



Taihape Area School

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Tena koutou katoa

One of the very best aspects of life at Taihape Area School is the important role students play in the day to day life of the School. The Students Leadership Team meets weekly with the Senior Management Team to discuss issues and plan for future events and activities. As well the School Council meets regularly to provide all students with the opportunity to have a voice in the operation of the school. When I see our Senior Students racing around organizing things, it brings back very fond memories.

I cherish memories of my childhood. My first schooling experience was Primary School in Alexandra. From Year 4 (standard 2), until most of my Year 11 (fifth form), I attended Strath Taieri District High School, in Middlemarch. I loved my time at Strath Taieri, and credit that experience for

formulating many of my teaching philosophies.

The District High School Organization was a fore-runner to the Area School Structure, as now operates here in Taihape. In Middlemarch a large number of Year 9 Students went away to Boarding Schools, leaving only a small number in the Secondary Department. With only 13 or 14 students, we were confined to one classroom, with one fulltime teacher, and enrolled with the Correspondence School for a number of core subjects.

Although we missed out in some areas, in particular sport, in terms of learning independence, perseverance, resilience, tolerance, and self-discipline, I can't imagine a better training ground. It took considerable self-discipline to ensure that correspondence work was completed on time, and all timelines were met. For most students High School was an intermission before joining the work force. This meant that there were often many distractions in class to deal with.

It was at this time I met a lady who changed my attitude towards school, and learning. Mrs. Atkinson worked part time and taught English and Commerce, and even though this was years ago, seemed quite elderly even then. Yet she instilled in me a belief in learning and in striving to be the very best person you could be. She showed a real interest in each of us as individuals, and always provided constructive feedback about how we could improve our work. As well she showed an interest in our lives out of school, and often organized social events

on Friday evenings – in a small town like Middlemarch these were very popular.

As a result each person in her class responded by working hard, behaving, and raising the bar in terms of effort and achievement. I must point out that the fact that she played golf with my mother was added incentive!!

Sport was limited, although in summers I played for the local men's cricket team. The teachers weren't really interested, and it was left to me (13-14 at the time) to organize interschool fixtures with Maniototo Area School (then Ranfurly District High School). I thrived on this responsibility, which for our rugby team meant matching players of like size and age with positions. I took great pride in ensuring that these events went without hitch – this included organizing transport, lunch and afternoon tea, and speeches. In hindsight these were priceless learning opportunities.

When we moved to Dunedin I attended Otago Boys High School, which was a huge culture shock - particularly after being in a school of only 100 children, only 13 of whom were College aged. However I was able to apply the lessons learnt at Strath Taieri District High School, survived, and eventually thrived.

When the going got tough at Otago University, I used Mrs. Atkinson as my motivation. We all need someone to enthuse and inspire us. Sadly she died recently – my debt to her however is enduring.

Richard McMillan
Principal

Important Dates this Term

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

Michael Jordan (the world's best ever basketball player) has a great quote...

I've missed more than 9000 shots in my career;

I've lost almost 300 games;

26 times I've been trusted to take the game winning shot and missed;

I've failed over and over and over again in my life;

And that is why I succeed."

2011 Term Dates

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

Celebration Assembly

Next Wednesday (hosted by Maunga)

Start Time 11.00pm

All welcome

Hockey

Last week we played PNBHS 7 in Palmerston North. An electric beginning set the scene for a very convincing 8-2 win. Excellent lead up play saw TAS open strongly and score 3 early goals to turn the game on it's head.

Leading 3-1 at half time, strong play in the second half resulted in 5 more goals, before PHBHS scored in the ;last play of the game. The goal scorers were Ryan (3), Nathan (3), Boyd, and Oliver.

This was an excellent performance with long periods of controlled placing putting enormous pressure on the opposition. The support play was tremendous, and the passing accurate and penetrative. The forward line of Boyd, Nathan, Ryan, and Kerryn put the defenders under continuous pressure. Oliver, Hema, Rowan, Hannah, Zoe, Kayla were accurate on defence, and provided the forwards with a steady stream of ball. Shelby had a quiet night in goal, but still made a number of excellent saves. Eden, Luke, and Adrian proved strong defenders. Marewa played well in the mid field and gets better each week.

Draw - Tuesday

TAS v PNBHS 9 on Turf 1 (Palmerston North) @ 4.15pm. The bus leaves at 2.30pm.

Next week we are playing PNBHS 6 on Turf 2 (Palmerston North) @ 4.15pm. We will be leaving from school at 2.30pm.

Football

Netball

Rugby

Awesome Colgate Carton Race

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Quotes of the week:

"When you open the window yourself, you get fresh air. When someone else opens it, you get a draught" - Lucille Goodyear.

"Beware the flatterer; he feeds you with an empty spoon" - Cosino DeGregrio.



The Mayonnaise Jar

When things in your life seem, almost too much to handle, when 24 Hours in a day is not enough. Remember the mayonnaise jar and 2 cups of coffee.

A professor stood before his philosophy class, and had some items in front of him. When the class began, wordlessly, he picked up a very large and empty mayonnaise jar and proceeded to fill it with golf balls.

He then asked the students, if the jar was full. They agreed that it was.

The professor then picked up a box of pebbles and poured them into the jar. He shook the jar lightly. The pebbles rolled into the open Areas between the golf balls.

He then asked the students again if the jar was full. They agreed it was.

The professor next picked up a box of sand and poured it into the jar. Of course, the sand filled up everything else.

He asked once more if the jar was full. The students responded with a unanimous 'yes.'

The professor then produced two cups of coffee from under the table and poured the entire contents into the jar, effectively filling the empty space between the sand. The students laughed.

'Now,' said the professor, as the laughter subsided, 'I want you to recognize that this jar represents your life. The golf balls are the important things - family, children, health, Friends, and Favorite passions – Things that if everything else was lost and only they remained, Your life would still be full.

The pebbles are the other things that matter like your job, house, and car.

The sand is everything else --The small stuff. 'If you put the sand into the jar first,' He continued, 'there is no room for the pebbles or the golf balls. The same goes for life.

If you spend all your time and energy on the small stuff, you will never have room for the things that are important to you.

So...

Pay attention to the things that are critical to your happiness.

Play With your children.

Take time to get medical checkups.

Take your partner out to dinner.

There will always be time to clean the house and fix the disposal.

'Take care of the golf balls first -- the things that really matter. Set your priorities. The rest is just sand.'

One of the students raised her hand and inquired what the coffee represented.

The professor smiled. 'I'm glad you asked'.

It just goes to show you that no matter how full your life may seem, there's always room for a couple of cups of coffee with a friend.'

Please share this with other "Golf Balls"