



Taihape Area School

Nurturing the Growth of our Potential

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Tuesday 9th February 2021 Term 1 – Week 2

Principal's Corner

Kia ora koutou katoa



Welcome to the first newsletter of 2021 and if you are new to the whanau, a special welcome to TAS.

NURTURING the GROWTH of our POTENTIAL is our TAS vision for 2021 and beyond. This means that in all we do – we are striving towards this common goal. We are here to look after each other - to be in the business of people - with wellbeing (nurture) in mind. We need to focus on putting time into things that stretch and challenge (Growth) – in order to bring out our best (potential). This is not just for our students, this is for us all! We are here to partner with our whanau in order to ensure that Nurture, Growth and Potential is 'OUR' focus and not just words.

To join us in this mahi - we welcome our new staff members to the team – Mr Doug Webb (Technologies and Hard materials), Mrs. Maharata Wood (Te Reo and Social Sciences), and our returning staff Mr. Eyup Erilic (back after a few years away overseas), and Mrs. Claire Williams (returning from Maternity leave). We look forward to the skills that you will bring to TAS.

2021 has started off with a sense of excitement and I have been pleased with the student's positive attitude towards learning and how they have embraced the changes, the new teachers and fellow students. We have had huge buy in from our senior students into their courses – which has really set the tone for the future. I look forward to where this will take them into their future.

Thank you to our whanau for your support of our 'NO cell phone at school' protocols. From student feedback, it is very much appreciated – as they don't want (or need) the distraction. We have not had to speak to many students and the ones that we have - have simply forgotten. We value your continued support in this – and are happy to get messages to your children – should there be a need.

After the first couple of weeks have passed and everything has settled into routine, we will begin to plan and offer clubs and activities that will enhance the education at TAS. This will

include, but not limited to, homework clubs, math's extension, Art club, various sports clubs and activities, and Hip hop dance. We have a bunch of keen teachers ready to build into the lives of the students and we would love your support to either assist or send your kids along. Watch this space for more details.

2021 is shaping up to be a great year but it will only be that way if we all commit to great, two way communication. We acknowledge that we will not always get it right, but we are here to serve our community and welcome any feedback. Our teachers are always happy to have a chat – but please make an appointment so that we can give you the appropriate time.

Feel free to pop in and say Kia ora – my door is always open!

Nga mihi nui
Craig Dredge
Principal

Whāia te iti kahurangi ki te tūohu koe me he maunga teitei

Seek the treasure you value most dearly: if you bow your head, let it be to a lofty mountain

This whakatauki is about aiming high or for what is truly valuable, but its real message is to be persistent and don't let obstacles stop you from reaching your goal.

Coming Up

This Week:

- **Tuesday-Friday- Year 1 -8** swimming lessons
- **Wednesday- Year 7-8** Immunisation information session.

Next week:

- **Year 1-8** Swimming lessons

Maori phrase of the week

“In order for te reo Maori to live and grow it needs to be spoken everywhere. That’s achievable if we start with A Maori Phrase a Day” Hemi Kelly.

Although not daily, we will be including a Maori phrase a week, to continue developing the use of te reo at our kura.

Nau mai, hoki mai ki te kura.. Welcome back to school

Rangatiratanga Whanaungatanga Wairuatanga Manaakitanga

Junior School



Our Vision: Nurturing the Growth of our Potential

What a fantastic first week back we had! It was great to see the tamariki with all their smiles, and eager and ready to start their learning journeys for 2021. The mahi the staff had put in over the break certainly shone through, with routines and expectations already well established within the classrooms, ensuring a successful year ahead.

As always transitions can take some time, while students adapt to stepping up in Year levels, their new learning environments and the ways in which their teachers deliver their programmes to Nurture the Growth of their Potential. The resilience that students need to have for their schooling years is never-ending, and they are to be congratulated for how they have adapted to the new year. The relationship with whanau is paramount, and thank you to everyone for ensuring you have taken the time to talk with your children/s teachers to start/continue that relationship. For the success of our students, it is crucial that we all work together.

As teachers it is our passion to support students to find their strengths and discover new learning opportunities, and the reward of doing so is priceless, especially when we can see the success on the students' faces. They all have personal strengths, which lie in many different areas, and uncovering and then nurturing these is why we do what we do. The students have all been reminded, starting at our Whakatau, that failure is important in our learning paths, as it is from failure that our potential grows. The more chances the students take with their learning, the greater their knowledge will be and the growth of their potential will continue.

Our Mission:

Whakatauki: 'Whāia te iti kahurangi, ki te tūohu koe me he maunga teitei'

Seek the treasure you value most dearly: if you bow your head, let it be to a lofty mountain

Have an outstanding week, ensuring you do something to nurture the growth of your own potential - we are all the role models for our students.

Nga mihi nui,
Leah Collings
Deputy Principal

Tall Poppies – Week 5

Last week the following Taihape Area School Students rose above the Crowd as outstanding achievers, and positive members of our Learning Community: -



Junior School:

Room 1 - Whole class - for team effort in making the 1st week great.

Room 2 - Whole Class - for a fantastic start to our 2021 learning journey.

Room 3 - Samuel Parker - for settling into room 3. **Jimmy Cowx** and **Leon Troon** for being a role models.

Room 4 - Whole Class - Awesome first week back at school.

Room 5 - Louise Collings - Thank you for LEADING Hui-a-ata with CONFIDENCE and PRIDE.

Rigby Haitana - For displaying fantastic learning skills especially with your maths.

Room 6 - Keelan Kelly, Matene Thompson and Frank Transom

Room 7 - Whole class - Stepping up by showing the TAS Values, especially to our new students. **Hamish Coogan** - For making an effort to give your best in all aspects of school work and in your attitude.

A special mention to the Anglican Church. This year they are sponsoring new entrant packs and the for their continued donations to breakfast club

SPORTS COACHES

WANTED

If you are the person with the passion, sporting knowledge & expertise to help our amazing students for the following codes, please send your application in writing to;

office@tas.school.nz

Senior Mixed Touch	Rugby 7's Under17's
Senior Boys Touch	Rugby 7's Under 15's
Senior Girls Touch	Rugby 7's Girls
Senior A Netball	Rugby 15's Under 16's
Year 9-11 Netball	Rugby 10's Girls
Year 7-8 Netball	Senior Volleyball Girls
Year 4-6 Netball	Year 7-8 Basketball
Year 9-10 Basketball-Boys	Senior Futsal (Indoor Soccer)
Senior Boys Basketball	Senior Athletic Training
Senior Girls Basketball	
Year 7-8 Hockey	
Senior Hockey	

Any queries, please contact Jude Hardwidge, Sports Engagement Leader on 027 3897721 or 06 3880130 ext 759.

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