



TAIHAPE AREA SCHOOL

26 Huia Street, Taihape 06-388-0130

Monday 21st September Term 3 – Week 10

Principal's Corner

Kia ora koutou katoa



This is the last newsletter for the Term – where has the time gone, one minute in Hotel isolation and the next looking back on an awesome term.

It has been a challenging term – coming out of lock down, going back into Level 2 restrictions and new staff to contend with – but I am proud of how the students have risen to the change taking place at TAS. There has been a sense of buy in and ownership – which is important, and in conversation with some of our staff, students and whanau – the change is good.

Our Secondary students have been choosing their subjects over the last week or so and I am impressed as to the maturity and thought going into that choice. All of our students have the potential to thrive and making the choice to pathways that will lead to their future! Whether they choose to be a Doctor or plumber, a Make-up artist or Teacher – TAS is on the journey with them and we want to be the school that gets them to their first choice once they leave us. Keep encouraging them to not accept average – they are more than grades and credits – with a long journey ahead and a lifelong pursuit of learning to get there.

Te Wiki o te Reo Maori has been this week and we have all been trying to improve our use of te Reo Maori. For me te Reo Maori gives me a sense of belonging – it is not just about speaking a language – it is about our identity together. I encourage that we don't just focus on te Reo Maori for a week – but let's make it part of our everyday. That way – the language is ours and will live on.

Most of our sports teams have now finished and I am impressed at how well they have represented TAS. Many of our teams have made the finals – with our Junior Boys Basketball team winning! Our Senior Boys Basketball team was 2nd and Senior Girls Basketball came 3rd. Senior Girls Netball team were 4th. The U13 Whanganui Basketball rep team won the B grade

BBNZ Levin tournament, as well as the U13 Taihape Rugby Team winning! (Both of these teams have numerous students representing from TAS). Even though we may be small in number – we compete at a high standard and everyone gets to be part of the team – we stand out. I look forward to the summer season of sports and what is to come. Feel free to pop in and say Kia ora – my door is always open!

Nga mihi
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

Coming Up

This Week 21st- 25th September

- ~~Tuesday~~ Yr 9 open day 3 – 4:30 pm postponed until Monday 19th October.
- **Wednesday & Thursday** - St Johns, Injury prevention for the junior school.
- **Friday** – End of Term

Term 4

- **Beginning of Term 4** – Monday 12th October.

TAS School Ball

The school ball is unfortunately not going ahead. Anyone who has already brought a ticket will be refunded. We are looking at an alternative event, which will be in Term 4.

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.

Kua tae mai nga hararei kura! School holidays are here

Rangatiratanga Whanaungatanga Wairuatanga Manaakitanga

Tall Poppies – Week 10



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 - Harlie Pilato and Jayden Thorby - for following TAS Values in their learning

Room 2 – Noelle Hansen and Alayna Nelson - for showing their TAS values all week.

Room 3 – Ajahni Gilbert - making big improvement in your writing. **Cullen Musgrove** - for adding ones and tens.

Room 4 - Rigby Haitana - For your achievement in reading. You should be so proud of your progress. **Harmony Poihipi-Conlon** - For your impressive achievement in reading. I love how you have been making predictions and writing about these.

Room 5 - Lea Ranginui - for always displaying the TAS Values during learning time. **Eva Westgate** - for the effort put into her recount writing about her favourite toy. Well Done!

Room 6 - Caspian Jansen - for being a focussed learner, avoiding distractions and trying his best. **Haimona Rata-Hoete** - in recognition of the effort he puts into fitness training and for the excellent use of te Reo Maori whilst broadcasting on TAS FM Radio. Haimona is also Mr Nichols tall poppy for the month as he did a great introduction to a song as well as a joke, all in te Reo on TAS 88.1fm yesterday.

Room 7 - Annie Mattock-Turner - for producing an excellent Inquiry presentation. **Kainda Troon** - For living the TAS values.

Room 8 - Michela Williams - for completing her work even though she has been away sick this week.

Senior School:

Yr 9 – Nga Whakapai Twomey - She helped become a focussed learner in learning Te Reo, this week (Rangatiratanga).



