



TAIHAPE AREA SCHOOL

26 Huia Street, Taihape 06-388-0130

Monday 19th October 2020 Term 4 – Week 2

Principal's Corner

Kia ora koutou katoa



We have had a fantastic start to Term 4 and I am pleased with the general behaviour and positive attitude the students are showing towards their studies.

We are at the business end of school for the senior students and everyday matters when it comes to the educational journey. While it is easy to get caught up in credit counts – it is more important to stay focused on finishing well. NCEA students need to make sure they are completing the right units towards the pathway they are heading to – which means that there can always be more done to enhance prospects of ensuring their preferred choice. It is not time to slow down the pace – as we need to finish the race well.

Politics is not a topic that I would usually cover in a newsletter but it is important that whoever has been successful to govern – that all of us need to understand the policies, which will effect education for the next 3 years. There are always changes – but ultimately TAS is in the business of helping to shape the future – creating tradies, farmers, chefs, teachers, doctors and leaders (and that is just to name a few). Education is the key to unlocking potential – the value is immeasurable and we are all part of a valuable lifelong pursuit.

Whakatauki / Maori Proverb:

My success should not be bestowed onto me alone, as it was not individual success but success of a collective

The Secondary section of the school will be involved in a teacher only day on November 27, as per the Ministry of Education, NCEI Te Riu Roa and PPTA Te Wehengarua accord. This will be a focus on the new initiatives coming through for NZEA and while it means that no secondary students are at school – the staff can take time to ensure they are up to date and prepared for our next steps. Please note that all primary school staff and students are expected to be at school – which will continue as normal.

A reminder – we really enjoy being the HUB for our community and especially enjoy the fact that kids like to be in the school grounds after hours. Please make sure that you know where they are and what they are up to – so we can all make sure that our grounds are in the best condition possible. Unnecessary damage makes it harder to offer our best and we need the students to always treat the environment with respect – during school and while on the grounds.

Pink Shirt Day – has been a success, with many students and staff members choosing to wear pink to make a stand together - against bullying. At TAS, we do not condone bullying of any kind and it is important that should an isolated incident happen, the most effective way of dealing with it is immediately and at the time – so it does not go into the realm of bullying, by being an ongoing issue. We also cannot support bullying by being bystanders – where we watch on as an incident happens in front of us. Please partner with us by speaking to your child about their schooling and encourage them to speak up should others not be acting in accordance with the TAS values. Bullying is not okay – we can eliminate it by not allowing it. We set the tone!

If you have any ideas or feedback that will ensure TAS is the school of choice, for next year and beyond – feel free to either email or come in for a chat. There will also be a number of surveys coming out as we really value our communities' opinion – make sure your voice is heard.

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

Nga mihi
Craig Dredge
Principal

It is up to us to live up to the legacy that was left for us, and to leave a legacy that is worthy of our children and of future generations. ***Christine Gregoire***

Coming Up

This Week: 19th – 23rd

- **Monday 19th** - Open day for upcoming Year 9's.
- **Wednesday 21st** - Year 0-8 Cross Country starting 12.30pm
- **Friday 23rd** - Mufti Day to support Loud Shirt day, Gold coin donation for those who choose to wear mufti.

Next week: 26th – 30th

- **Monday 26th** - Labour Day
- **Thursday 29th, Friday 30th** - Room 4 Camp
- **Friday 30th** - Hunterville cross country

Mufti Day - Friday

Please remember that TAS is having a mufti day this Friday to show our support to Loud Shirt Day. Loud Shirt Day is the annual appeal of [The Hearing House](#) and the [Southern Cochlear Implant Programme](#), the only two charities in New Zealand that deliver Cochlear Implant services and is dedicated to ensuring that children and adults with hearing loss have the opportunities to listen and communicate with spoken language. Please remember that if students choose to wear mufti, they need to bring a gold coin donation.

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 e mate wheke. Dont give up.

Prize Giving

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



Tall Poppies – Week 1

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 - Marshall Collings and Elijah Cashell - for following TAS Values.

Room 2 - Noelle Hansen and Zyden Gilbert

Room 3 - Violet Shaw - writing interesting words. **Cullen Musgrove** - for fabulous maths.

Room 4 - Peyton Thorby - Amazing progress in reading! Your hard work has paid off.

Kohatu-Paul Hansen - Demonstrating Manaakitanga and always showing respect on the mat.

