children's personalities and weave their other topics at school into their future choices of topics;
4. Encourage them to try new things because, not doing so, they might miss something they love doing;
5. Remember your children are not replicas of you, but their own unique person;
6. Encourage their interests, hobbies, sports and other activities as well.

10 SELF ESTEEM TIPS FOR YOUR CHILDREN

1. Appreciate your child;
2. Tell your child that you love them;
3. Spend time with your child;
4. Encourage your child to make choices;
5. Foster independence in your children;
6. Giving genuine importance to your child's opinion and listening;
7. Take the time to explain your reasons;
8. Take time to listen to their reasons;
9. Feeding your child with positive encouragement;

10. Encouraging your child to try new and challenging activities.

10 TIPS ON HOW TO DEAL WITH BULLYING AT SCHOOL

Statistics now confirm that bullying is a challenge for many children:-

1. Listen to your children and ask questions to prompt some discussion;
2. Discuss bullying with your children;
3. Ask your children or any of their friends to tell their parent, friends, and teachers or someone about any bullying;
4. Tell the children - not to take it personally. It's not just about them...it could be anyone;
5. Tell the children that if it wasn't 'them' who was being bullied, it would be someone else;
6. Bullies are cowards who don't feel good about themselves so try to put others Down;
7. Bullies have low self-esteem and only pick on others who also have low self Esteem;
8. If you are being bullied - list things/tasks/skills/passions/sports anything that you enjoy and you like about yourself;
9. Seek help from any of the services - Lifeline or any other organization;
10. Learn about self-esteem and how to boost it in your children.

For more ideas visit:

www.attitudespecialist.co.nz

The Week Ahead

Monday 7 th	Swimming Academy
Tuesday 8 th	Year 13 Camp begins
Wednesday 9 th	Athletics Academy
	Year 4-8 Cricket
Friday 11 th	Year 13 Camp finishes
	ANZ School Banking
	Launch

Important Events Remaining This Term

Thursday 24 th	School Swimming Sports
March	
Wednesday 2 nd	BOT Meeting
Friday 11 th	Interschool Swimming
April	
Friday 1 st	Teacher Only Day
Wednesday 6 th	BOT Meeting
Monday 4 th	Young Leaders Day (PN)
Wednesday 6 th	Summer Quad
Friday 15 th	END OF TERM
May	
Monday 2 nd	Term 2 begins

Apologies from the Red Faces Department

Apologies from the Editorial Staff (Janice and myself) – there were a few errors in the last newsletter and we are disappointed that has happened.

No excuses but it does take awhile to get back up to speed after the holidays.

We will do better next week!!

Student Leadership Team 2011

House Leaders:

Manu

Tessa Anderson and Grace Horton

Rakau

Boyd Mower and Te Puawai Chambers

Awa

Sam Wong and Ryan Donne-Gregory

Maunga

Kate Swanson and India Woolliams

Head Boy

Boyd Mower

Head Girl

Te Puawai Chambers

Head of Sport

Ryan Donne-Gregory

Student Secretary

Shelby Hart

Student in Charge of School Council

Grace Horton

Head of Hospitality

Sam Wong

Change of Address/Phone Number

Please let us know of any changes to your personal circumstances including **change of address and/or phone number.**

It is essential that we are able to make easy contact with parents and caregivers in the advent of an emergency – and as we all know “things” do happen to the children/people in our lives.



School Fees

As you are probably well aware, all schools have difficulty stretching their budgets to ensure that all needs can be met, and that children are given the best possible resources and opportunities. Unfortunately Government Funding is never sufficient. Taihape Area School has a nominal fee of **\$50.00 per child, or a maximum of \$120.00 per family**, for the year. As many of you will be aware some schools charge families considerably more than this. The proceeds will help provide for the classroom programmes we believe the children should be receiving, and will be spent on photocopying for pupils, classroom stationery and equipment, sports gear, and extra reading materials. Your contributions are appreciated and receipts will be issued.

Sports Academies

The TAS junior school **sports academies** were started last year and have been set up to raise the standards of athletics and swimming at the interschool events. The success of these programmes was evident by the number of titles that the athletes and swimmers won in 2010. We hope to do even better this year.

The years 4-8 swimming academy will train on Mondays starting tonight from 3-4pm at the Taihape Swim centre. Your child will have received (and returned) a permission slip if they are part of this selected group.

The years 4-8 students who are interested in being part of the athletics academy have taken a permission slip home today. This will normally take place on a Thursday from 3-4pm on the Rec except for this week when it will be Wednesday due to the horse sports.

We are very lucky at TAS to have such an awesome group of teachers giving up their time to coach our students.

Any queries can be directed to Emma Pedersen for the swimming, or Sue Whale for the athletics.