Change to School Hours for Year 1-6 students:

At the start of next Term we are implementing a slight change of hours for our Year 1-6 students, to avoid the congestion that has been an ongoing concern in Learning Street at the end of the day. The **Year 1-6 students** will be released from class (with no bell) at **2.40pm**. Bus students and those who wait for older siblings will wait until the 2.45pm bell. The rest of the School, Year 9-13, will then be released as usual on the bell at 2.45pm.

Prize Giving

Please return all Cups and Trophies to School as soon as possible.



Junior School



Rangatiratanga - we are focused learners. The students have been reminded that this continues to be our main focus, as although holidays are one week away there is still one week of learning to be done. Not that learning stops in the holidays! It is just delivered in a different format, as there is plenty of learning that can be done outside of the classroom, as Lockdown reminded us all.

As we near the end of Term Three and reflect on what a tumultuous year this has been, we need to acknowledge the students and how well they have coped. There has unfortunately been lots of disappointment, with many events cancelled for 2020 and this now includes the Junior Athletics which we had hoped to hold in Term Four but time constraints and other activities simply means this isn't feasible. The students have learnt to accept these changes, as they have rolled out and are to be congratulated for the way in which they have coped with what this year has delivered so far.

Looking ahead to Term Four and the exciting EOTC (Education Outside the Classroom) opportunities that this brings for the Junior School, I want to acknowledge the mahi of my team. Not only for what they have planned for Term Four but also for their efforts over this year so far. It has certainly been one like no other and they have gone above and beyond to support our tamariki in their learning journeys.

“Education is the passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it today.” Malcolm X

Nga mihi nui,
Leah Collings
Deputy Principal

2020 TAS Netball

This Term the Year 3/4's had nine children playing for Taihape Area School Netball team. Our team consisted of our Coach Miss Costello; Players were Louise, Tessa, Kenzie, Payton, Unity-Rose, Pele, Chloe, Wairanaki and Hailyn. Miss Costello is an awesome coach because she taught us some important skills for netball. Our games were played with a mixture of Country and St Joseph's and we would be split into a certain amount of numbers. At the end of the season, all the teams dressed up as animals. Louise went as a Snow Leopard/Panther, Tessa went as a Bee/Flamingo, Unity-Rose and Pele went as Butterflies, Wairanaki went as an Owl/Monkey, Kenzie went as a Deer Hunter, Hailyn went as Simba, Peyton went as a Leopard and Chloe went as a Cheetah. We had a lot of fun!!!

By: Louise Collings



Senior School



Wairuatanga

Wai
Water

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two

tanga
the actions that show

THE ACTIONS THAT SHOW THE OTHER SIDE OF YOU, YOUR REFLECTION IN THE WATER

Thinking

**Reflection, being able to understand your strengths and weaknesses.
To set goals around improving yourself and to make the necessary changes.**

Self assessment.

One of our focuses this past week has been on Wairuatanga, specifically looking at how we can increase the wellbeing of our students. A huge part of our hauora is our mental and emotional wellbeing (Taha hinengaro). This year we are finding that more students are utilising Youthline services as well as our wellbeing volunteer Angela Dredge. We are very grateful for their service and the support they give our tamariki. One of the highlights this week has been Charlie from "Attitude" who had some awesome key messages.

"It's okay to ask for help. Asking for help doesn't mean that you're weak; it helps make you stronger"

"Remember that it's normal to struggle, but not on your own"

"Help, helps, because there is always hope"

We care about our students' hauora / wellbeing, their wairua effects their ability to learn and perform in the classroom. Hence, Wairuatanga is one of our important school values that encompasses such things as: reflecting, recognising our strengths and weaknesses, and understanding that we are all unique individuals with so much to give and learn from each other.

Jason Fellingham

Deputy Principal

Taihape Area School

Year 9 Open Afternoon

Please note the change of date for the Year 9 Open Afternoon. Due to unforeseen circumstances, we have postponed this to Monday 19th October. This is a great opportunity for students and their whanau to visit Taihape Area School.



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Invitation to whanau of upcoming Year 9 students:

Open Afternoon, Monday 19th October, 3.00-4.30pm

Taihape Area School is holding an Open Afternoon for upcoming Year 9 students and their whanau to come and have a look around Taihape Area School and see what exciting programmes we have to offer.