Room 5 - Ardijah Rewai - for being a fantastic role model to others by displaying the TAS Values. **Tessa Coogan** - for consistently presenting her learning for a very high standard. Excellent Effort!

Room 6 - Aiden Lamb and Caspian Jansen - making excellent choices and demonstrating sound self-management skills. **Amelia Shaw** - for demonstrating excellent self -management skills and always producing quality work.

Room 7 - Kavahn Cane - Showing your leadership skills by stepping up and working with younger students. **Ben James** - Showing rangatiratanga by participating more in maths workshop

Room 8 - Kiana O'Loughlin - for being a focused learner.



Change to School Hours for Year 1-6 students:

At the start of this 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.

Junior School



What an awesome first week back! There have been lots of great choices evident amongst the student body that show they are living our TAS Values, it has been so great to see. We continue to reinforce our Values everyday, with every chance we get. There are no longer specific PB4L Lessons each week, instead we are linking all choices and actions back to our Values so they become truly embedded for all the TAS Community.

As we all know, Term 4 is a shorter Term but one that is jam packed with lots of different activities. One of these is Cross Country, and we are looking forward to this event on Wednesday (21st), and are excited that it is an event that is actually going to plan! We are hoping for fine weather, and are looking forward to watching the students display their Values through their participation and determination on completing the course.

On reflection, there has also been a slight change to Athletics, in particular Year 8. As it's their last year of their Primary schooling, and there are accolades available for them, along with us being able to structure and deliver the training outside of their Homeroom time, the Year 8 students who choose to participate will have an Athletics event. The training will take place during one of their PTP blocks, so they will still get one block of PTP each week and will need to focus and work hard to get through as much of their work as possible. They then head to PE with Miss Dekker and her senior PE students, to be trained before an event is set. There will be more information to come for this. Unfortunately the logistics of doing a whole Junior School Athletics are still not possible, and this will be only for Year 8 students.

The classrooms are also hives of activity, both with daily lessons, our Junior Inquiry for Term 4 - Hauora, "How can we maintain our Hauora", as well as our end of year assessment that takes place during Term 4. Staff and students alike are working hard to ensure the nurturing that has taken place throughout the year is shown through the growth of the students potential. As well, Staff are busy planning EOTC activities for the students, as well as writing End of Year Reports. It's a very industrious time, as always!

"Learning is not the product of teaching. Learning is the product of the activity of learners" John Holt.

Nga mihi nui,
Leah Collings
Deputy Principal

Junior Cross Country

Year 0-8 Cross Country is next Wednesday, 21st October. The event will start at 12.30pm, and groups will vary the times in which they come out to the Grandstand, and for the older students the time that they return to School.

The races will run from the oldest to the youngest, with the below being **APPROXIMATE** times for the start of each event. These will depend on the size of the races on the day, the weather etc. Please note that it is likely they will vary from this, as if running ahead of time races will start earlier.

12.30pm - Year 8

12.45pm - Year 6/7 Boys

1.00pm - Year 6/7 Girls

1.15pm - Year 4/5 Boys

1.30pm - Year 4/5 Girls

Please note - that for Year 4-8 races, placings are given to the top three runners in each of these events, not for every year level. Races are run in these year groups as they align with the Inter-School (Year 4-8) Competition. However, a placing in our top three does not mean an automatic entry to the Inter-School event. Hunterville (Inter-School) Cross Country is on Friday 30th October.

1.45pm - All Year 3

2.00pm - All Year 2

2.10pm - Year 0/1 Boys

2.20pm - Year 0/1 Girls

Year 0-3 races will have placings given for separate year levels and gender, they are running together due to the numbers in each event only.

Halloween Disco

Friday 30th October. 6-7pm for years 0-4 and 7-8pm for years 5-8.

Enter via the TAS Basketball courts. Entry fee is \$2

There will be prizes to be won, including best costume.

For sale: Drinks, glow sticks and a sausage sizzle.

This event is for year 0-8 TAS students only.

Senior School



Participating and Contributing

We are born with our own mana and are the only ones that can decrease what we have.

How you relate to others and how others feel about working with you. Making others feel good about themselves, acknowledging their qualities and actions.

Another exciting start to the Term with our students preparing for exams and working hard to gain various NCEA endorsements. A highlight of the week has been the visit from Willie Apiata, VC. His visit was organised and sponsored by Westpac which we are most grateful for. Willie Apiata's programme focused on experiences from his life and values that he stood for while discussing with the students their values as well as the school values. One of the key themes discussed was "the imprint they want to leave on New Zealand society".

