



Taihape Area School

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Tena koutou katoa

Welcome back after the long weekend – hopefully you were able to enjoy some quality extended family time.

Winter has officially arrived. The next 3 months of winter will test our resolve as we battle cold, wet and miserable weather, short days, and extended hours of darkness. The silver lining of course is that spring will arrive eventually, and the cycle of life will continue. But then again winter does bring with it the joys of **winter sport**, and in particular, our National Game.



We have another very busy week ahead, with the usual full on activities inside the classroom and out. Winter is really a very hectic period with afterschool activities scheduled each day. The **Winter Programme** looks something like this:-

Monday – Rugby Practice, Hockey Skills;
Tuesday – Badminton, Hockey Game, Netball Practice;
Wednesday – Staff Meeting, Netball Practice, Rugby Practice, Hockey Practice, TFC Practice;
Thursday – Netball Practice, Football Practice, Badminton, Year 5-8 Hockey;
Friday – a free night!!

As well there are ongoing Learning Conferences, BOT’s Meetings and Training Evenings, and the many incidental meetings that are part and parcel of life in a busy school.

In reality the weekend really doesn’t begin until after sport on Saturday, which could be anytime up until mid-afternoon, depending upon the venue and draw for each particular sport. As well most teachers are in working at school sometime in the weekend, or working from home, a capacity made possible by our change to Cloud Technology. Then in the blink of an eye it is suddenly Monday again, and the cycle continues.

The positive aspect of all this is that there is never a dull moment, and never a chance to get bored. However we do get tired, run down, and at times feel a little overwhelmed.

Having said this however, life for most people in this modern era is very full and extremely busy.

I have just heard some sad news with the passing away of Ivan George - Ivan was an ex-Taihape Primary School Teacher. He was also my Principal when I first taught at Coley Street School, Foxton, in the 1980's. He was a very talented man.

Richard McMillan
Principal

The Week Ahead

Thursday 9th June Banking Begins

What's on this Term

Monday 27th Science Fair
Tuesday 28th Science Fair
Wednesday 29th Celebration Assembly
July
Thursday 7th School Photos
Friday 15th End of Term
August
Monday 1st Beginning of Term 3

2011 Term Dates

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

Feedback

It's nice when we get positive feedback about our students. The extract below is from an email we received from Constable Peter Marks who is currently working in the school (Y5/6 DARE):

"..... I am impressed with the year12/13's, they look smart in their uniforms and they are polite and courteous i.e. I don't get the "attitude" vibe from them. It is nice to walk into a secondary school where I don't feel like the enemy to the students!"

Cheers

**Const Peter Marks,
Youth Education Services,
Taumarunui Police**

School Banking

ANZ welcomes you back to **School Banking**, Thursday mornings 8.15-8.45
See Gennavieve in the Hub.

Hockey

Last week we travelled to Fielding to play the FAS 3rd X1. In a very scrappy and unconvincing performance, TAS prevailed 5-1. Nathan, Boyd 2, and Ryan 2 were the goal scorers.

The first half, in particular, was sub-standard with poor control, and numerous missed opportunities (the result of an excellent goal keeper and poor finishing), blighting the performance. After the high quality play of the previous game, this was very disappointing.

The second half was much better however, with 4 goals scored, two outstanding efforts by Ryan, and another an excellent full field team effort finished off by Nathan. Without doubt these goals were the highlight of the game.

Ryan, Hema, Rowan, and Shelby were the better performers in a lackluster effort.

Player of the Day: Ryan Donne-Gregory.

Draw - Tuesday

TAS v PNBHS 7 on Turf 1 (Palmerston North) @ 4.15pm. The bus leaves at 2.15pm.

Next week we are playing PNBHS 9 on Turf 1 (Palmerston North) @ 4.15pm. We will be leaving from school at 2.30pm.

Junior Hockey

Each Thursday a hockey skills session is held at school for Year 5-8 students, facilitated by Karen Brew. The prime purpose is to develop their skills and hockey nous in an effort to provide a pathway into our senior team. Over time we want a stream of capable players feeding into our Senior Team.

Eventually we plan to enter a team in the Rangitikei Competition to further develop their skills.

