



TAIHAPE AREA SCHOOL

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Monday 24th August Term 3 – Week 6

Principal's Corner

Kia ora koutou katoa



While schools are already changeable places – Covid-19 certainly keeps us on our toes, but I am impressed at the resilience being shown by our students. We can be certain that this worldwide pandemic has made us all aware of the importance of community, and the good in it all is that we are more connected. As kiwis, we may get on with our own lives, but we also look out for one another. I encourage you all to keep connected and make sure your kids and the wider whanau are okay. Well done to our kids for bringing their smiles to school each day – it brightens our world.

In listening to our students, there is a genuine passion for making TAS the best school possible – and I am encouraged by the maturity that our kids have when asked what they care about. In meeting with our team captains and vice captains, there is a need for a shared responsibility when it comes to living out our values and ensuring everyone is on the same page. They are committed to help us achieve the goal of leading both on and off the field/court. We will continue to utilise the students as positive leaders, which will not only provide role models, but also help to mould the direction of the school. They have already made a good start by sharing 'game' news every week at Hui-a-ata. Please help to create a positive mind-set towards school and education – these are 'our' kids – who will lead our future.

Over the next while, we are working through the subject offerings and structure that the school will have next year. It always helps our student's choice if they have clear goals in mind – both academic and career driven. We want to give opportunities to our kids that they would not get anywhere else – so it is important that their voice is heard. Partnering with our whanau is important and we would love to also hear what you would like to see. Please feel free to email any of us or come in and chat about what the future will look like.

I have been having productive meetings getting to know our staff and our wider community. There has also been a bit of movement on the 'building' and we now have the task of vision

casting and planning what sort of educational opportunities and partnerships TAS will have. With this in mind – the next few months are crucial to getting the fundamentals right, with a focus on ‘our localised curriculum’ (our lens) – again would love to hear your thoughts. Our board is coming together to ensure that all aspects of the school rebuild are well planned – and are dedicating significant time to the vision and strategic direction of TAS. It is exciting times!

Please ensure your kids understand the rules around time management, wearing uniform correctly and cellphones. In order to get the most out of school, students need to come to school on time and be ready to learn – that is their full time job. We wear our uniform with pride so we are all part of the same team – which is also important to the positive image of the organisation. If there are ever any issues with having correct uniform, please let the school know immediately and we will happily assist. Cellphones should only come to school for emergencies or teacher led activity only. We are all in this together and your assistance is appreciated.

“For most of us, the problem isn’t that we aim too high and fail. It’s just the opposite - we aim too low and succeed.” Sir Ken Robinson

I look forward to meeting and getting to know you all, feel free to pop in and say Kia ora – my door is always open!

Nga mihi
Craig Dredge
Principal

Coming Up

This Week: 24th – 28th August

- **Monday 24th – 26th** – Room 6 Camp to Sixtus Lodge
- **Wednesday 26th** - Pie orders due!!!
- **Friday 28th** – Mufti Day to support Daffodil Day, Gold coin donation for those who choose to wear mufti.

Next Week: 31st August – 4th September

- **Wednesday 2nd** – Ripper/fun session for junior school
- **Wednesday 2nd- 4th** - Year 11 careers camp Wellington, to be confirmed as dependent upon Covid 19 Levels.

Tall Poppies – Week 6

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



Room 1 –Rone Temara and Kyron Herewini-Dygas- Both boys for showing the TAS value of Rangatiratanga in trying to sound out some words in reading.

Room 2 – Te Rangi Hetaraka- completing all his reading.

Room 3 – Cullen Musgrove - for telling the truth. **Savannah Cashell-** for great writing.

Room 4 – Peyton Thorby- For your amazing effort during our circuit fitness sessions. You always give 100%. **Chloe Jensen-** For your amazing achievement in Geometry this week. You have worked really hard learning new 3D shapes

Room 5 – Nile-Khalila Saifudin - for her amazing mathematical skills in long division.

Alex Tilyard - for stepping up and role modelling positive relationships with his peers.

Room 6 – Kray Maata and Neihana Wikitera- for showing significant improvement in their Inquiry written work and for making good choices.

Room 7 – Ephraim Pirikahu and Tu Rolston - for showing Rangatiratanga in narrative writing

Room 8 – Montana Kirby- for leading her learning.

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.

Kia kaha te ako. Go hard learning

Junior School



Learning never stops, there is always something new to learn or something that needs refreshing. This is for everyone, adults and children alike. Some of the Staff became students a few weeks ago, when we took part in a First Aid Course. This was great not only for the content of the course, but as well as the team building side of it. There was lots of laughter, and lots of fun, with lots of learning too - just how learning should be. The more engaging a topic/lesson is, the more the learner takes away from it.

Our current focus at the moment is Rangatiratanga - we are focussed learners. Ensuring that students are actively engaged in their learning, arrive fully prepared for class, and that they participate in everything is our daily business. Having whanau support with this is always appreciated, ask your children what they are currently learning in class, check that they have all the equipment needed to learn well, and check with them that they are giving everything a go. 'You don't know what you don't know' is very true, and encouraging students to give everything a go can be hard when they don't deem it an area of interest or strength, but without them knowing it, it just may be their passion area!