Manaakitanga certainly fits with the kaupapa and korero of Willie's visit last week. We ask ourselves to reflect on the following questions:

- How do I enhance my mana?
- How do I enhance the mana of others?

Recently we have been tailoring our values to meet specific needs within the school, for example, our students sports contract, and how we better engage with our students in the classroom.

We invite all students, whanau and community members to help empower each other in the process of building lifelong learners.

Jason Fellingham

Deputy Principal

Taihape Area School

Year 9 Open Afternoon, Today



Taihape Area School
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Taihape

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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Amber-Lee Collings, Office Manager, 3880130 acollings@tas.school.nz

Board of Trustees - Student Representative Election

On Friday September 18th 2020 we held our annual Board of Trustees Student Representative Election.

This process follows the same one as the Triennial Parent and Staff elections however; student representatives are elected annually in September. Student trustees have equal standing, voice, accountabilities and vote as other board members, they can't be the board chair (neither can the principal nor staff trustee). Any student enrolled full-time in Year 9 and above, and under the age of 20, is eligible to stand for election and vote for a student trustee.

Our three enthusiastic nominees promoted themselves and spoke to the school community they should all be proud of their efforts and their pride and enthusiasm for Taihape Area School and their fellow students, they all ran a fantastic race.

We received a better result on voting day than in previous years with 63 votes cast, a 50% response from eligible voters.

Taihape Area School Board of Trustees election Student election results Student representative votes:

Name	Votes
Atawhai McDonnell	1 st
Kia Tihore	2 nd
Madison Tapu- Grant	3 rd

I hereby declare the following duly elected - **Atawhai McDonnell**



R Somerville

Returning officer

TAS Library

Student Checkouts @ the Library

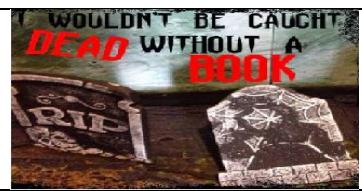


Holley (year 10) and Melodie (year 9) recommend the Heroes of Olympus series by American author Rick Riordan.

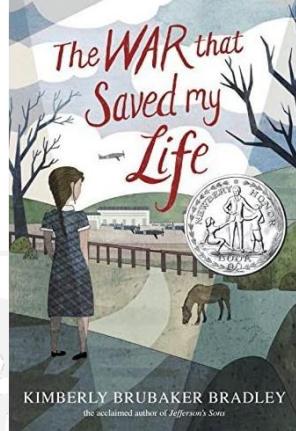
They say it teaches kids about Greek mythology in a fun way.

Promotion:

Spooky Reads



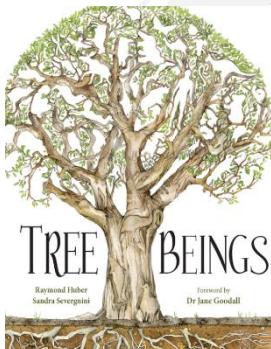
Fiction Book Pick



The War that Saved My Life
Kimberly Brubaker Bradley
Award Winner, Newbery Honor Book, United States, 2016 ---
Suit age 10+

A standout story set in the English countryside during World War II. Wartime brings new, scary things into the characters' lives, from bomb shelters and destroyed homes to the plane crashes that kill the pilots. Far more troubling is the character of their abusive mother, who regularly smacks the kids and has kept Ada, born with a clubfoot, locked up in one room her whole life, the kids evacuate to the country, where they experience care and kindness for the first time in their lives. There's lots of historical detail about World War II in England, from the evacuation of kids to the countryside to details about British military planes.

Nonfiction Book Pick



TREE BEINGS

By Raymond Huber

Audience age: 7-14 years

Key Curriculum Areas: Science, Environment, History

Trees have a presence that can move people.

Learn how trees can fight climate change and about the new science of how they communicate with each other.

Only when we fall in love with Nature will we want to protect it

**WELCOME
BACK TO SCHOOL**



Lunchtime fun

Tech Tip: SPOTLIGHT ON PARLIAMENT General Election kids' activities

This activity book includes helping the new MPs find their way to Parliament, a crossword, word find, spot the difference, colouring in, and many quirky facts about Parliament!

And here's a light-hearted video on elections for those slightly older: <https://ondemand.parliament.nz/spotlight-on-parliament/?itemId=69893>