



Taihape Area School

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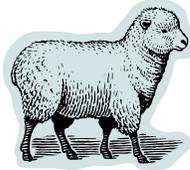
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Tena koutou katoa

Almost half way through another term, and only two weeks until the end of winter, and the official beginning of spring. This is really a great time of the year, as the days begin to lengthen and the weather (hopefully) improves, and we are able to enjoy spring. There have been signs of spring around for some time with large numbers of lambs dotting roadside paddocks, and of course sightings of daffodils and spring flowers. After the dark cold days of winter, the arrival of spring is always welcome. There is a special magic about this season – it is a time of new and renewed growth and hope.



This week is **Winter Tournament Week** for Secondary Schools. Secondary students from all over New Zealand are participating in a variety of sporting codes, and

competing in some very prestigious tournaments.

We have two teams taking part this year, the Senior Netball Team, and the mixed Hockey Team. The students involved are looking forward to this unique, and hopefully enjoyable, experience and the opportunity to test their skills against peers from other Colleges. As well the opportunity to focus on their chosen sport for a whole week will give them the chance to really push the boundaries and test themselves at a higher level.

With the **Winter Sports** season drawing to a close I wish to thank all those people who have been involved this year. Sport plays a huge role in the personal development of most children and young people. However without the support of parents, whanua, and importantly coaches, children wouldn't have the opportunity to grow through sport the skills and attitudes that contribute to their development as people.

Once again it has been my privilege this winter to watch at close hand the progress of our Senior A Netball team. Dave and Shelly Chambers have been mentoring this group for the past three seasons, and have done an unbelievable job in producing a "Team" capable of competing successfully at the very highest level. These girls are real athletes with outstanding skills, but the real strength of the team is the focus, commitment, and pride they bring to both practice, and their performances on the court. Their practices run like clockwork,

and the girls are charged with the responsibility of running part of each session. They have well established routines for practices, and for pre and post games. The bottom line however is that the girls feed off each other, encourage each other, and strive to play their very best for their "TEAM". And importantly they have fun. Thanks Dave and Shelly for what you give to our school.

The culture of the netball team has had a constructive impact on the hockey players. After tournament last year they identified a number of areas, in particular poor fitness levels, that needed improving. In response the hockey team has been training hard since February, and is playing at a much higher level than previously. This is a classic example of positive peer pressure.

Good luck and best wishes to both teams.

While sport is obviously an important part of what we do, so are **the Arts**. For a small school we are extraordinarily fortunate in the quality of teachers we have teaching various components of the Arts.

Tim Pekamu is well known for his own prowess in the world of music, but he is also a gifted teacher. The quality of music, dance, and now drama, he accomplishes with his students is outstanding.

Co-Head of Art, Andrew Yates, has fashioned some outstanding work with a group of Year 10 students, who took part in the annual and prestigious **Wearable Arts Competition**, held in Fielding, on Saturday

evening. Congratulations to Emma McCaughan, Holly Kawika, Nicola-Mary Geraghty, Ella Law, and Taylah Barrett. The work you produced was exceptional.

Andrew and Tim are examples of teachers who are absolutely passionate about their craft – the results they achieve are a tribute to their skill, enthusiasm, love for their work, and commitment to our students.

Richard McMillan
Principal

A HUGE THANK YOU

On behalf of Jesse, Ang and the Stoney/ Theobald whanau our thanks and appreciation to T.A.S students and staff for their generosity after the fire.

Thank you

NZQA Alignment PD

School will be closed for all Y9-13 Students on Friday. Our Secondary Teachers will be involved in NZQA Alignment Professional Development. With the changes NZQA Standards, the Minister of Education has designated two PD Days to assist with this realignment.

N.B. It will be school as normal for the Primary School (Year 0-8) students.