International Students

This year we are looking at enhancing our operation by providing courses for **students from overseas**. This has many benefits for the School and our Students, and adds a real cosmopolitan feel to the School. The opportunity for our students to rub shoulders with their peers from other countries is both an

educational and enlightening experience.

Our unique physical location will enable us to develop programmes containing a range of very exciting and challenging outdoor activities.

To make this possible we are on the lookout for families who would enjoy the opportunity to host International Students. This can be an enriching experience for both parties.

If you are interested please contact the School, or Jenny Mower.

School Banking

ANZ is launching a **School**

Banking Programme on Friday, from 8.15am, in the Hub. Regular weekly banking will be a fantastic opportunity for our young people to learn the very important life skill of saving, an attribute which may have extremely positive repercussions for their journey through life.



The earlier children start to save, the more chance they can learn to manage their money effectively.

Board of Trustees News

Meeting - the next meeting of the BOT's is Wednesday 2nd March.

TAS/Waiouru Bus Run

It has been brought to our attention that a number of rumours are floating around regarding the future of the TAS-Waiouru Bus Run. **There is some uncertainty about this but at this stage no-one knows exactly what is going to happen.**

The whole issue arises because technically all students from Waiouru should be going to their closest school - either Waiouru Primary School, or Ruapehu College. However, families are choosing to bring their children here as a matter of personal choice.

Previously two buses were running the route from Waiouru each day. Because we are not the local school, both runs are only partially Ministry funded – in fact TAS has had to meet the full cost of one of the buses, amounting to approximately \$60,000 per year, a huge and unsustainable expense.

However, the government has now decided in its wisdom that the bus run will be only partially funded to within 1.6km of Waiouru - the difference between the distance from TAS to Waiouru, and Ohakune to Waiouru. Because we are 1.6km further from Waiouru, buses from Taihape can no longer travel into the Army base. The big concern is finding a safe place for a bus stop.

What this all means is that currently we are in negotiations with the MOE to resolve this issue. We do not want to lose our Waiouru students – they are a very important part of our School Community.

As soon as the matter has been resolved we will let you know the outcome.

TAS Web-site

TAS now has a **web site**. This can be accessed at:

<http://tas.spikeatschool.co.nz>

This is a brand new site and is Obviously a work in progress. Over time it will develop and hopefully become an important part of what we do at TAS, as well as an interface between School and our Community.

Any feedback and suggestions would be appreciated, particularly as to the information you would like available on the website.

Cricket

Cricket for Year 4-8 students will begin next **Thursday at 3.30pm**.

Year 13 Camp

The Year 13 Students are spending 4 days this week **rafting** down the Rangitikei River. This is an opportunity for these students to enhance the skills and relationships they began developing last year, particularly at their Leadership Camp, and set the scene for a successful year ahead.

In a sense the Year 13's are at the top of the food chain, and as a consequence have a huge role to play in the life of our school. We have extremely high expectations of our leaders this year, both inside the classroom and out. However the challenge for them is to ensure they maintain a balance between ensuring academic excellence as well as meeting their other commitments.

Spraying for Old Man's Beard

Over the next few weeks the Rangitikei Environmental Group (**REG**) is spraying **Old Man's Beard** along the Hautapu River. The chemical to be used is "Versatile" which is regarded as being safe for humans. Information sheets are available from the Council Offices.

Later this year students from School will be involved with REG in replanting on Mount Stewart.

Quote of the week:

"Life is like playing a violin in public and learning the instrument as one goes along" - Samuel Butler.

"Ten geographers who think the world is flat will tend to reinforce each other's errors. Only a sailor can set them straight" - John Ralston Saul (Voltaire's Bastards).

Sir Edmund Hilary OPC

Hello, my name my Zoe Whatarau and I am the student BOT rep for 2011 here at TAS. I have previously been on the 5 day Governance challenge to Sir Edmund Hilary OPC in Great Barrier Island. **WHAT AN AMAZING EXPERIENCE!!!** I learnt so much about Board of Trustees and met 30 new friends that are student BOT reps from all over New Zealand. Every day was challenge at OPC and everyone participated. We were put into four different teams and completed different challenges together, such as hiking through

bush (bush bashing), Co steering (Climbing around rocks and the jumping off high cliffs into swells that came up 5-10meters high.), Kayaking out to sea, overnight camping (sleeping on the beach outside), Rock climbing, Swimming in the sea (with DOLPHINS) and Surf kayaking (also done it with dolphins) and so much more. I had such an amazing time in Great Barrier island I would recommend to take the opportunity to go there if you ever get the chance. I wish I could go back.

"You inspire us as much as you have been inspired."



