



# Taihape Area School

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## *Tena koutou katoa*

The second last week of the School Year, an almost unbelievable situation really, as the beginning of the School Year was only just yesterday – or so it seems!! 2010 has simply flown – when you hear students talking about how quickly time 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 2011 will be remembered for a variety of amazing events and activities, including the following:

- Without doubt the events of February 22<sup>nd</sup> and the subsequent aftermath will be forever embedded in the history of our small country. The 6.3 Christchurch Earthquake, with the loss of 181 lives, as well as the physical and emotional damage this caused, will have repercussions for generations to come.

The rebuild of this iconic city has only just started, but Christchurch will never be the same.

- The Japanese Earthquake, and the extraordinarily destructive tsunami this generated, came hard on the heels of the Christchurch event, and generated even more devastation and loss of life. Over 15,000 people died, with many more still missing.
- Another massive earthquake in Turkey resulted in the deaths of over 600 people.
- The flooding in Thailand has been a recent natural disaster, and has created havoc in that country.
- The Middle East has been a bed of turmoil with popular revolutions overthrowing governments in a number of countries, including Syria, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, Egypt, Bahrain, and of course Libya.
- The unfortunate saga of Pike River Coal Mine disaster, continues with the bodies of the dead miners still underground.
- The death of 76 people killed in a terrorist attack in Norway was a terrible and unforeseen tragedy.
- The grounding of the Container Ship Rena has heightened our awareness of the impact of man-made disasters on our fragile natural environment.

- The Wedding of Prince William and Catherine Middleton was a highlight for royalists and Republicans alike.
- The ash spewed out by the Chilean Volcano Puyehue severely disrupted the airways and caused havoc for thousands of travelers, including those to and from New Zealand.
- Of course the World Rugby Cup has been a huge highlight, in particular the crowning of the All Blacks as World Champions after 24 very long, and at times bleak, years. The real highlight however was the way in which this wonderful event galvanized the country and genuinely reflected the concept of the stadium of 4,000,000.

2011 has seen the deaths of a number of famous identities including Elizabeth Taylor, Seve Ballesteros, Betty Ford, and Dan Whelden. As well the demise of Al Qaeda Leader, Osama Bin Laden, and Libyan Tyrant Muammar Gaddafi, has provided hope in the global battle against terrorism.

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

Richard McMillan  
Principal

## Teacher Only Day

On Thursday the senior school (Year 9-13) will be closed for a **Teacher Only Day**. This will impact mainly on our Year 9-10 students.

It will be school as usual for our Primary (Year 1-8) students.

## End of School Year

The 2011 School Year finishes after Prize giving next Thursday (8<sup>th</sup>).

The new School year begins on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January.

## School Magazine

Work on the **2011 School Magazine** is finished, and it is currently at the printers. The Magazine is a wonderfully comprehensive history of the 2011 School Year, complete with individual profiles, class profiles, sporting and academic results, and a wide range of interesting articles.

The Magazine will be available soon at a cost of \$10.00. Order your copy now from the School Office.



## The Week Ahead

30 <sup>th</sup> – 1 <sup>st</sup> December	First Aid Course
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Room 1 & 2 Day Trip
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Year 9 Hangi

## The Term Ahead

### December

Thursday 1st	Final day for NCEA course assessments. Professional Development Day – No school for Year 9 – 13 students
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Interschool Softball- Hunterville
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Top Town
Thursday 8th	Prize Giving - 1pm <b>END OF TERM</b>

# Hangi Hangi Hangi Hangi Hangi

**\$10.00 a plate**

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December

Ready at 3pm at TAS

Pre-Order by paying at School Office

(Only plating the numbers sold)

Funds to subsidise the Year 9 Trip

## 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!!

## Reading - Limit the Damage!!

With the end of year looming, it is important to realize that the holiday break is a long time away from books, and essential **reading practice**, for many children, particularly our 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.

It is well known that the reading levels of most children slip over the holidays, in particular after the long summer break. Positive intervention at home can limit this “damage”, and ensure that your child/children begin the year in good shape.

## Cricket

Cricket for Year 4-8 children on Thursday, from 3.30-4.30pm. This Thursday is the last for this term – cricket will recommence after the holidays.

## Saturday Cricket

A very tough day against Marist on Saturday with gale force winds making fielding, and play generally, extremely difficult. Unfortunately the Taihape team was rather depleted on Saturday as well, so after encouraging efforts previously, the game in the weekend proved a massive disappointment.

