



Taihape Area School

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"Leading me to lead my learning"

Tena koutou katoa

The **Student Leadership Team** has a big role to play in the life of our School. The current Leadership Team is exceptional, and displays a vision, maturity, and sense of responsibility beyond their years. The tasks involved, as well as the commitment required, provides these students with opportunities to test themselves, and have a genuine say in the running of their school.

One of the biggest challenges of their role is that of time management, and the need to ensure they have a balance in their lives - a balance between the responsibilities of their leadership role, academic endeavour, and possibly work and sporting commitments. At the same time the lessons learnt are lessons in life, and give these young people an opportunity to develop a set of skills that will hold them in good stead for their future. The opportunity for authentic leadership is priceless in terms of their personal development and growth, and improved confidence and self-esteem.

Last week our Year 12 Students took part in a **Leadership Camp** at the Kawhatau Outdoor Education Centre. The purpose of

this Camp was to expose these young people to a number of situations that challenged them, that took them out of their comfort zone, to see how they worked and cooperated with others, to see first hand how they responded to the role of leadership, and to encourage them to reflect candidly upon their performance. The Camp was an opportunity for those students with real leadership potential to step up and provide an indication of their ability to become School Leaders in 2011. And the great news is that next year we will once again have very strong student leadership in this School.

As the year draws to an end our thoughts increasingly gravitate towards the Year ahead, and planning around this. The allocation of Student Leadership roles is an important part of this. Decisions about this will be made towards the end of term.

I would like to thank Richard Baker, Jason Fellingham, Janet Greenhough, and Sharyn Adams for organising and running the Camp. Jason and Richard, in particular, take obvious delight in developing/creating/inventing activities that test the character and capabilities (mental and physical) of the students involved.

What an amazing story the rescue of the **miners** from Chile – imagine spending two months trapped 700m underground?? This is one of the truly great stories of the 21st Century – a tale of tremendous courage, resourcefulness, courage, perseverance, and belief, the very attributes we endeavour to develop in our students.

The **Commonwealth Games** have come and gone with New Zealand securing a record 36 medals (six gold, 22 silver, and eight bronze). There were many highlights in particular the rugby 7's, the cycling,

netball, athletics, and hockey. After a slow beginning the Games certainly gathered momentum with success following success, and culminating in the amazing netball final.

Enjoy the extra day this weekend offers, and the last chance to recharge the batteries before the usual end of year chaos.

Richard McMillan
Principal

The Week Ahead

Wednesday 20 th	Krypton Challenge 5.30 NCEA Course information evening
Thursday 21 st	Year 1-8 Cross Country
Monday 25 th	Labour Day

The Term Ahead

Thursday 28 th	Celebration Assembly BOT Meeting
Friday 29 th	World Teacher's Day
November	
Tuesday 2 nd	Interschool Gymkhana
Friday 5 th 10 th - 12 th	Huntermville Cross Country Year 5 & 6 Camp- Kawhatau
Friday 12 th	Year 11-13 Study Leave
Monday 15 th	NCEA Externals begin
Tues 16 th -Fri 19 th	Year 9 Camp
Thurs 18 th - Fri 19 th	Room 1-3 Zoo Trip
Thursday 25 th	BOT Meeting
Friday 26 th	Year 11-13 Courses finish Short Courses for Year 11-13
December	
Thursday 2 nd	School Athletics Championships
Thursday 9 th	Prize Giving Last day for Students
January	
Monday 31 st	Start of 2011 School Year

2011 Term Dates

Term	Start Date	End Date
1	31 st January	15 th April
2	2 nd May	15 th July
3	1 st August	7 th October
4	25 th October	8 th December

Labour Weekend

School is closed next Monday for **Labour Day** - enjoy the long weekend.

Panui from Learning Street

Rangitikei Tourism DVD Challenge 2010

Our team of movie producers were ready for the Premier Evening unfortunately and disappointing for our team, the event was cancelled. We are looking forward to unveiling the DVD at the next celebration assembly.

Cross Country Training

Mrs Whale and Whaea Em will be having training sessions on Monday and Tuesday after school for all Cross Country Athletes. Please take advantage of this training as it will definitely be of benefit as we head into the interschool competition.