The Week Ahead

Monday 22 nd - 26 th	Secondary Schools Winter Tournament Week (Netball /Hockey)
Thursday 25 th	Room 1-2 Te Manawa Fieldtrip Palmerston North
Friday 26 th	School Closed for Y9-13 Students for NZQA Alignment PD

What's on this Term

Wednesday 31 st	Rugby 7's
September	
Thursday 1 st	BOT Meeting
Saturday 3 rd	Mid-Year Christmas Dinner
Tuesday 6 th -9 th	Year 12 Leadership Camp
Wednesday 13 th -15 th	Year 10 Challenge Camp
Monday 12 th -16 th	Book Week
Wednesday 21 st	Y10-12 NCEA Information Evening for Parents and students
Thursday 29 th	HPV immunisation (Year 7-8 Girls)
October	
Wednesday 5 th	Ohingaiti Cross Country
Thursday 6 th	END OF TERM
Friday 7 th	Teacher Only Day with Bill Rodgers
Tuesday 25 th	START TERM 4
Thursday 27 th	Level 1 Art portfolios submitted
November	
Wednesday 2 nd	Level 1 Technology portfolios submitted Level 2 Art portfolios submitted
Friday 4 th	Year 9 Gala
Wednesday 9 th	Level 3 Arts portfolios submitted
Thursday 10 th	NCEA exams begin
December	
Thursday 1 st	Final day for NCEA course assessments.
Thursday 8 th	Prize Giving
	END OF TERM

Wearable Arts

Well done to Nicola-Mary Geraghty, Emma McCaughan, Ella Law, Taylah Barrett and Holly Kauika for the fantastic work created for the Wearable Art Awards in Feilding.

Thank you also to Alana Overton for helping out and modeling Holly's creation.

The students were the epitome of responsibility and demonstrated a high degree of professionalism and resolve as they developed the work where they attended afterschool and holiday workshops. In the show itself the students performed with confidence and were praised for their positive and excellent behaviour.

All of the designs were of a very high standard and they should all be proud of their creations. The students were competing against over 60 other students from 10 different schools who were mainly year 11, 12 and 13 students.

In the competition Ella gained a third place in the 'Glow in the Dark' section and gained a prize for the best use of recycled materials in the 'Glow in the Dark' section.

The five students who entered the competition have been a credit to our school and have shown how creative our students are.

BOT Meeting

The next Board of Trustees Meeting is on Thursday 1st September.

In Good Company

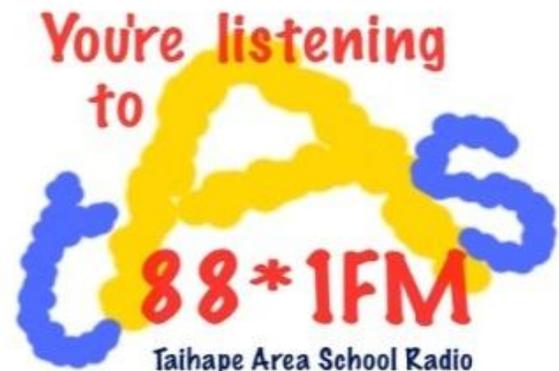
Not optimistic about the forthcoming exams? Don't worry, here's a list of famous people who didn't do at all well at school:

- *Winston Churchill, British Prime Minister;*
- *Abraham Lincoln, US President;*
- *George Bernard Shaw, author and playwright;*
- *Thomas Edison, inventor of the light bulb;*
- *Leo Tolstoy, writer of "War and Peace";*
- *Walt Disney, creator of Mickey Mouse;*
- *Richard Branson, British tycoon;*
- *Michael Faraday, pioneer of electromagnetism.*

Quotes of the week:

"Arguing with a fool proves there are two" -
Doris M. Smith.

"The more you say, the less people remember" -**François Fénelon.**



Hockey

Results

There was no hockey last week because of the weather. Our game was postponed and will be rescheduled sometime soon.



North Island Mixed Secondary Schools Hockey Tournament

This week we are participating in the North Island Mixed Secondary Schools Hockey Tournament in Ngatea (Thames). The players are very excited about taking part in this National Tournament.

Last year was a first and the players thoroughly enjoyed the experience, which proved to be a real learning opportunity. As well, after feeling a little like the poor country cousin, this year we are kitted out with a new playing strip, new track suits, a new goalie kit, gear bags, and a travel top.

Draw

Today

TAS v Tokoroa High School @ 4.00pm

Tuesday

TAS v Lytton High School @ 12.15pm

Wednesday through Friday

Cross-over Matches – the draw depends upon results.

