



Taihape Area School

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"Leading me to lead my learning"

Tena koutou katoa

Another school year ends next week. 2010 has simply flown – when you hear students talking about how quickly the year has passed you realize how busy and chaotic our lives are these days.

So many things happen in the course of a year, and without exception 2010 will be remembered for a variety of amazing events and activities. The list below is taken from Google and contains some of the foremost events that were part of our recent history – April in particular was a huge month. Do you remember: -

January

- January 4 – The tallest man-made structure to date, the Burj Khalifa in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, is officially opened.
- January 12 – A 7.0-magnitude earthquake occurs in Haiti, devastating the nation's capital, Port-au-Prince. With a confirmed death toll over 230,000 - it is one of the deadliest on record.

February

- February 12–28 –The 2010 Winter Olympics are held in Vancouver and Whistler, Canada.
- February 27 – An 8.8-magnitude earthquake occurs in Chile, triggering a tsunami over the Pacific and killing 497. The earthquake is one of the largest in recorded history.

March

- March 16 – The Kasubi Tombs, Uganda's only cultural World Heritage Site, are destroyed by fire.[[]
- March 23 – The *ROKS Cheonan*, a South Korean Navy ship carrying 104 personnel, sinks off the country's west coast, killing 46.



April

- April 13 – A 6.9-magnitude earthquake occurs in Qinghai, China, killing at least 2,000 and injuring more than 10,000.
- April 14 – Volcanic ash from one of several eruptions beneath Eyjafjallajökull, an ice cap in Iceland, begins to disrupt air traffic across northern and western Europe.
- April 20 – The Deepwater Horizon oil platform explodes in the Gulf of Mexico killing eleven workers. The resulting oil spill, one of the largest in history, spreads for several months, damaging the waters and the United States coastline, and prompting international debate and doubt about the practice and procedures of offshore drilling.

May

- May 22 – Air India Express Flight 812 overshoots the runway at Mangalore International Airport in India, killing 158 and leaving 8 survivors.

June

- June 11 – July 11 – The 2010 FIFA World Cup is held in South Africa, and is won by Spain.

July

- July 8 – The first 24-hour flight by a solar powered plane is completed by the Solar Impulse.
- July 29 – Heavy monsoon rains begin to cause widespread flooding in the Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa province of Pakistan. Over 1,600 are killed, and more than one million are displaced by the floods.

August

- August 10 – The World Health Organization declares the H1N1 influenza pandemic over, saying worldwide flu activity has returned to typical seasonal patterns.

September

- September 28 – Seven people are reported to have been killed and around 100 are missing after a landslide in Oaxaca, Mexico.

October

- October 13 – Thirty-three miners near Copiapó, Chile, trapped 700 metres underground in a mining accident in San José Mine, are brought back to the surface after surviving for a record 69 days.
- October 22 – The International Space Station surpasses the record for the longest continuous human occupation of space, having been continuously inhabited since November 2, 2000 (3641 days).
- October 25 – An earthquake and consequent tsunami off the coast of Sumatra, Indonesia, kills over 400 people and leave hundreds missing.

November

- November 4 – Aero Caribbean Flight 883 crashes in central Cuba, killing all 68 people on board.

The list above disregards a number of events which have specifically involved New Zealand, and have impacted directly upon

the lives of New Zealanders. Two major natural events that have had traumatic and wide spread consequences have been the Christchurch Earthquake, and the dreadful Pike River Mine disaster. The news last week that the 29 miners were dead came as a terrible blow to all New Zealanders – our very best wishes go to their families, and also to the mining community as a whole. We took time to acknowledge this terrible tragedy before school on Thursday.

It has been another extremely busy year on the sporting front as well with the very successful Commonwealth Games (many, many high points!!), the World Football Cup, the amazing run of the All Blacks, and the success of the Kiwi League Team major highlights.

All in all it's been quite a year!!

Richard McMillan
Principal

The Week Ahead

December

Thursday 2 nd	School Athletics Championships
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The Term Ahead

Tuesday 7 th	BOT Meeting
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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End of School Year

The 2010 School Year finishes after Prize giving next Thursday (9th).

The new School year begins on Monday 31st January.

Taihape Dance Academy

Dancers from the Taihape Dance Academy performed at the Regent Theatre yesterday as part of the Maureen Ax Dance School end of year Production. A large number of Taihape Area School students were involved in the Academy performance which was outstanding. Congratulations to those children involved.

Reading

The holiday break is a long time away from books, and essential **reading practice**, for many children, particularly Primary aged students. It would be wonderful if all children could spend some time each day during the holidays reading, or being read to. The benefits will be long term. The Taihape Library is also well worth a visit.



School Grounds

We love seeing the **School grounds** used during the weekends and holidays. Please remember to leave them tidy, and respect School Property.

The School belongs to us all – please value that fact!!

Truck

We urgently require a flat deck truck for the **Christmas Parade** to be held on Saturday 11th December. If you can help please contact the School Office

Panui from Learning Street

Pike River Miners

On Thursday the Junior School shared our morning karakia and waiata with our extended school family. It was our way of acknowledging the great loss to the families involved in the Greymouth mining disaster, and to recognize the efforts of those who had tried to rescue the miners. Our school community has close connections to the West Coast region and it was important that the seriousness of this tragedy was shared with our students. It has been a very moving experience to hear the discussions and thoughts from students of all ages, the true sense of empathy and understanding as our students have made their own connections.

