



Taihape Area School

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Tena koutou katoa

Week three and the term is well underway. All students are working well, and we are delighted with the tone through-out the School.

After a year at Taihape Area School, Deb, Nathan, Molly, and myself are well settled and enjoying life in the capital of the Rangitikei. While Taihape may not technically be the real “capital”, it is certainly a thriving, bustling, and welcoming rural centre. I find it ironic that people actually travel to Taihape to shop – but the reality is they do. The charm of the beautiful and unique scenic drive, and the wonderful cafes, without doubt enhances the attraction.

After a year here I have now been through the full annual cycle of events and activities – we are beginning to do things for the second time. A number of observations can be made. The students at this school are outstanding. A number of our young people

face challenges and barriers that make life difficult, but when at school the vast majority are friendly, helpful, cooperative, supportive, and outstanding ambassadors for Taihape Area School, and the Taihape Community as a whole. We have some exceptional athletes, musicians, dancers, singers, and scholars, students who regularly demonstrate their ability and unlimited potential. Unlimited potential doubtless, but a huge cost of our isolation is that for them to achieve, they must make many more sacrifices than their peers growing up in Wellington, or Auckland, or other urban centres. The cost and time spent travelling can be a huge disincentive.

This school has clearly articulated policies, processes, and programmes, as well as a modern curriculum that provides our students with every opportunity for personal growth and development. In fact a real strength of TAS is the effort made by staff to tailor programmes to meet the individual needs of our students. In effect this means that students can take virtually any subject they choose.

As well our students have a genuine voice and say in the operation of the school. A personal highlight for me is working with the Student Leadership Team – they are outstanding young people.

The staff are committed to the welfare and development of our students, and more than go the extra mile to ensure they are given every opportunity to succeed. An enduring memory of late 2010 is the huge amount of personal time teachers devoted to working

one on one with students as they prepared for examination.

The school is governed by an enlightened BOT's that is committed to developing a progressive school to serve the unique needs of the Taihape area.

The Taihape Community is both welcoming and staunch in upholding its status as a proud rural service town. Taihape must have as many service and community groups and organizations, per head of population, as any other town in New Zealand. Limitless opportunities exist within this community for people to engage in recreational and educational pursuits. Sadly many are struggling for membership, and therefore the ability to sustain their future.

The physical environment of this area is a natural paradise, and probably a hidden secret for many kiwis. Most people have been to (through) Taihape without taking the opportunity to stop off and take the time to explore the local environs. As we are all aware, unique and stunning vistas dominate the region.

The much maligned weather is continental in nature, hot and dry in summer, and cold and bitter in winter. The autumn scenes are magnificent, with the change of season colours, and the weather generally, much like Central Otago.

The year passed extraordinarily quickly. We look forward to our continued association with Taihape Area School and this Community.

Richard McMillan
Principal

The Week Ahead

Monday 16 th	DARE Programme begins
Thursday 19 th	Year 9-13 Cross Country Trials Year 4-8 Hockey

What's on this Term

Tuesday 24 th	Year 5-8 Young Leaders to Palmerston North
Wednesday 25 th	Year 9-13 Interschool Cross Country

June

Monday 6 th	Queen's Birthday
Thursday 9 th	Celebration Assembly FOT Meeting
Monday 27 th	Science Fair
Tuesday 28 th	Science Fair

July

Thursday 7 th	School Photos
Wednesday 13 th	Celebration Assembly
Thursday 14 th	FOT Meeting
Friday 15 th	End of Term

August

Monday 1 st	Beginning of Term 3
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2011 Term Dates

Term	Start Date	End Date
3	1 st August	7 th October
4	25 th October	13 th December

Hockey

Last week we had our final practice game against Dannevirke winning 5-3. Boyd (3), Ryan, and Nathan scored the goals. This was a rather lackluster effort generally, particularly the first half. The quality of the play, in particular the passing, was much improved after the break. Rowan, Hema, Oliver, Zoe, and Kayla had strong games.

The pre-season is now complete, and competition begins this week. The team has had an extended build-up to the season this year, beginning fitness training in early February. Fitness wise they are far ahead of where they were at any stage last season. We now require some extended game play to develop combinations, and patterns of play.

Draw

Tonight

TAS v PNBHS 10 @ 4.15pm. We will be leaving from school at 2.30pm.

Next week we are playing Dannevirke at Paihatua, beginning @ 4.30pm.

We will be leaving from school @ 2.00pm. This is a one off trip – Dannevirke is in a similar situation to us in the fact that they must travel each week.



Netball

A good weekend was had at the Taihape Courts. Six teams played with mixed results. Fairplay was shown by all.

Junior A

Opening Day Results

Game 1	v's Wharekura	12 -10 win
Semi	v's Turakina	24 – 7 win
Final	v's High School	24 – 15 win

Won Opening Day Overall for their grade.

Well done girls!

You showed great teamwork and displayed fairplay skills.

MVP- Whole team. Well deserved win.

