



# Taihape Area School

*Nurturing the Growth of our Potential*

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Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2021 Term 1 – Week 8

## Principal's Corner

Kia ora koutou katoa



It has been a couple of weeks of highs and lows – so it has been a bumpy ride for TAS – however, the waka remains steady.

We join in grief with Jude and whanau – with the sudden passing of Thomas this week. Thomas played a big part in the community and was a real presence in the school over the years. Arohanui in this time – he will be greatly missed.

Congratulations to our student leadership – who have finally been appointed after what has been a lengthy process. There is a new structure, new opportunities and new challenges for this crew – but they have already taken initiative and made a positive start. We look forward to working with them in Nurturing the Growth of our Potential!

Another big CONGRATULATIONS to our TAS team – who competed at Whanganui interschool athletics. We may be small – but we go hard and this team excelled in all of the events they competed in. Thank you to Jude for putting in the hard yards to select and prepare our team and to our staff and keen volunteers who went along to support.

How the Team went:

### Junior Girls

Hinemoa Rolston	First in Shot Put - 10.03m Second in Discus - 20.98m
Anahera Bennett	First in Discus - 23.32m

### Junior Boys

Taylor Hay Martin	First in Shot Put - 12.08m Second in Discus - 27.59m
Arapeta Steedman	Third in Long Jump - 4.71m Fourth in 100m sprints

### Intermediate Girls

Maddie O'Hara	Third in Discus - 20.34m
Kaya Bowers	100m Finals

I understand there may even be some candidates for the north island champs amongst our team so....watch this space.

We have had some more media exposure – with a focus on the farm this time. As with anything, they try and make a story look as bad as it can – however, the positive is people are able to express their feelings regarding past hurts. There has been a lot of blood, sweat, and tears gone into the farm and regarding the way that the farm has been put into land bank – and I want to acknowledge the hard work of previous board members, community members and Principals. The current BOT continue to be committed to retaining use of the farm and have taken the approach of the ombudsman to attempt to ensure that processes were followed and a final push to right the errors of the past.

Once again – the media only showed what they wanted to – so I am including our full release, to continue to stay transparent with you all.

*Taihape Area School is part of a fantastic community – who support the direction of our waka. As part of our continued commitment to serve our community, the agricultural industry, in particular agriculture as part of curriculum and ‘real life’ experience, the TAS farm remains firmly as part of future focus.*

*As an Area school, we are able to instil kaitiakitanga during the early years of schooling, with tuakana-teina nurturing the potential of how the farm is utilised for education purposes in multi-age projects. As the farm is available for use for this purpose, and will be for the foreseeable, we see it as a way of expanding our partnership with iwi – particularly in regards to connection of the land and utilising traditional farming methods– linking the past, and ensuring that Maori farming techniques remain part of our story, as we explore the future together.*

*With the school being a public entity, ownership of land based assets does not impact on our ability to access the farm or to grow our agricultural/horticultural offerings – which as a BOT we see as an integral part of our vision.*

*The MOE is partnering with us to see that the farm continues to be fit for purpose and, during a recent visit, toured the farm to gain a better understanding of our facilities.*

*The TAS BOT have sought external and independent scrutiny from the Ombudsmen regarding the process on which the school farm has been put into disposal, simply to gain closure of potential barriers in our partnerships (Iwi, community, and MOE) – as we also acknowledge that land use, improvement measures, and access does not necessitate actual ownership.*

*But at the end of the day, we do not expect our business of preparing young people for their future careers will be impacted at all. Our focus will continue to be ‘Nurturing the Growth of our Potential.’*

There will be snippets of this in continuing news – but also in the next couple of weeks look out in the Manawatu Standard for the latest happenings and plans – as well as a celebration of one of our top students – and more to come.....

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

Nga mihi nui  
Craig Dredge  
Principal

*“Being challenged in life is inevitable, being defeated is optional.”* **Roger Crawford**

## Coming Up

<b>This Week: 22<sup>nd</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Thursday</b> – Year 7/8 Immunisations</li><li>• <b>Friday</b> – Junior Athletics</li></ul>	<b>Next week: 29<sup>th</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Monday – Wednesday</b> - Outdoor Ed Camp.</li><li>• <b>Good Friday</b> - (2<sup>nd</sup> April) through to, and <b>including</b> Easter Tuesday (6<sup>th</sup> April).</li></ul>
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## Watch this space – Free School Lunches Coming Soon!

Coming very soon to TAS, is the free Healthy Lunch in Schools Programme, for all students! This is being supplied by Lunch by Libelle. If your child has any food allergies that we need to be aware of, please get in touch with the office as soon as possible.

## Pie Orders

Please remember that Pie Orders are due into the office by Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> March.

# Tall Poppies – Week 7

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 – Wirihana Eparaima** - for showing whanaungatanga to others in class.

**Room 2 - Samuel Ball** - for showing the TAS Values. **Max Collings** - for participating in class discussions.

**Room 3 – Hyda-Thohira Saifudin and Alice Tweeddale** – For using all the TAS values.

**Room 4 - Akira-Jay Sager-Bennett and Taonga Biddle** - for showing rangatiratanga in writing and maths. **AJ Joyce** - for stepping outside her comfort zone and showing rangatiratanga at swimming sports

**Room 5 - Savannah Cashell and Violet Shaw** - for their amazing effort in high jump by clearing the bar using the scissor jump technique.

**Room 7 - Whole Class** - for showing Whanaungatanga to one another and their teachers this week.

**Room 8 - Kiana O'Loughlin** - Participating actively in all class activities. **Claude Power** - Participating actively in class activities.

