



Taihape Area School

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"Leading me to lead my learning"

Tena koutou katoa

Another very busy week ahead and only three weeks to go before the end of the School year – which means there are only 5 weeks until Christmas!! Depending upon your state of mind this could mean good or bad news.

The weather lately has been wonderful, although the wet weekend came as a welcome relief. Taihape is really a very attractive town with its trees, varied terrain, and beautiful surrounds.

NCEA examinations are in full swing, and don't officially conclude until next Wednesday (1st December). It has been interesting living the examination season with our students. The great thing is that they have all taken the process extremely seriously, and most have worked hard to give themselves the very best opportunity to succeed. A number have found the whole process challenging, and extremely stressful. However they will learn from the

experience, and importantly the notion that effort and reward are inexorably linked. To quote Lois Muir - "*put in the hard work, and be at peace with yourself*". And sadly those who haven't made the necessary effort, will achieve the results they deserve.

There are a number of exciting events and activities scheduled before the end of term including the **School Athletics Championships**, the popular inter-house **Top Town**, and of course **Prize Giving**, when we celebrate the achievement and success of our wonderful students.

A **Community Meeting** to discuss the liquidation of Otaihape Health was held in the Multi-Function Centre last Wednesday evening. There was a large attendance at this meeting to hear from Whanganui Health Board Representatives, as well as take the opportunity to ask questions. While there was a deal of hostility amongst the audience, the overall feeling was one of sadness, and perhaps hopelessness. For the immediate families of residents in care in Ruanui, this is a heart breaking decision, and one that will have serious repercussions upon how they can support the elderly members of their families. A sign of the times perhaps, but another challenge for people living in isolated rural areas.

The big news of the last few days is of course the Pike Rive Coal Mine disaster. Our hearts go out to the families of those miners trapped underground. The waiting must be not only incredibly frustrating but unbearably difficult as well – hopefully

there will be some good news in the very near future.

Richard McMillan
Principal

The Week Ahead

Tuesday 23 rd	BOT Meeting
Wednesday 24 th	School closed for Stopwork Meeting Afterschool Athletics
Thursday 25 th	Cricket
Friday 26 th	Y7/8 Softball Tournament Year 11-13 Courses finish Short Courses for Year 11-13

The Term Ahead

December

Wednesday 1 st	Afterschool Athletics
Thursday 2 nd	School Athletics Championships Cricket
Wednesday 8 th	Top Town
Thursday 9 th	Prize Giving Last day for Students

January

Monday 31 st	Start of 2011 School Year
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Stopwork Meeting

This is early notification that **School** **will be closed this Wednesday (24th November), from 12.30pm.**

This is a compulsory meeting for Area School Teachers. We regret any inconvenience that this may cause.

Room 9's Camp

Camp Kawhatau 2010

On Wednesday 10th November, we went to Camp

Kawhatau and when we arrived we ran to settle into our cabins. After we all got



settled in Mrs. Anderson rang her little hand bell and we all assembled in the classroom and sat down in our houses. We were told what the rules were and then we walked around the campsite to find out where the boundaries were.

On Thursday we got up at 7:30a.m. and we got organized for breakfast. We had toast, cereal and milo, which was yummy. Then we got into our running clothes and we got ready for TOP TOWN activities. It was this cool as obstacle course. The first obstacle was teddy rescue which was about carrying the teddy around in a stretcher. This was built using elastic bands and twigs and we all had to co-operate to complete the task.

The second obstacle was splash and dash. This was the funniest of them all. What you had to do was carry a bottle of water that had lots of holes in it. We had to carry it around a fort, under the tunnel and then jump over the tramp and pour the water in

the bucket. The team with the most water in the bucket won.

The third obstacle was itsy bitsy spider. This was an obstacle that held these strings around and in from pole to pole. It was hard to squeeze through because the holes were too small. Finally the fourth obstacle was the Magic Carpet. What you had to do was stand on a tarpaulin and you had to move it by flipping it over three times without standing on the grass. Once we had done that we had to make a little hut, using the tarpaulin and some other items. We all had to fit under the tarpaulin hut.

After morning tea the winners were announced. They were AWA and MAUNGA with a total of 22 litres each, so it was a draw. On Friday we packed up, played sports and went back to TAIHAPE!!



Scholastic Bookclub

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Closes Wednesday 1st December

Please make cheques payable to Taihape Area School

Softball Tournament

On Friday 2 teams are taking part in the Annual Hunterville **Softball Tournament**. These players involved have been training hard under the watchful eye of Jude Hardwidge. We wish them all the best for a successful and enjoyable day.

Cricket

Primary School Cricket began last week with an excellent turn-out of over 30 keen players. Please note that sessions now begin at 3.30pm, until about 4.30pm.

Practice for College Students and Adults begins at 5.00pm.

Panui from Learning Street

Week 7, and we are definitely on the countdown to our wonderful Summer holidays. I had the pleasure of spending a couple of days with the Year 1 and 2 students from TAS as they went on their expedition down the North Island. Our first stop was the Levin Swimming Pool, where just about every child took the plunge down the hydro-slide. While we were there a chap from the miniature train

society stopped and offered to set the train up so we could all have a ride. Excellent!! The calls of "TAI - HA - PE" rang out at the Levin Adventure Park, thanks to Arohaina's Dad.

Sleepy carloads headed quietly into the capital city, parking at Miramar school for another play before we walked over to the airport. Armed with cameras and clues we went for a wander around the airport. The escalators were a big hit, as was the hot chocolate and marshmallow sticks.