Marist won the toss and decided to bat. Excellent fielding and bowling for the first 20 overs provided encouragement, and the Marist batters struggled to 60 for 4. Unfortunately both areas became ragged as the day wore on, and the effects of the wind took hold. Marist finished their 40 overs 259 for 9. Matt Jacobson bowled extremely well, if somewhat unluckily, Brad Fannin took 3 for 56, and bowled well into the gale, while Nathan Chaney 1 for 33, Edward Symes 2 for 46, and Kerryn Clark 1 for 22 had their moments.

One of the fielding highlights was a stunning catch taken by Alex Hawira. Alex finished with two catches, as did Edward Symes.

A feeble and very disappointing batting effort by Taihape followed, with Arthur Kauika the only batsman to make double figures.

## Letter to the Editor

*Exert from Taihape Times Tuesday November 22*

### Amazing Youth

I have just about finished a gap year living here in Taihape at my homebase.

Next year I am back to being a head of department in a large West Auckland secondary school.

Being here gave me the opportunity to be one of a pool of relief teachers at Taihape Area School. It's a wonderful school and a great asset to the region.

The technology, architecture, nice class sizes, individual learning programmes- I could go on.

Thanks to the principal and the hard-working friendly staff team. This includes the support staff.

Most of all it has been an honour to have taught the amazing young people of Taihape, from year 8 to year 13. New Zealand can be very confident about our future with young people of this caliber.

Mr Hura Duffin

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## News from the Library

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

### Our Policy for lost books

If a book is lost the person who signed out the book is responsible for paying for the replacement charge.

Can you please check at home to see if your child has any of these books.

- Maths Department Mathematics Text books
- Maths Department Calculators
- P.E Department P.E Text books
- Magazines: such as Wacky...but true, little angel, rod & Rifle, Upstart
- Fossil Hunters
- French for beginners
- Primates
- Rugby league rules
- The Gizmo
- Funny Frank

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

## Summer Camps

Scripture Union Camping offer a range of Summer Camping experiences for Year 7-13 Students. In our region they offer the *Tongariro Eco-Adventure* and *Surf Classic Camps*.

More information about these, plus other camping options, and application forms are available from the School Office.

## Taihape Swim Centre

Some admission fees for the **Taihape Swim Centre** have increased for the 2011/12 season. Please see the new prices below: -

- **Facility Hire:**  
\$60.00 per hour (includes 2 lifeguards)
- **School Prices:**  
\$1.20 juniors  
\$1.50 seniors (9am - 3pm)
- **School Swimming Sports**  
\$50.00 per hour + GST
- **School Lessons:**  
\$4.00 (TCDT Lifeguards)
- **Carnivals:**  
\$60.00 per hour
- **Child/Toddler:** \$2.00

## Quotes of the week

"In spite of the cost of living, it's still popular" - Kathy Norris.

"There are only two ways to live your life. One is as though nothing is a miracle. The other is as though everything is a miracle" - Albert Einstein.

## Scholastic Bookclub

Issue 8

Closes Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December

Please make cheques payable to Taihape Area School



**2011 School Prize Giving**  
**Thursday 8th December**  
**1pm**



UTIKU OLD GIRLS  
NETBALL



**Xmas Quiz Nites**

FRIDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec 2011

@ UTIKU RUGBY CLUBROOMS

7PM START

\$50 Per Table - 4 people per table

20 Tables available

Each team can come in a theme of their choice

There will be prizes for the winner of each round and

1<sup>st</sup> prize for the overall winner.

Supper will be provided

Bar will be open (cash only)

To Register contact

Wina on 3880029

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so come along and test your knowledge



TAIHAPE YOUTH CENTRE  
27 KUKU STREET TAIHAPE  
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**BACK 2 SCHOOL  
CAMP  
AGED 8-18  
24-27 JAN 2012  
@ The Mangaweka Camping Grounds**

**CAMP ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:**

camp craft	kayaking	eeling
rafting	bonfire	camp cooking
target shooting	games	bush walks
whakapapa of the area	prepare and serve a hangi	fun!!!!
	and loads more...	

**HOW MUCH IS IT?**

FREE  
so it's first in first serve

**TO REGISTER OR FOR MORE INFO**

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**numbers are limited so be in quick**

It is getting to that time of year again and we have documented lots of the year's happenings at TAS.

We have put everything together in a wonderful TAS magazine.

Full colour copies are \$12.00 each and will be available at the school office from the 5 December.

Would you like to have a copy to treasure and look back on? Would Grandma like one for Christmas?

**Then book yours now!**

Name .....

Number of Magazines required .....

Payment enclosed \$ .....

*(Please hand this into the school office)*