

NEWSLETTER

TO ENABLE OUR LEARNERS TO BE LIFELONG
ACHIEVERS WHO CAN THINK CREATIVELY
AND CRITICALLY AS PART OF A CARING
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PRINCIPAL'S PRATTLE

Kia ora koutou,

Most of us have pretty fond memories of most of our schooling but whether or not that is the case, the one area that I'm pretty sure we all remember with a smile would be the school camps that we went on. For each of us that will be due to many different experiences but will all be incredibly meaningful to us individually.

Education is not just about schools, and in our quest to create lifelong learners we need to be pretty clear that we learn from all that we do - intentionally or accidentally. Being in the great outdoors and on camp is no different to that at all. One of the striking successes of such experiences is that the kids often get to try new activities that can be quite challenging for them. At our camps these are offered at levels which cater for the needs of the pupils. Certainly not a one-size fits all scenario at all. There are opportunities for those who enjoy a bit of adrenaline just as there are opportunities for those who like to enjoy the relative peace and quiet of the native bush. There is ample time spent on kayaks, Canadian canoes and constructing rafts and, through it all, the constant denominator of relishing the company of others. Working and living together en masse would in some cases be a recipe for disaster but with our tamariki and the culture of learning that they have, the result is that they tend to flourish.

The growth in each child is also due to the nurturing that takes place on camp via the teachers and the parents. Once again, it takes a village to raise a child. So, at the end of this week and next, we will see a troupe of happy but exhausted kids come back to school - pleased to see their whanau but also secretly wanting to go back on camp at Tutira. Back home with a whole lot of new memories, great experiences and I hope, with a bit of dirt under their fingernails! Don't you wish you were at school again?

Marty Hantz

*"I took a walk in the woods and came
out taller than the trees"*

Henry David Thoreau



Book Club



Last day for book orders is today...
you can still order directly on-line
with loop ordering..

AH, McCAINS, YOU'VE DONE IT AGAIN!

A really big thanks to McCains for their continued support of the school through their donations for the Fete and for school camps. Not only great food but it also helps us all to raise funds for the betterment of all our learners. Thanks so much!

PROBE READING RESULTS

Each term we monitor all of our learners in regards to their reading abilities. For the Years 3 to 6 learners we use the PROBE test, and in doing so we work really hard to ensure that we moderate the way we do this to ensure that there is uniformity. This also means that we have very high expectations of the scores required to be comprehensively able at each age level. For us, that means scoring 80% or better! Our results from Term 1 are as follows;

YEAR / COHORT	BELOW %	AT %	ABOVE %
3	12	49	39
4	8	51	41
5	8	41	51
6	9	29	62
MAORI	11	50	39
MALE	11	46	43
FEMALE	8	40	52
OVERALL	10	43	47

We believe that, just like last year, we can have 95% of our Year 3-6 learners reading At or Above their chronological ages by the end of the year. Don't forget that you can help in that aim too!

As for Term one results? The data is very similar to the last two years which tells us that lots of reading was probably done over the Christmas break. Well done to all!

Most importantly, the most important thing we can do is make reading fun. Reading now is all well and very good, but we want to create and encourage life-long readers.

SMOKE FREE!

Just a reminder that all schools in New Zealand are smoke-free. Not that we have an issue with that at TPS...but we are legally obliged to remind you anyway!

TALL POPPIES

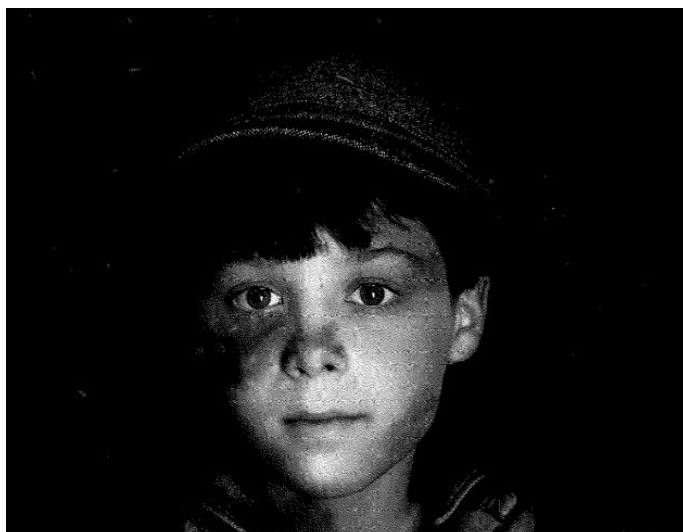
Congratulations to Year 6 students Riley Peach and Ethan Spencer for being selected for the U12 Federation Futsal National Tournament in Palmerston North, representing Central Football.

Congratulations to our very talented singers/actors who performed in the recent production of 'OLIVER'

- Brooke Geary, Kendra Wise and Finn Fitzgerald. Finn was the lead role as "Oliver".

Lovely also to see our ex pupils on stage too:

- Ellie Fitzgerald, Hugo Minor, Tamra Grant and Paris Good (together with her Dad, Martin Good).



LUNCH ORDERS AT TPS!

This Friday we will be starting up lunch orders again at Taradale Primary. We will be trialling a local company called 'Lunch Orders On-Line'. Some of you may already be aware of this company and used them through Taradale Intermediate School.

Here is what you need to know:

- Fridays (only) will be 'lunch order day' at TPS
- You need to set up an account (and load your account into credit,) prior to placing an order.
- A 'member' is the person receiving the lunch order
- All orders are placed on-line by the parent
- Delivery of the lunch order is direct to the school from the providing company (which is Pita Pit in our case)
- Orders can be made up to 8.30am on the day of delivery (we would suggest you set up your account and place your order before this time/day)

Pita Pit Delivers to Taradale Primary with a \$3 Launch Day

\$3 Launch Day Friday 11th May!!!
(Normal prices resume Fri 18th May)

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- 1 Register an account
- 2 Add member/s including your child's name, school and classroom
- 3 Make a payment so you have funds in your account before you order
- 4 Select your lunch and place an order



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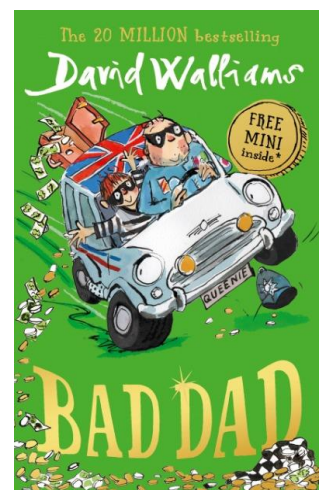
We will be starting off with only one 'lunch provider' to kick start this off. Once we are sure this is the way for lunch orders at TPS to continue, we have the ability to add other providers.

Pita Pit will be running a special \$3 pita deal this Friday (flyer attached). After this, normal pita pit prices will apply. For more information and frequently asked questions, visit www.lunchonline.co.nz

CREATIVE WRITING...

The Bad Dad is called Gilbert the Great. This is a non fiction chapter book for children 8 years and older. My favourite part was when the dad was racing in his car called Queenie. Dad was racing his car Queenie around the racing track and then he crashed. He went to hospital with a bad injury. I liked this book because it was very funny and made me laugh.

Book review By Caitlin Clark



Berry Berry Berry! I said. Berry was a cute bunny with ears so adorably cute you just cannot resist touching them. And with a tail so so fluffy you just have to touch it. Her tail is as white as new snow.

Isla R17

Look at the steaming hot glassy waterfall. The waterfall looks steep, rocky and bumpy. It has sticks. It looks fun. I would want to climb up it!!!

Ella R17

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