One cost of our isolation is the fact that it is impractical to enter the Palmerston North Primary Grade as these games are on Friday evenings.

Rugby

On Thursday 2nd June our Under19 boys, who play for Rangitikei College, travelled to Marton to play against St Peters School from Palmerston North.

This was a very close game with Rangitikei narrowly winning 22/ 21.

Living My Dream

LIVING MY DREAM - Emma Martin
Well I cannot express enough of how much I love being a full time student at the NZ School of Dance. It has been an amazing first term, with firstly meeting my dancing peers, which are mainly Australian. There are not too many of us Kiwis, but everyone is great and we are already like one big happy family.

All of the first year students live at 217 Taranaki Street Hostel. This is very central and only a 15 minute walk to the School of Dance, and we all love it. We have a very busy schedule that starts at 9.00 am until 5.45 pm Monday to Friday and we will start Saturday classes in the third term.

We have to be in classes warmed up ready to go at least 15 minutes before class and you daren't be late. Throughout the week our days consist of Ballet, Contemporary Partnering, Improvisation, Tricks class, Repertoire, Yoga, Pilates and Gym sections with a trainer. We also have our academic classes and studies, which consist of Anatomy, Dance Studies, Music and Bio Mechanics. By the end of the week we are very tired, but I wouldn't have any other way.

The atmosphere at the school is fantastic and the teachers and staff are amazing. My day starts at 7.30 when my friend Katie and I head to the gym, where we have an hour workout on various machines with our iPod's blasting. At 8.30 we head into class where we do stretching and get ready for our Ballet class with Ms Gunn at 9am for one and a half hours, I love it. We then have 15 minutes to change and then head into our next class. We have 45 minutes for lunch and then its straight back into it, and we

usually end our day with one of our academic studies.

It's a huge day and then it's back to the hostel to organise tea, get washing done and get organised for the next day and do your homework. The first few weeks were a bit hectic but now we are all in a good routine. We get to work with the second and the third year students which is a huge experience for us. We also get to be tutored by guest teachers who visit the school. This week we are lucky to have a week with Daniel Belford taking our classes, and then we have a week with Michael Parmenter. There are always guests visiting the school so we are constantly watched while dancing. We are all very excited that the first year students from the NZ School of Dance get to dance and model at the Wearable Arts in Wellington in August for 3 weeks. I can't wait as this will be amazing.

It has been a huge change in my life going from one and a half hours a week of Ballet and Contemporary to every day training, I just love it. Hostel life is also a huge change but this is also great and we all get along so well. I do miss Ms Ax, Marika, Susan, Lauren, Francis, and all of the Palmerston North girls and Mums and of course my family. However I am living my dream and it is great. Hope to catch up with you all at the next comps.

Scholastic Bookclub

Issue 4

Closes Wednesday 29th June

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Awesome Colgate Carton Race

Dear Householder

We need your empty **Colgate**

Toothpaste Cartons!!

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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:

"To be agreeable in society, you must consent to be taught many things that you already know" - Talleyrand.

"Every man has a price, they say - but some hold bargain sales" - C.C.T.

Panui from Learning Street

Welcome to Reinmarcus. We hope you will have a wonderful time in Room 2

WANTED

Do you have any knitting wool, needles or old cotton reels? We are collecting some supplies so we can begin a knitting group next term. We already have some Nanny's ready to give lessons.

Ordering Lunches – Bringing Money to school

All students in Years 1-6 must order their lunch at the beginning of the day. Whaea Tania in the café will then prepare the food and it will be delivered to classes. Orders need to be written on an envelope or a piece of paper with the money attached. Students in years 1-3 are too young to manage the money or responsibility of selecting a healthy lunch without some support from home.

Thanks for your ongoing support.

Deb

“Courage is being scared to death but saddling up anyway” – John Wayne

White Ribbon Appeal

We are having an initial

WHITE RIBBON EVENT 2011 PLANNING MEETING

in the Heartlands Room at Work and Income, Tui Street, Taihape

at 3pm on Monday 13th June.

See the email below regarding this years ride.