McDonalds for dinner and more playing, as we filled in time, needing to arrive at Wellington Zoo by 7pm! What an experience Mrs Whale and Miss Buchannan had in store for us. A night tour around the zoo and a special treat, feeding the giraffes with leaves from our mouths (Yes, we were that close!). A spectacular day shared with fantastic parents and students. Sleeping the night at the Zoo, with the monkeys hanging around outside, is an awesome experience...which leads me to my next thinking...how much sleep do children actually need! I selected this extract from a kids health website:

Some people are nightingales, rising early in the morning, while others are night owls, staying up till all hours.

Body clocks differ between people and can change as we age.

Teenagers tend to sleep late, and getting up early for school or work can put them at a high risk of being chronically sleep-deprived. Adults tend to sleep earlier, and by around age 50, most start to experience lighter, more disturbed sleep, with increasing sleepiness during the day.

*Whatever our preferred sleep times are, most adults need between 7 to 9 hours of sleep in a 24 hour period, from the ages **3-5years 11-13 hours** sleep is necessary, **9-11 hours** from **5-12 years**. If you're feeling sleepy during the day, you may not be getting enough sleep. After several nights of getting less sleep than you need, your body builds up a '**sleep debt**' that you have to 'repay' by sleeping longer than usual.*

Something to think about, not quite so important in the holidays, but definitely a priority during the school term and after a night at the zoo. Have a great week. Deb Logan



Yummy Stickers

Thank you everyone who collected their yummy stickers. As you can see above we gained some sports equipment through this promotion. Collectively we gain 3144 points which gave us \$233.00 to spend on sports equipment, which the Junior school will use during morning tea and lunch times.

1—lopefully next year we will be able to collect more stickers and gain more equipment for the senior school to utilise. Thank you very much to Alex Wongs and Taihape New World for stocking Yummy Apples to enable us to take part in this promotion.

Quotes of the week

"What's done to children, they will do to society" - Dr. Karl Menninger.

"Sometimes the best way to convince someone he is wrong is to let him have his way" - Red O'Donnell.

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2010 Prize Giving
Thursday 9th December
@ 1.00 pm



Community Softball

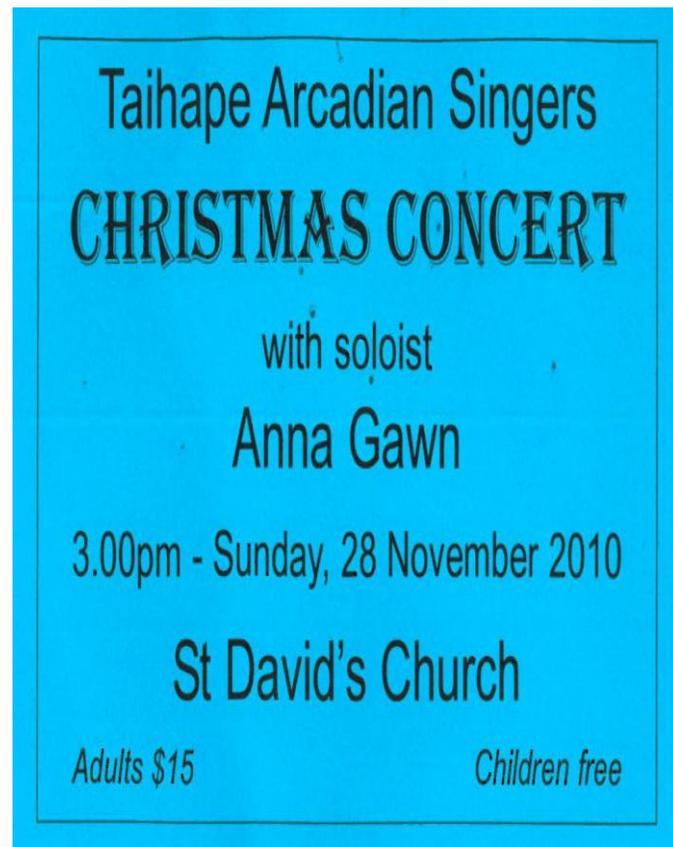
Hi. My name is Dave Whatarau, the Taihape Youth Centre Trust have recently appointed me the position of coordinator at the Hutt 27 Kuku St Taihape.

I have been a volunteer for the TYC for a number of years and have a passion for keeping youth active.

We have had Softball running for the last four weeks on Thursdays 3pm - 5pm

And we are in our second week with athletics on Wednesdays 3pm - 5pm.

I am inviting your students and parents/teachers, they are welcome to come to the Taihape rec and take part in the activities.



Taihape Arcadian Singers
CHRISTMAS CONCERT
with soloist
Anna Gawn
3.00pm - Sunday, 28 November 2010
St David's Church
Adults \$15 Children free

Community Notice

TO THE TAIHAPE COMMUNITY

Impending closure of the inpatient and rest home sector of Otaihape Health.

A petition is now circulating and will be presented to house of representatives at Parliament in Wellington to protest the imminent closure of our Rest Home and Hospital.

A delegation of Taihape people will be traveling by bus on Tuesday 30 November 2010

Leaving at 8am. We urge you, support your community, come with us to Wellington and show you do not want another important facility lost in our community.

The only way to STOP THIS CLOSURE is to show you care and petition the government directly.

Copies of this petition can be found at most service areas and shops in Taihape and need to be signed by this Sunday.

THIS IS THE 11TH HOUR - ACT NOW – THIS DOES EFFECT YOU !!!

SPORT WANGANUI
COACHING 2010
PROGRAMME 2



TUESDAY
30th Nov 2010
6:00pm - 7:30pm
Taihape Area School
Meet at Front Entrance

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Order your magazine now, to ensure you get a copy!!

The magazine will be sold at a price of \$10.00 and available from the 6 December

Please complete the form below and return it to the school office with your money...

Magazine Order Form:

Name: _____

Number of Magazines Required: _____

Amount Paid: _____

Signature: _____