Rugby

With much uncertainty as to where rugby is heading we travelled to Ruapehu College for an enjoyable match.

The focus for the morning was getting our boys playing, fostering team spirit and a commitment to rugby.

Our boys have many excellent skills and were focused and determined to play the best that they could.

Inter-House Sport

Last week **Inter-House Sport** began with touch rugby. The finals are this week.

Through-out the rest of the year, a range of competitions will be held.

These are organized and run by the House Leaders.

Public Health Nurse Snippets - Sleep

Adolescents need a lot of **sleep** to keep up with all their activities, as well as their growth and development.

A lot of young people get too little sleep, often because of playing Xbox/ PlayStation, watching TV or texting late at night. Sleep also helps boost the immune system, which is particularly important in winter to help fight off bugs and viruses.

On average:

- 10-14 year olds need 9 -10 hours of sleep per night;
- and 15-16 year olds need 8.5 - 9 hours per night.

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

Quotes of the week:

"If the only tool you have is a hammer, you tend to see every problem as a nail" - Abraham Maslow.

"Don't meet trouble halfway. It is quite capable of making the entire journey" - The Best of Bob Edwards.

Radio News

Special Newsflash!!

Starting on Saturday 21st May,
a new programme on TAS 88.1fm –

StoryTime.

I have been recording our younger students reading their story books over the past few months and we are now putting them together for broadcast in a new programme, StoryTime, broadcasting at 8am on Saturdays and re-broadcast on Sunday Morning at 8am if you missed it because of sport. So listen in – you (or your child) may be on this week!

Harry Nichol

TAS 88.1fm Radio Manager

Kiwican

Kia Ora!!

We have started our discussion on CARING FOR OURSELVES. The knowledge out there amongst our KIWI CANNERS truly is AMAZING!! Keep up the good work!!

Kiwi Can say's

"Keep healthy, that's the way to keep our bodies strong each day!"

Remember to eat healthy foods, exercise daily, drink lots of water, get a good night's rest & keep warm as winter is just round the corner :)

CHECK THIS OUT!!

KOOL KIWI CANNERS

Hoani Dygas - For Awesome participation!!

Dallas Sullivan - For Leading his learning and completing his mahi!!

TUMEKE KORUA!!

KC see you!

Whaea Wanda & Whaea Moo

Scholastic Bookclub

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Closes Wednesday 25th May

Please make cheques payable to Taihape Area School

Panui from Learning Street

We have had about 12 new students enrolled into the classrooms on learning street. It has been wonderful to see the way they are supported to quickly become part of our learning family. On Friday I had the pleasure of going into Whaea Barbs, Te Reo Maori class. Two of the students from our Reorua class were working with the seniors as an extension of their classroom studies. It is opportunities like this which make Taihape Area School an awesome place to work in. Students from all years have the opportunity to work together and develop a rich understanding of our similarities and differences.

And so this week a quote about cooperation from Alexander Graham Bell

"Great discoveries and improvements invariably involve the cooperation of many minds. I may be given credit for having blazed the trail, but when I look at the subsequent developments I feel the credit is due to others rather than to myself."

I think he truly believed in TEAM (Together Each Achieves More)

Have a great week. Deb

Badminton

School Badminton

Thursday 3pm to 5pm

non- marking shoes and NO
school uniform

All ages welcome

Community Badminton

Tuesday 6pm to 9pm

non-marking shoes

\$3 per person

All welcome



Last Tuesday Room nine had two special visitors. As part of our Weedbusters Unit Malinda Matthewson from Horizons came and spoke to us about the role Horizons play in weed eradication within our community. Malinda also brought her friend Woody Weed to visit. Woody Weed is the weedbusters mascot and is very very cool.

Thank you Malinda & Woody.

Woody's Visit



Garage Sale

Cake Stall & Sausage Sizzle

Where: St Mick's—bottom of Wren Street, Taihape

When: Sunday, 22 May **from:** 10am
to 1pm

Clothing: New n Used

Billabong : Ripcurl : Levi's : Stax : Annah S

Apart : Pumpkin Patch : Icebreaker + more

Shoes, Boots n Bags

Ball Gowns : Ski Gear

*Dolls House : Dolls Pram :
Dolls*

Weight Bench : Set of Draw

TV Cabinet & TV

Ballet Tutu : Books

House Hold Items

Opaque Sheet Glass

basket weave pattern

in various sizes

SHOWER CAVITY WITH GLASS
DOOR

School health clinic

- free & confidential -

Hi. My name is Vicki Andrews and I am the Public Health Nurse for your School. My clinic days are Wednesdays from 12.25pm to 1.05pm . You can make a time to see me at the Office.



I can help with things like:

- ⇒ Health information,
- ⇒ Assessments,
- ⇒ Advocacy,
- ⇒ Support,
- ⇒ STI checks,
- ⇒ Assist with health concerns
- ⇒ Referrals to other services and agencies.

You can contact me on 027 491 2183.

This service is free and confidential.