Robyn Wills

Heartland Services Co-ordinator

Taihape

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Over the last two years the White Ribbon Motorcycle Ride has grown into a significant event which combines a national campaign with local community initiatives. The ride was very well supported by communities in 2010 and 2009 and generated a tremendous amount of positive coverage in local media throughout the North Island, helping to raise awareness of, and support for, local anti-violence initiatives. To capitalise on the success of the North Island White Ribbon Motorcycle Ride and requests from the South Island, the Families Commission has scheduled a South island leg which will build on the work achieved over the last two years.

As part of the planning process for 2011, we are talking with communities about how they would like to be involved and which communities the ride might visit. We have organised the initial structure of the ride and would like to consult with community groups to discuss their level of interest and different concepts for hosting the ride. Please find attached further information including background information about the White Ribbon Motorcycle Ride, a draft route and time frame and a Registration of Interest form. Please return the completed Registration of Interest form to rob.mccann@nzfamilies.org.nz by Thursday, 30 June 2011. If you have any questions, or would like to discuss your ideas, please feel free to contact me on (04) 917 704



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Ginger Pye...adding spice to your lunchtime!

Ginger Pye Wraps are an alternative for plastic lunch wrap and lunch paper we used in our kids' lunch boxes. They can be used again and again, and not just for sandwiches - they are great for pizza, crackers, muffins, dried fruit and all kind of snacks. The wraps keep food fresh for hours, then serve as a handy lunch mat when opened, to keep everything clean!

Just as so many of us choose reusable cloth bags for shopping now, we can also help our children reduce their rubbish by choosing reusable sandwich wraps.

Made from cotton or cotton blend fabric, with a strong plastic lining (eco-friendly and certified foodsafe) and velcro tabs for secure fastening, Ginger Pye wraps can just be wiped clean! The fabric is machine-washed before being sewn up to avoid any possible shrinkage.

Ginger Pye wraps are available in 3 handy sizes.

✘The medium wrap is approximately 25cm x 25cm when open and fits one standard sandwich and is \$12.95.

✘The large wrap is approximately 28cm x 28cm when open and fits two standard sandwiches and is \$14.95

✘The snack wrap is approximately 18cm x 18cm when open and is perfect for muffins, biscuits, crackers & cheese, dried fruit etc and is \$9.95

Ginger Pye wraps are easy to do up and undo so younger children won't have any trouble trying to get into their lunchtime treats.

Available in 9 fun fabrics, your chosen wrap can include a complimentary name tag (usually \$1.00 each) if requested to help avoid them getting lost.

Please return your order to your School Office by Wednesday 22nd June.



UTIKU OLD GIRLS NETBALL

QUIZ NITE

FRIDAY 17TH JUNE 2011

@ UTIKU RUGBY CLUBROOMS
7PM START

\$50 Per Table - 4 people per table
20 Tables available

Each team can come in a theme of their choice

There will be prizes for the winner of each round and 1st prize for the overall winner.

Supper will be provided
Bar will be open (cash only)

To Register contact
Hina on 3880029
Stacey on 0211428372

SO COME ALONG AND TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE

Students Going to Town at Lunchtime

Year 12 students have a specific day, Thursdays, for going to town.

Year 13 students may go to town any day so long as they sign out.

All other students are expected to remain at school unless they have a specific reason for leaving school grounds e.g. Dentist or Doctors appointment and must have a note.

Students are not allowed to leave school for the purposes of getting lunch as the school provides a canteen for this purpose.

Should parents, whanau wish to have lunch with their children they are welcome in the hub or may sign them out at the office. A note from home is not sufficient.

Uniform

Uniform Shoes – Canvas shoes are NOT acceptable school footwear.

The small number of students who persist in wearing non-uniform shoes are wasting a great deal of staff time.

It is the policy of the school that students wear polishable black shoes. This deliberately allows a wide range of styles.

Should your child not have the correct footwear the parent should contact the office to establish when the child will be provided with the correct shoes.

Students who do not have the correct shoes are provided and expected to wear shoes provided for them by the school until parents have contacted the school office.

With regard to the hygiene aspect of this, the students should have their own pair of socks or tights to provide a barrier inside the shoe.

Uniform is not an optional feature of our school and the support of parents to maintain Standards is appreciated.

The school is actively seeking suppliers to provide shoes that families may purchase through the school at a responsible rate.