Our Junior School cross country is on **THURSDAY at 1pm**. Please make sure your child is **dressed in their house t-shirt** for this event. We look forward to seeing lots

of whanau at the rec. to support our students.

Ohingaiti Cross Country – 29th
October/Huntermville Cross Country

HOMAI TE PAKIPAKI

Timothy in Reorua has had as wonderful week. When working with Mrs Bennett he has moved from level 13 to level 16 in his reading.

Sunny and Cheydon from Room 3 know all their alphabet letters and high frequency words. They are very proud of their efforts.

On Friday Elisha showed he can put his numbers from 1 to 10 in order and can point to each number as he reads them. Well done Elisha, it's great to have you back with us this term.

ROOM 9 CAMP

Room 9 are counting down to their end of year camp at the Kauwhata. Mrs Anderson has planned lots of exciting activities to keep everyone entertained. Only 3 weeks to go!

KRYPTON CHALLENGE

On Wednesday 20 students from Year 4 – 13 are participating in the Army run **Krypton Challenge** in Waiouru. The junior team is Emma Fellingham, Tyreese Adams, Emani Stormont, Jade Sullivan, Jack Fleury, Brooklyn Walker, Liam Fellingham, Hannah Brew, Beau Walker, and Mercedes Inwood.

The senior team consists of Lauren Donne Gregory, Isiah Ranganui, Erana Turia, Mickey Woolliams, Zoe Whatarau, Jamie Tapu, Te Puawai Chambers, Boyd Mower, Charles Davis, and Jess Mallalieu.

Seven schools from the Taihape and Ruapehu area will compete in physical and mental challenges where being fit with good communication skills, and the ability to problem solve in a team environment, are all important.

We thank Jude and Karen Brew for going with the teams and wish both teams all the best.

Reo Rua Whanau Night

On Thursday 14th at 5 pm the Reo Rua had a whanau hui. It was held in the Reo Rua classroom and at the start Te Waiora did a mihi whakatau (welcome) to the whanau. There were lots of whanau- nannies, koro, mums, dads, brothers and sisters. After the mihi whakatau Te Waiora did karakia and the tamariki sang Ko te Ariki. Following this Georgia told everyone what work was going to be presented.

The evening began with the teina presenting their rotarota (poems). First was Atawhai and she recited a poem called Papatuanuku Under My Two Feet. Next was Dallas, his rotarota was called Litterbug. And then all of the boys sang Turangawaewae. Then the teina did a kanikani to He Kakano.

He Kakano is a song that the teina practised for the whanau night. The teina acted the words from the song. They started as a seed and they captured the rain and the sunshine. They wiggled their fingers as they grew like a giant beanstalk from magic beans. The whanau enjoyed the mahi the teina did and gave them a big pakipaki. Some of the tuakana recited a poem called How Nice I am. First was Aarahia's roopu and they sang their poem to the tune of Dynamite. Jade and Georgia sang their poem to a tune Te Waiora played on the guitar. Following this, Georgia, Aarahia and Jade for Cordel read their Earthquake

poems. These poems were about the earthquake in Christchurch and were five senses poems. Next the tuakana presented their Information Technology mahi. Last term the Year 13's interviewed the kaumatua and then the tuakana in Reo Rua helped the Year 13's make some wix pages about the kaumatua that they interviewed. Altogether there were nine wix pages made and these can be seen on the internet at www.wix.com/tasprojects/kaumatua To end the evening's entertainment we all did the Mississippi Stomp. We had lots of fun and the whanau gave us a big pakipaki. The evening concluded with a delicious shared kai.