**Sharee Clarke** – First Radio Broadcast, you were fantastic!

**Wanganui Senior School Athletics Team** – Representing TAS and achieving fantastic results.



# Junior School



## Our Vision: Nurturing the Growth of our Potential

What an outstanding day last Monday was, our Swimming Sports day, thanks to Jude who put together a great event. Having been postponed, it was a highly anticipated day and was most enjoyable. The whanaungatanga shown amongst the students was great to see, and the morning went very well. We had our Senior Swimming Sports combined with our Year 4-8, and this was a highlight for our younger students to see our seniors in action in the pool. Congratulations to all our students who got in and gave it a go, they should all be very proud of their efforts! The younger students also enjoyed their time at the pools, supporting the races and seeing our swimmers in action. Like all events, it wouldn't be possible without the support of our whanau and wider community, and thanks to all those who came along and supported our tamariki for this event.

From this, we had a strong team of 15 students compete in the Inter-School Swimming event on Friday, from Year 4 through to Year 8. They were great ambassadors, and again should all be very proud of themselves. The competition level was high, and our students held their heads high and gave it their all. There were several students placed in finals, and we will have the results sent through to us early this week so watch this space for those. Again, we couldn't do this without support and we thank Emma Tilyard and Michael Andrews for volunteering to be timekeepers for TAS, and Joanna Hall and James Fannin for swimming as the adults in our relay team. Also to all our other whanau who came along to support our team, it was greatly appreciated.

That brings us to this week, and our Junior Athletics. This is taking place on Friday, and more details around times etc will come out during the week. The Year 4-8 students will be completing the usual rotation of High Jump, Long Jump, Sprints, Discus, Shot Put and a novelty. Long Distance will be run next week. From our day a team will be selected for Inter-School, and it's important to note that this will go off their results and not their placings, so placing in the top three does not guarantee going through to Inter-School. Our Year 1-3 students will come out on Friday for their own rotation of Jumps, Sprints, Throws and a Novelty.

Along with all these sporting events, classes have been working away as usual and it's been great to see students so engaged with their mahi. The constant display of our Values from students, staff and whanau alike has also been heartwarming, over what has been a tough few weeks for our kura. Nurture has been a primary focus this past week especially, and I'd like to acknowledge our teaching team at TAS for all that they do daily, no matter the circumstances, to ensure each day counts for our tamariki.

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

## Senior School

# NURTURING the GROWTH of our POTENTIAL



This week I would like to introduce another new staff member, Douglas Webb. He comes to us with a wide range of experiences and skills.

Mr Webb is an Australian teacher, who is a qualified electronics technician through the Royal Australian Navy. Graduating from Curtin University with a Bachelor of Education in 2015, he has taught primarily in High School Science, Mathematics and Digital Technology. He has gone on to teach English as a second language in China, and Papua New Guinea. Mr. Webb has been teaching Engineering and Digital Technology in New Zealand for more than two years and hopes to instil all of his students at TAS with a passion for learning and the ability to critically think outside the box to problem solve, throughout their professional and personal lives. We extend a special welcome to Mr Webb who is teaching Digital Technologies and Trades in the Secondary School. Our students have the opportunity to learn many skills from the knowledge and experiences that Mr Webb has had.



*Whakatauki:*

**Nāu te rourou, nāku te rourou, ka ora ai te iwi**

With your food basket and my food basket the people will thrive

Jason Fellingham  
Deputy Principal  
Taihape Area School



# TAS Library

Issue 2

## Promotion:

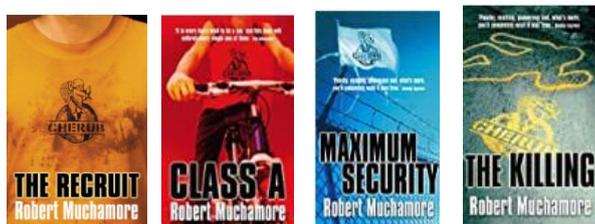
International Womens Month  
Inspirational women



## Student Checkouts @ the Library

Micah in Year 11 has been reading all the CHERUB books

I love these books! But at times they can be inappropriate. They are very thrilling with kids who are spies and have a life or death challenge. I love this series and I hope you do too!



## Fiction Book Picks.

Accessit web OPAC has reading lists of really inspirational women. Here are a few -

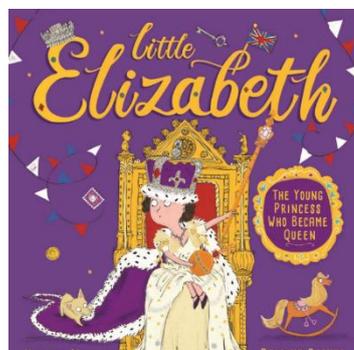
**Malala's magic pencil** - a Picture book for ages 5+

**Good night stories for rebel girls : 100 tales of extraordinary women** – For ages 5-10 Years

**Fantastically Great Women who changed the world** – For ages 7+



## Nonfiction Book Pick



**Little Elizabeth**  
By Valerie Wilding

**The incredible true story of a young and brilliant Princess who grew up to become our Queen.**

Once, a very long time ago, there was a little Princess called Elizabeth who loved to play and have fun with her horses, dogs and little sister, Margaret. But when she was ten years old, her life changed forever.

## Students using the library



**Tech Tip:** Accessit library catalogue

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

**Accessit Tip:**

Reading lists are found via quick lists. Look up books about inspirational women to see what we have, this list can be sorted into age appropriate items.

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Gemma Stevens

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