



Taihape Area School

Nurturing the Growth of our Potential

26 Huia Street, Taihape 06-388-0130

Monday 8th March 2021 Term 1 – Week 6

Principal's Corner

Kia ora koutou katoa



During this last few weeks, Covid has reared up, media have popped up, and seasons have changed up – which has brought on some early illnesses (Got hold of me as well). Despite this, the Term has settled into something resembling normal.

We say Farwell to Kirby – who is moving back to the East coast to take on a new role closer to her awa. I want to acknowledge her contribution to TAS and the positive impact she has had on our school in her short tenure - especially in the areas of fitness training and outdoors curriculum. We wish her all the best as she takes on the next challenge.

Welcome to our new staff member Mrs. Alysha Bennett – who will be taking over Room 4 from Kirby. Alysha has already been working in the class and so transition has been seamless. We look forward to the strengths that you will bring to the team and working alongside you in supporting our kids to be their best.

Our Senior Athletics day still got to go ahead and I was very impressed at the participation and positive attitude of our kids. The weather turned out for us – with it being just right to make it a pleasant day out. Well done to those who placed, those who broke records, and all those who gave it a go to support their house. Thank you to the staff and students who turned up early to do set up, volunteers for helping with the stations, and a massive THANK YOU to Jude – for planning, monitoring and running everything. These things take enormous effort and Jude worked tirelessly to make the day run without a hitch!

You may have seen a recent media report on the status of the TAS rebuild. I will say that they really tried to focus on the past and the negative – however, what came out was actually quite positive. I want to assure our community that the current buildings are fit for the purpose of educating our kids in a safe environment – conducive to learning. The Ministry of Education are supporting us by assessing the heating/cooling and replacing/fixing what needs to be completed – as soon as they are made aware. Our school will remain committed to the safety and wellbeing of our kids – even pre, during and post build.

Rangatiratanga Whanaungatanga Wairuatanga Manaakitanga

As with anything –the media only show what they want to show– so I am including our full release, to stay transparent with you all.

Nurturing the Growth of our Potential is the new vision of Taihape Area School. To this end, we are ensuring that this is the foundation on which the ‘rebuild’ is set on.

While it seems that the process is taking a long time, from the time decisions were made to rebuild, it has always been part of board discussion, and what will eventually come of it will be a fantastic resource for the Taihape community – with many partnerships in place for greater access to tertiary options in the area, and something to really be proud of.

Covid- 19 has been one of the stalling factors – as there were many opportunities that couldn’t happen, with the Ministry of Education (MOE) and us not able to get around the table. Despite this, a new Principal was appointed and both the board and the MOE have supported the school by allowing time for the creation of a new vision, new strategic plan and new charter – all which will be a major factor in the rebuild.

The Ministry of Education has continued to support the school in ensuring that all classrooms are of a healthy standard – including making sure there is access to heating and cooling, and that it is an environment conducive to learning.

The TAS board is committed to working in partnership with the MOE to ensure a timely finish to the process. The rebuild will put Taihape on the map for being a ‘first class’ educational facility – equipping our kids to grow into unlimited potential – in a building that shows wellbeing at its heart. This means that our local kids will have advantage attending TAS and be equipped to leave school taking up their first choice – whatever pathway they choose.

...But the exciting next step has now begun. We have had our initial meetings with the MOE and now have an architect in place for us to sort out a design to fit our new vision. We will be meeting with them at the end of the week and then will start to know timelines - including opportunities to meet with our staff, students, whanau and community during the design process. As soon as I know more – you will be informed. Partnership is our best asset – so I look forward to what will be born from our vision inspired foundations.

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

Nga mihi nui
Craig Dredge
Principal

*At the end of the day, remind yourself that you did the best you could today, and that is good enough. **Lori Deschene.***

Coming Up

This Week: 8th – 12th

- **Friday 12th** – Clash of the Colleges, Career Expo

Next week: 15th - 19th

- **Monday 15th** – Junior and Senior Swimming Champs – 9 -12:30

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 – Joseph Bennett and Hyfa-Omera Saifudin – for persisting in all activities during the week

Room 2 - Mereana Rolston - for being kind and caring towards her classmates (whanaungatanga). **Esmay Shaw** - for displaying the TAS values throughout her school day.

Room 3 - Awakirangi Eparaima and Jimmy Cowx – for showing Manakitanga and being kind and caring.

Room 4 – Indianna Tilyard and Peyton Huxtable – for being fantastic leaders in class

Room 5 - Libby Thompson and Lea Ranginui - for being outstanding group leaders and role models to others. Excellent Effort!

Room 7 - Jacob Ball - for giving a 100% in all of his language tasks and accepting the challenge of being extended. **Amelia Shaw** - for being a consistent, conscientious worker. Her work is always completed to a very high standard.

Room 8 - Grace Fannin and Jamie Abernethy - for working diligently on class activities

Junior School



Our Vision: Nurturing the Growth of our Potential

Our students are amazing! Another round of Level 2 for Covid, and the students knew expectations, and could explain the importance of following set procedures. At times we need to remember it's a worldwide pandemic that is going on, and the magnitude of it, ensuring we look beyond New Zealand to give the students a greater appreciation of what is happening. Our students have faced many disappointments as a result of Covid, and as much as they always cope well with this taking time to explain the cancellation of events while remembering how lucky we are is crucial for their understanding. Luckily, this time round our biggest event to be impacted, Year 4-8 and Senior Swimming Sports, was able to be postponed and we look forward to this event taking place next Monday, 15th March.