Year 12 Leadership Camp

For the past week the Year 12's were attending the Kawhatau leadership camp. After a long, life threatening drive out there (thanks to Mrs Adams great navigation) we arrived to a camp with **NO POWER** or **HOT WATER!!** First night we were blind folded, put in the deep end and thrown into the bush. Coming home drenched and covered in mud isn't how we pictured our first night to start. From here on in everyone knew they were going to be physically, mentally and emotionally drained throughout the week. Task after task we were pushed to the limits and for some of us, **WAAAAAY** out of our comfort zones. Many leaders stepped up to the challenge as the rest were willing and happy to follow, trusting one another each step of the way. We learnt a lot about ourselves on this camp as well as learning about each other's strengths and weaknesses. (The girls went a whole week without makeup **AND** Ryan without a straightener!!) A big ups to Mr Fellingham, Mrs Adams, Mr Baker, Ms Greenhough, Papa and Gerry. It wouldn't have been the same without all your hard work! Also a big thanks to Mr McMillan, Ms Logan, Ms Scott, Mr Vijay, Ms Yoga, Ms Wallis, Mrs Mason and some of the Year 13s for coming out to visit us and for your support throughout the week. Especially Michael for the various updates on the netball with a phone call every 5 seconds :) Well done to everyone for living up to our school values and we're all sure this has brought us closer together as a year group!

-By Te Puawai, Tessa, Mark & Kohine

*Pictures will be following next week :)

Introducing ... Sebastian the Duck

In Room 1 we have a new student called Sebastian. Sebastian is a duck. He is afraid of water. He likes to play with marbles. Each night someone gets to have Sebastian for a sleepover. He is 5 and half. We don't know what he likes to eat.



Kiwi Can

Tena koutou katoa!!

Nau mai hoki mai!! Another term is upon & a very busy one at that!!

CONGRATULATIONS once again goes out to the TAKAHE!! Well done on your effort to be Term 3's winning group!!

Mean TAKAHE Mean!!

This term in Kiwi Can we will be working on the theme RESILIENCE & the modules PERSEVERANCE, CHALLENGES & COMPETITION/EXCELLING!!

KC see you!!

Wanda & Moo

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.



2010 School Prize Giving
Thursday 9 December 1pm

Taihape Area School
Year 9 Gala
and Hangi



Friday
29 October
4pm – 6pm
Huia Street

Please come along and support the annual Year 9 Gala raising funds for their school trip to Whakatane.

What is a Walking School Bus?

A walking school bus usually has one adult 'driver' who walks along an agreed route, collecting all children waiting at designated 'bus stops' and walks them to school.

Leah Dehar walks most mornings from Swan Street, into Lark Street and down Kiwi Road to school – if you wish for your child to walk with her look out for her walking. Leah will leave home at approx 8.15am, weather permitting.

Tracey Hiroa will walk from Goldfinch Street towards Takahea Street down to Hautapu Street and to School. Tracey will also leave about 8.15.

If any other parent is interested please ring Leah at OTMK, or let Barb Wallis know. The more the merrier!!

Quotes of the week

"The soldiers fight, and the kings are heroes" - Jewish Proverb.

"A habit is something you can do without thinking - which is why most of us have so many of them" - Frank Clark.

"You are not a fool just because you have done something foolish - only if the folly of it escapes you" - Jim Fiebig.

Public Health Nurse

Hi, My name is Vicki Andrews and I am the new Public Health Nurse for your school.

My clinic days are Wednesdays 10am - 12pm. You can make a time to see me at the office.

I can help with things like:

- Health information
- Assessments
- Advocacy
- Support
- STI checks
- Contraception
- Assist with health concerns
- Referrals to other services/agencies

This service is free and confidential.

You can contact me on : 0274 912 183 or email:
Victoria.Andrews@wdhb.org.nz

Can you help????

RECYCLE THOSE OLD BICYCLES

TECHNOLOGY NEEDS YOUR HELP

Our Senior Technology class is in need of old bicycles for use in a number of projects. Any bikes that have even some functioning parts would be greatly appreciated to help out.

If you think you can help us out and clear out your shed at the same time, please contact Warrick Greaves at the school on 388 0130.

Headlice

Headlice may be present in your child's class.

Headlice are a common problem throughout the world. Schools do not give people headlice; people bring headlice to schools. Controlling headlice requires people in a community as a whole to act.

Please Check your child's hair tonight

Check the scalp, especially at the front, nape of the neck, behind the ears and at the base of a pony tail or plaits.

- Small red dots behind the ears and on the nape of the neck may be headlice bites.
- Eggs are usually easier to see than headlice.
- Eggs will feel sandy or gritty when fingers are run through the hair.