Kiwi Can

Kiaora and Welcome back to a new year of kiwican. First we would like to congratulate our last years group Winners. **A BIG SHOUT OUT TO TUI** Mean Kiwican Mean

This term our Theme is Integrity and our modules that we will be working with the Students are Reliability, Communication and Role models. We look forward to another awesome term. Ka Kite Whaea Wanda and Whaea Moo

Bikes at School

Ten tips for safe bike riding:

1. Always wear a bike helmet.
2. Stop and check traffic before riding into a street.
3. Don't ride at night.
4. Obey traffic signs and signals.
5. Ride on the right-hand side of the street.
6. Check your brakes before riding.
7. Give cars and pedestrians the right-of-way.
8. Wear light or bright-colored clothing so that motorists can see you.
9. Be extra careful turning left - motorists don't expect it.
10. Avoid broken pavement, loose gravel and leaves - which can cause you to lose control of your bike.

To help keep students bikes safe during the school day we advise students to bring a suitable padlock to secure their bikes to the school bike stands situated on the deck .

Panui from Learning Street- Y 1 - 8

We have had a fantastic start to the 2011. It was wonderful to see so many students smiling, enthusiastic and ready to begin their new year. On Learning Street we have had a re-vamp to our morning karakia. Whaea Tanya is now teaching us some action songs and every couple of weeks we will have a new waiata to add to our kete. It's pretty exciting because we have had lots of visitors, the Year 13's have

been out in force, learning the karakia, actions and waiata with us.

Interaction Time Books

All staff now carry a book with them when they are out and about at morning tea and lunch times. Inside they record the names and actions of our students...those who are showing they can manage themselves, are thinking and participating with their peers. The following students are some who have been acknowledged in Week 1.

All students in Junior Area - Playing ball games in different groups, great to see! Ms Symes

Jess Sincock was very helpful in the library with another student. Mrs Adams
Jesse Theobald - Modeling hat wearing in the playground.

Courtney Fannin, Harmony Lucas and Holly Gregory, all using good manners!

Room 9 Sports Trolley Monitors -

Wonderful! Definitely showing whanaungatanga! Mr McMillan
Maraeroa helped his friend when he saw he was hurt.

Wet Morning Tea - All children involved in indoor activities in their rooms - All Polite, saying "Hello!"

Week One at TAS was just awesome. It was very obvious that when we are all working together, the positive energy is contagious!

Deb Logan

T.E.A.M (Together Each Achieves More)

Grab your hats, cos it's com'in...



BULL RIDING NZ

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS FINALS
Saturday 26 February

Catch the action 3km south of Taihape on SH1

 **NZ's top Bulls
& Riders**

 **NZ Top 10 Bull Riders
for each class**

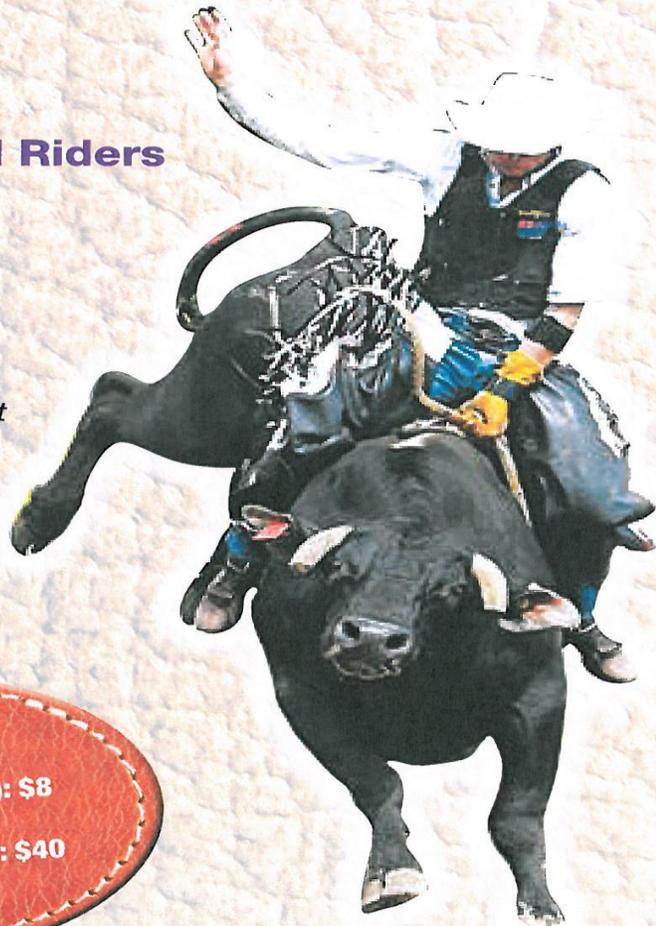
Gates open at 11am
with Rides for the kids,
Mechanical bull, mini jeeps
and bouncing castles.

*We also have the local market
spaces, food and a bar
operating throughout
the event.*

Market stands Welcome
Contact 07 878 7428

Pre-sale tickets available
at the Chelsea

Adults: \$15
Children (under 16): \$8
Under 5: Free
Family Pass (2 + 2): \$40



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