Next Tuesday we are playing PNBHS 6, on turf 1, at 4.15pm.

Junior A Netball

Played Wanganui High School Junior B on the weekend and won 27 – 18.

MVP:

Alana Overton & Mindy Bristol

Paige McCoard

Mereana Dehar

Football

Taihape travelled to Play Palmerston North Boys High 5th Team on Saturday. The game started with Taihape being awarded a penalty in the first 5 minutes following a penetrating run from Daniel into the PNBHS penalty box where he has hacked down. Jonathon coolly slipped in the penalty. PNBHS came back strongly but the defence led by Joshua George blocked all attempts until an unfortunate goal keeping error saw PNBHS level the score. Taihape had to absorb a lot of pressure but Caleb pulled off some great saves and Cody was solid in defence. Taihape was however quick on the break and though they were able to attack down both wings with Heather linking up with Masana on the left and Josh Fellingham and Jonathan on the right it was the latter combination that scored the second goal to put Taihape ahead at half time.

The second half was much the same as the first with PNBHS attacking relentlessly and Taihape hitting them on the break. First

Josh Fellingham put away one goal and then Jonathan completed his hatrick with a wonderful looping shot and then Masana curled in a long shot from about 25 metres out leaving the goal keeper stranded. The increasingly frustrated PNBHS attacked finally produced a penalty when Bryan handled in the penalty area following a slide tackle. Caleb however pulled off a brilliant save low down to the left further frustrating the Palmy Boys.

Final score 5 -1 to Taihape keeping them second on the table and due to play the top team next week in a game which will decide the league.

Panui from Learning Street

Inaugural TAS Spud Growing Competition

Entry: \$2 (You will receive a seed potato and a growing bag)

What do you need to do? It's easy just take the seed potato home and add your secret growing soil, water, sunlight and watch it grow. Before school ends in December you will need to bring the growing bag and potato back to school for the weigh in. Prizes for the largest potato, greatest yield and most unusual looking spud.

Potatoes can be purchase before school in the hub. Happy Growing

Tui School Garden Challenge

This week we start our participation in the Tui School Garden Challenge. We have received a mega starter pack which includes seed raising mix, trowels, spades and lots of other garden equipment.

On Thursday from 3pm to 4pm I will be running a 'Growers Club'. We will be setting up seed trays, planning our garden and weeding. I'd love to see you there. Any questions please contact me at school.

Wanted

Our new growers club needs a collection of recycled materials. Yoghurt pottles, icecream containers, seed trays, old plant pots and any other gardening bits and pieces you may have hiding in your garden shed. All donations gratefully accepted.

Deb Logan – Assistant Principal

Wanted



Yummy Stickers

Two months left to collect Yummy Stickers to gain sports gear for TAS.

Send in your sheets as they fill up, go to the website and print off a sheet.

<http://www.yummyfruit.co.nz/>

Happy munching



Prize Giving Cups and Trophies

Please could all students who received cups and trophies at last year's prize giving please return these to school asap as they need to be engraved for this year's prize giving.



Scholastic Bookclub

Issue 5

Closes Wednesday 31st August

Please make cheques payable to Taihape Area School

TAIHAPE AREA SCHOOL THE EUROPEAN ART TOUR 6 APRIL - 28 APRIL 2013

YEAR 11-13 REGISTRATION OF YEAR 9/10/11 STUDENTS

There is a meeting for Year 9-11 Students and Caregivers who are interested in exploring the feasibility of this tour. The meeting starts in Room 20 at 5.00pm Monday 29 August 2011

Mid-winter Christmas

Three-course Dinner

\$25.00

Tickets are available from:

- Vix at the Chemise
- Shelly at Bennetts
- Karen at Meadows and Hall
- Deb at TAS
- Jenny at the Courthouse or Wangs
- Simon at the Police Station
- Bronwyn or Vffie at TAS or around town

A free glass of wine
with each ticket

Bar facilities will be
available as well as
great Music

Prize for the best
costume

Just do it—Join us and have some fun

Theme: Christmas Spirit

Date: 3rd September 2011

Place: Taihape Area School

Time: 6 pm