Preventing headlice

- Avoid head to head contact.
- Don't share brushes, combs, hats and other items that come into contact with hair.
- Discourage children from playing with each others' hair.
- **Tie long hair back or plait it.** (especially important at school)
- Brush hair regularly.
- Check the hair of everyone in the family at least once a week.
- Take action if a child is scratching unusually - check their head carefully.

Treatment

Ideally, once headlice are detected in a school, the whole school community should take action at the same time and over a period of weeks. One untreated head in a community can ensure an outbreak continues for months.

- There are many chemical and natural shampoos and conditioners available from the supermarket and chemists.
- Covering the hair in conditioner, and then coming with a fine tooth comb is also very effective.

Thank you for your support in this matter. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the school.

Twilight Tennis

Starts November

Two divisions, maybe 3.

Register your team

Contacts:

Ngairé Bond 021 146 7452

Or

Jenny Mower 027 422 4752



THE HUTT
TWILIGHT SPORT

SOFTBALL

3-5pm

Recreation Grounds

Every Thursday

Scholastic Bookclub

Issue 7

Closes Friday 5th November

Please make cheques payable to Scholastic Bookclub

Celebration Assembly
Thursday 28th October
Start Time 1.00pm
All welcome

Learning Conferences

In our ongoing efforts to forge partnerships between school and family, Deans and Assistant Deans will be holding **Learning Conferences** with family and student over the next few weeks to assist with planning their future learning, setting personal goals and course selections for 2011. Please bring your child's' reports to the Learning Conference.

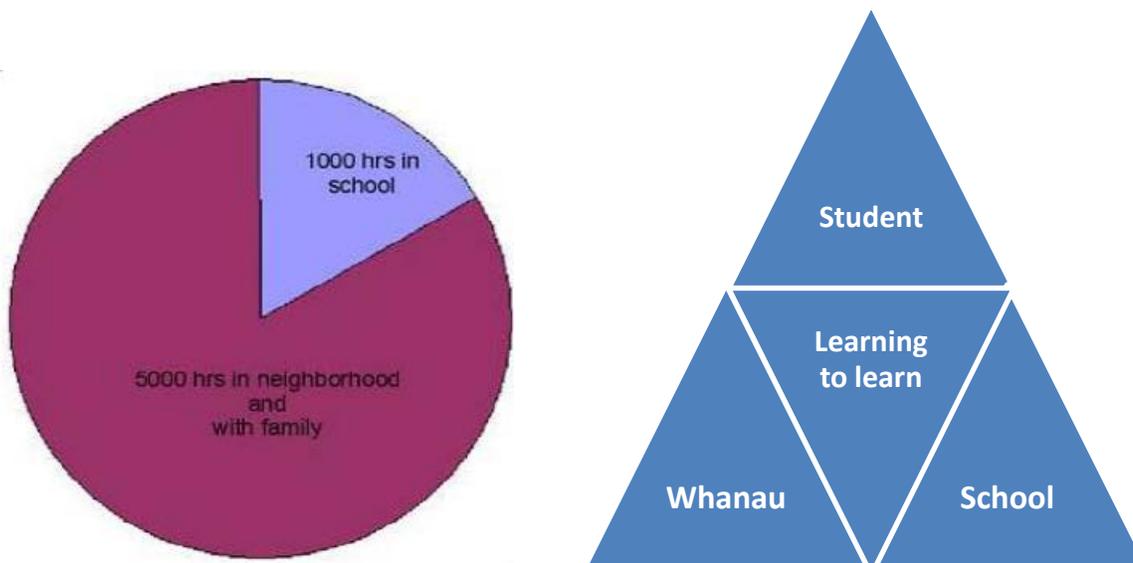
Please ring Janice at the office to confirm your appointment time and your attendance at the NCEA and course presentation evening.

NCEA and 2011 Course Presentation

A presentation on **NCEA** and **2011 courses** for whanau and students will be held at **5.30pm** on **Wednesday 20th October** at TAS to assist with planning for 2011. (BBQ and drinks provided)

YOUR understanding and commitment to the discussion is crucial to the success of your child.

Families have a big impact; of the approximate 6000 waking hours, per year, 5000 hours are spent with you and their friends – only about 1000 hours are spent in association with school.



The ideal three way **partnership** for Learning for Life requires a balanced in-put into your child's learning from whanau, school and themselves.