On another note, we welcome to TAS, Mrs Bennett! Alysha starts her position with us today, teaching in Room 4. A past student of TAS, and a strong member of our community, we are very excited to have her joining us as part of our TAS Teaching Team. This does of course mean we said goodbye to Miss Kirby last week, and would like to acknowledge the mahi she did in varying aspects of our School during her time with us. She has moved back home to Wairoa, and we wish her well with her future endeavours.

Our students are being reminded daily about our Values, and the importance of living these at all times - not just while at School. Ensuring they are using kind words and kind actions, focusing on their mahi and respecting our environment are current key areas of focus. We are all working together to ensure we are Nurturing the Growth of our Potential.

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 a fabulous week.

Nga mihi nui,
Leah Collings
Deputy Principal

Room 1

We have started our trips out to the farm with our first visit last week. We had our safety introduction and enjoyed walking around having a look at the spaces we will be visiting and enjoyed seeing the farm animals and wool shed.



Junior and Senior Swimming Champs

Monday 15th March (next week) is our swimming champs, if anyone is available to please help with being a timekeeper please let us know, it would be greatly appreciated.

Senior School

NURTURING the GROWTH of our POTENTIAL



I would like to acknowledge our new staff members who have come on board and are making a difference in nurturing our students. Over the next few weeks I will be profiling our new staff members so we can gain a better understanding of the expertise they bring to TAS. This week I would like to introduce and acknowledge our new staff member, Maharata Wood. Maharata comes to us with a valuable history and background in tikanga maori.

Tena koutou e nga karangaranga maha.

Ko Maharata Wood toku ingoa.

I tipu ake au i Tamaki Makarau.

E noho ana au ki Rangiwahia o raro i te paemaunga o Nga Ruahine

Ki te taha o toku mama:

Ko Hikurangi, ko Taranaki nga maunga

Ko Rangitukia, ko Waima, ko Waitara, ko Whanganui-a-Tara nga kainga

Ko Horouta, ko Aotea nga waka

Ko Ngati Porou, ko Te Ati-Awa nga iwi.

Ki te taha o toku papa:

Ko Maungakahia, ko Maungahaumi nga maunga

Ko Te Mahia, ko Waituhi nga kainga

Ko Takitimu, ko Horouta nga waka

Ko Rongomaiwahine, ko Te Aitanga-a-Mahaaki nga iwi.

Maharata has been teaching since 2007. Her first school was Green Bay High School where she taught there for 7 years. Maharata then went to the South Island and taught at Te Kura Kaupapa Maori o Otepoti for 3 years. Then moved back to the North Island and worked at the Te Kura - The Correspondence school for 3 years before arriving here to teach at Taihape Area School. We look forward to seeing the growth of our tamariki and kaiako under guidance of Maharata who is not only teaching Te Reo, but also our Cultural Engagement Coordinator.

E hara taku toa, I te toa takitahi ēngari he toa taku tini

My strength is not from myself alone, but from the strength of the group

Jason Fellingham

Deputy Principal

Taihape Area School

Rangatiratanga Whanaungatanga Wairuatanga Manaakitanga

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

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| 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.

Year 11s practicing drafting stock



PTP science, testing for sugar in food samples



Rangatiratanga Whanaungatanga Wairuatanga Manaakitanga

Te Whare Hapai group running games with Room 6, their buddy class





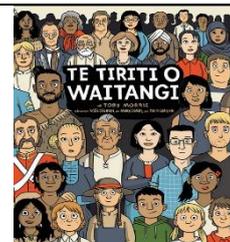
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TAS Library

Promotion:

The Treaty of Waitangi

Maori Fiction & Myths & Legends



Students celebrating the end of the “Summer Reading program”



Fiction Book Picks.

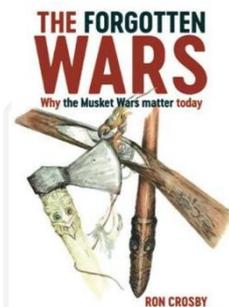
Some books featuring Maori:

- Charlie Tangaroa and the creature from the Sea - for 8 to 12 Year olds
- The Taniwha in our backyard - for 7-12 year olds
- White lies Maori legends and fairy tales by Falstaff Dowling-Mitchell - for year 7-8-9
- Shadow of the Boyd - year 7,8, 9 & 10
- Hunter by Joy Cowley - Year 7, 8 ,9 & 10
- The Porangi Boy - Year 9
- The awakening - Middle school graphic
- The Bone People - Year 11 up
- The Bone Tiki - Year 7,8,9 & 10
- Cuz - Year 7,8 9 & 10
- Fire in the Sky -(My NZ Story) Year 7,8,9& 10
- Horeta and the Waka -A Graphic Picture book
- Mission Girl - -(My NZ Story) Year 7,8,9& 10
- Ripples on the Lake - Seniors Yr 10 up

Nonfiction Book Pick

The Forgotten Wars: Why the Musket wars matter today.

By Ron Crosby



This important book will further understanding of how the boom of muskets continues to echo in New Zealand today. And it needs

to - the wars are still neglected by government and glossed over by other histories. The Forgotten Wars ensures these epic conflicts will be remembered"-- Publisher's website.

— WELCOME —
BACK TO SCHOOL



Lunchtime fun

Tech Tip: Accessit library catalogue

<https://nz.accessit.online/THP00/#!dashboard>

Accessit Tip:

Reading lists are found via quick lists. Look up books with a Maori focus to see what we have, this list can be sorted into age appropriate

Skool Loop

This is free to download and a great way to keep up to date with what is happening at school.

Hey there!

Just popping in to check you have downloaded our school app?

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- ✓ Notices
- ✓ Instant school messages
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- ✓ Absentee
- ✓ Newsletters
- ✓ Permission Slips



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