Mauria te pono - Believe in yourself.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns our doors are always open.

Nga mihi nui
Leah Collings Deputy Principal



Wairuatanga Whanaungatanga Rangatiratanga Manaakitanga

Year 7 & 8 Netball - Thursday 20th August

TAS vs Country

Last Thursday was our first game under the Level 2 restrictions and the weather was against us. We only had seven girls turn up so there was no time on the sideline. In the first quarter, we were well ahead and we were going back and forth between our goal and the centre circle. We were keeping our pace in the middle two quarters but losing a bit of focus, leading to throwing the ball away and giving over some points to the other team. With the poor weather and tired players, there were a lot of slips and falls. In the last quarter, we refocused and gave our all. The final score was 29-3. So overall, despite the horrible weather and the limited players it was a great to be back on court.

Montana Kirby. Room 8

Just a reminder to the netball girls about our weekly games:

Be at the netball courts by 4:00pm with your drink bottle, in your uniform, ready to play:)

Please let Jen know if you can't make it: 027 269 7755



Senior School



Rangatiratanga

Ranga
Binding, weaving, leading

tira
group

tanga
the actions that show

THE ACTIONS THAT BIND A GROUP TOGETHER

Managing Self

Increase your leadership opportunities

Behaving appropriately towards others

One of our key focuses for our tamariki is to “e tu!” stand up and be counted. Hence, we acknowledge many students over the last few weeks who have received an achieved, merit or an excellence in their assessments. When students demonstrate self-management, they show Rangatiratanga. Another example in the past week is our sport captains and team representatives who are leading their teams and setting the example to be united, win or lose. One of those students is Kaya Bower who walks the TAS Values and is a positive role model and leader in her Rugby, Netball and leading her learning.

We acknowledge the efforts of Loni Martin & Poppy Dekker for their continued passion in Senior Physical Education & Outdoor Pursuits. This week our senior PE students are doing a leadership module with Miss Kirby’s junior class held at Sixtus Lodge. We wish them all the best for their overnight camp and assessments.

The whakatauki below refers to the importance of learning for it is key to your wellbeing. If you follow the path of learning, the world will be your oyster.

Whāia te mātauranga hei oranga mō koutou

Seek after learning for the sake of your wellbeing

Jason Fellingham
Acting Deputy Principal
Taihape Area School

The first lambs of the year were born two weeks early on the school farm!



Wairuatanga Whanaungatanga Rangatiratanga Manaakitanga



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The Year 11-13 Ag students visited Oruamatua on Wednesday, where they looked at and discussed the diverse farming of Quinoa, sheep and beef. They were also taken to see the original homestead on the farm, which is older than Taihape itself.



TAS Library

Student Checkouts @ the Library

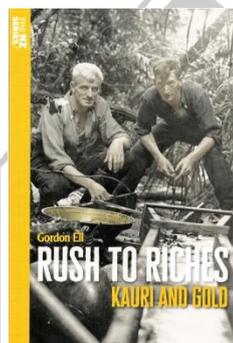


Kasey; Yr 12 reading : *Horizon* by Scott Westerfeld

He said he is reading this in the library, Micah recommended it to him, and it is so good he has almost finished it.

[Kirkus reviews](#)

Nonfiction Book Pick



Rush to Riches: Kauri and Gold by Gordon Ell.

This looks at the NZ gold rushes and the Kauri timber and gum industry.

Where these industries took place, how the timber gum and gold were accessed, the effects on the landscape and the peopling of New Zealand and the economic outcomes for new Zealand are all covered.

Excellent photographs of the people who exploited these resources and the lives they led plus the effects

Tech Tip:

With all the uncertainty around COVID-19 we wanted to remind you to use Accessit library. The Web App homepage is your children's/students' doorway to the library and its resources.

<https://aiscloud.nz/THP00/#!dashboard>

Fiction Book Pick



Katipo Joe by Brian Falkner

Brian Falkner is a New Zealand children's book writer.

Based on true events it is set in Berlin in 1938 as the Nazi machine was taunting the world with threats and it's anti Jewish programme.

For readers between 12 years and 16 years. Adults will love it too.

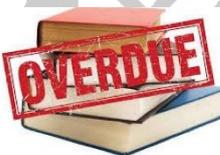
Photographs in the back plus a glossary giving all the aircraft, guns and Nazi terms.

Easy to read and compelling.

Library Hours:

Monday to Friday - 9.30 till 3.30. Open all day including Interval and Lunch. Not open during school holidays.

Librarian: Mrs Robyn Somerville
rsomerville@tas.school.nz



Overdue library books

Students & parents have been sent emails regarding who has overdue library resources. Charges for lost books will occur this week. **BUT** if the resource is found & returned a full refund will be made.



This year Taihape Older and Bolder will be supporting Cancer Society Daffodil Day this Friday 28th August, outside of Taihape Honda.

We need your support with any donations of baking, these can be dropped off outside Taihape Honda from 8.30 am. Or if you wish to support us as a volunteer – details are below.

Please contact Michelle Fannin on 021 152 6412 or email taihapeolderbolder@gmail.com

Please remember that TAS is having a mufti day this Friday to show our support to the Cancer Society. Please remember that if students choose to wear mufti, they need to bring a gold coin donation.