After a walk around the classrooms we will have shared kai, provided by us of course, with a chance to talk with Staff about our programmes and Taihape Area School generally. For catering purposes, it would be appreciated if you could let the Office know your intention to attend.

For any questions, please feel free to contact:

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Travelling Woolshed

The travelling woolshed, in association with Campaign for Wool and Wool in Schools, made a stop in at Taihape Area School. Several classes came through to learn about wool and what it can be used for. The students were surprised to find out that tennis balls and soft balls are made with wool and that 4kg of fleece goes into making 520 tennis balls! One of the rescue lambs made an appearance to the classes as well, which the students loved.





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TAS Library

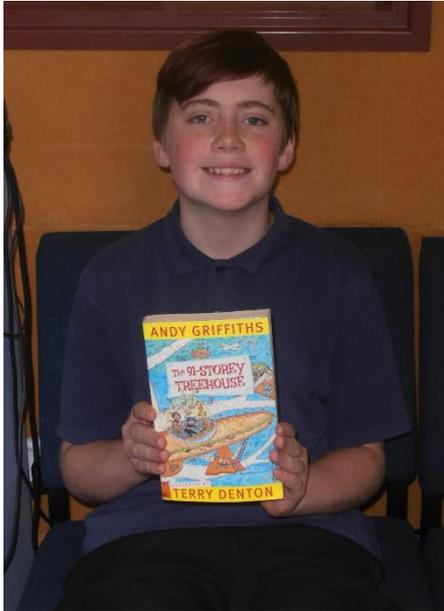
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Library Promotion

Are you voting this year?
Click [here](#) to see the complete guide to the elections

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Student Checkouts @ the Library

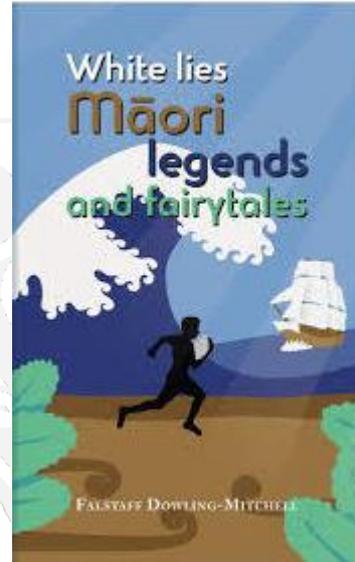


Aaron from Year 7 has just returned *The 91-storey treehouse* By Andy Griffiths.

He says epic things happen, it is very funny, and the drawings are great. I recommend this book.

Fiction Book Pick

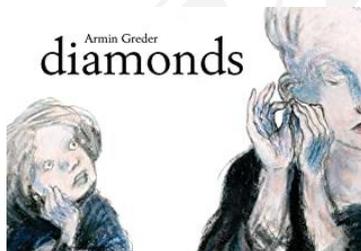
White Lies Maori Legends and fairytales by Falstaff Dowling-Mitchell (NZ Author)



Major themes of the book include the Treaty of Waitangi, Pākehā-Māori relations, and the New Zealand Wars.

The book is aimed at Year 9 to 11 students

Nonfiction Book Pick



Diamonds
by Armin Greder

A wordless picture book.
This book explores the ethics associated with diamond mining, largely

in Africa, and the devastating effects it has had, and continues to have on so many lives, as others benefit in receiving payment for these gems, and ultimately, for the personal gift of beautiful diamonds.

Teaching notes available for this book: for Years 6 to 12, and could be used in Years 3 to 5 as well.

Students using the library

Room 4 students (Emma's class) being read a story by Student Teacher Lauren



Tech Tip:

Fake News: watch this clip to see how to spot it

TAS library webpage [here](#)

Netsafe have this new site <https://yournewsbulletin.co.nz/> that is a great way to learn about Fake News.

Enjoy

Nicholls Swim Academy is now taking enrollments for term 4 2020.

- Aquatots
- Preschool
- School age
- Seals
- Dolphins
- Squad
- Adult Fitness

Contact Taihape Swim Centre for more details

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