"Miner's Song"

Five-hundred feet into the earth
The fearless dare to go
They make up a grim fraternity
Whose secrets we don't know
The believers there among them
Recite a little prayer
To keep falls and gas explosions
From robbing them of air
They perform their pranks at lunchtime
The kind all workers play
As a form of gallows humor
Meant to get them through the day
The rock dust and the coal dust
Wreak havoc on their lungs
And before they reach their golden years
Their song is often sung
In this deadliest profession
Rewards are very few
But the lists of deaths are many
And some my father knew
The widows get their pension checks
As they pass another year
In the loneliness and sorrow
Of losing someone dear

By TC Leonard

School Library Books

All library books must be returned by next Wednesday so Mrs Somerville can complete an inventory. There continues to be many books still outstanding so please start bringing them back! A significant amount of the schools resources goes into replacing popular items. I have included the names of a few items that have been issued by teachers and taken home by students.

Classes for 2011

We are putting the final numbers together for the Junior Classes for 2011. Children

will be told on Monday 6th December, and will visit their new classes on this day. They will also bring home an information letter with some details about their new class and stationery lists.

And finally...from the 'Are we living in the same world' file

Sitting with his family a teenager sniffs for the umpteenth time...

"Stop sniffing" says his mother. I can't aye...keeps dripping...think I need one of those...you know (motions as if dabbing under his nose)...what are they called...(looks at sister and motions again)...you know, old people use them...HANDKERCHIEF the sister replies...Oh Yeah!"

Enjoy the sunshine

Deb Logan

(TEAM – Together Each Achieves More)

Year 7 & 8 Softball

On Friday the 26th November, two very excited teams travelled to Hunterville to compete in the Annual Softball Tournament. Both teams trained extremely hard for the last three weeks to challenge the almighty Hunterville teams and other visiting schools from throughout the Rangitikei region.

TAS navy team played three games before the semi finals winning two games and losing to Hunterville A 8 -1 in the other. This team was lead very well by their captain Liam Fellingham who had a fine day as the team catcher and also Paris Rewai had their

opposition rattled with her very accurate pitching. Calun Noble led the home runs for their team hitting 2 great homers and Aaron Chapman had a great day with his mitt catching some awesome catches.

TAS Gold team went into the semis having two wins and a draw. Team captain Dylan Sincock was mean both as a pitcher and also with his great leadership skills.

Both teams had to face each other in the semi finals and what an exciting game to watch. TAS Navy leading the way until the final 5 minutes and could not hold on to the lead when TAS Gold finally found the middle of the bat. Beau Walker was amazing in the outfield with both his great catches and also his fielding. It was very sad when he had to retire injured after getting hit in the nose twice.

TAS Gold went into the finals having to play Hunterville A. This team had been training all term and looked really sharp and well drilled. This however did not faze our team and we got off to a great start. Our second innings we had them 3 up and 3 down for a lead of 5 – 0 in the third innings. Mercedes Inwood played great on Base 3 as did Ashleigh Squires with her pitching. We fought to hold the lead but had to circum to some great hitting from Hunterville and hung on for a 5 all draw. All credit to all the TAS Gold team who upset the team who were very confident in taking out the title for another year.

A very special thank you to the parents who gave up their time to support the teams for the day; Lance Chapman, Anya Swanson, Shelley Noble and Mr Fellingham. Also to the senior students Kate Swanson for scoring and her first aid skills, Jess Sincock for coaching, Kiri McFarlane for scoring and Chante for helping team Gold.

A fantastic day had by all I am very proud of all the TAS students for their awesome behaviour throughout the day and their great softball skills!!

Jude Hardwidge
Sports Coordinator

Kiwi Can

Kia Ora!!

Time is surely counting down fast to the end of the term!!

We are now on the topic of COMPETITION & what it means to our Kiwi Canners!! So far we have had great feedback & interesting discussion on this subject!! Keep up the great korero!!

Athletics is coming up so we hope everyone remembers to PERSEVERE & CHALLENGE yourself in all events!!

Good luck for the day & GO HARD!!

Kiwi Can says....

"If you've got the skills, you've got what it takes, to reach higher stakes!!"

KC see you
Wanda & Moo

News from the Library

Dear Parents,

As the end of the school year approaches, we will be working to collect all library books from the students.

Our Policy for lost books:

If a library book is lost, the person who signed out the book out is responsible for paying the replacement charge. Can you please check at home to see if your child has any of these books at home

- Myths and Legends
- Maori Tales of Long Ago
- French for Beginners
- Quantum Theory Cannot Hurt You
- Atlas of the Mind and Body
- Four Wheel Drive: Off Road Off Limit
- Lauren Luke
- Lip Smacker, Fast Cookin, Hunger Buster
- Magical and Spectacular Spot What
- Flora Poetica
- Longing for Spring
- Traditional Maori Love Stories
- Nga Iwi o Tainui
- Whale Rider
- Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief

All school books are stamped with Taihape Area School and have a barcode on the outside back cover. If you have books at home please return them to the school office.

Scholastic Bookclub

Issue 8

Closes Wednesday 1st December

Please make cheques payable to Taihape Area School



Quotes of the week

"We need to learn to set our course by the stars, not by the lights of every passing ship" - Omar Bradley.

"All anyone needs to know about prizes is that Mozart never won one" - Henry Mitchell.

Taihape Area School



2010 Prize Giving
Thursday 9th December
@ 1.00 pm

TAIHAPE CHRISTMAS

PARADE

2010



SATURDAY 11 DECEMBER

11AM - 12PM

HAUTAPU STREET - SHI



Entry is free and forms are available from the Taihape Information Centre. For more information or queries please phone TCDT on 3881307 or email info@taihape.co.nz

It's School Magazine Time Again!!

Michael and his helpers have done a wonderful job producing the magazine again this year.

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: _____