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## PRINCIPAL'S PRATTLE

Kia ora koutou,

What a week! So much to celebrate - so much in the way of good news. And the two 'big ticket' items that are so deserving of that celebration, the big tick for the Taradale Community Pool and the Village Fete, were created by groups of people that aren't afraid of a bit of work and who are driven by a desire to make the world a better place. That selflessness will result in better facilities for not only the learners at Taradale Primary, but also for our community too.

Congratulations to the Taradale Community Pool Trustees for their commitment to the pool. Behind the scenes has been an immense effort to piece together the successful Business Strategy. And behind that has been the promise of pro bono help through labour or materials by so many locals within our community. This shows quite clearly the importance of having a pool within our community - so many have spoken with their actions. As with all such things the job is not yet done and those that have worked so hard so far will need all of our support to raise those funds required.

Congratulations to all of those on the PTA, and all of us that assisted them, for having such a successful day on Sunday. To have raised \$32,000 (\$6,000 more than 2017) is phenomenal and as we have always stated that money benefits all learners in our school. We continue to receive such kudo's regarding how our school looks and the facilities that we provide, but we couldn't do this without that extra cash! And what a benefit for the community! Our grounds are constantly used during the weekends by our community, so having the sandpit and astroturf open and available is amazing for all. The other important aspect of the day was the way that it brought so many of our community together. Whether that was because they were all working on the Fete or at the Fete with whanau, the opportunity to catch up was fantastic.

Two great results, and all for the community as a whole. That's what its all about!

Marty Hantz

*"Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much"*

*Helen Keller*

### Book Club



A HUGE thank you to all the parents and caregivers who placed a scholastic book order this term. Every order placed earns our school rewards dollars and this term we have gained a massive \$782.

Our librarian has thoroughly enjoyed unpacking new books last week for our children to enjoy in our school library. We look forward to putting more new books into our school library next term, so thank you from Nikki Fenwick & Stacey Lyford.



## ROAD SAFETY – RESPONSIBILITY OF ALL!

We're a pretty positive school on the whole but it never ceases to amaze us that people are in that much of a hurry that they can't stop their cars for the crossing .... and yes, this includes plenty of our own school families!

We also had a near miss on Tuesday when a student crossed Church Road without using the crossing. A very close call. This is not helped by the numbers of parents who cross their children over the road between the painted 'diamonds' and the crossing. Are you really in that much of a hurry that you're prepared to send the wrong safety message to your child? C'mon people, think about it!

## VILLAGE FETE SPONSORSHIP!

Such a great financial result cannot take place without the aid of businesses within our community and we are so lucky to have such generosity around us. In particular we would like to thank the following; Greenmeadows New World, The Breeze Radio Station and The Duke of Gloucester. Please support those that support us!

## BOOKS ARE AMAZING – SO ARE KIDS!

I had an email from a great little thinker in our school who suggested that each week I recommend a great book to read to or with kids. What a cool idea but it would be so much better to have that information coming from the kids themselves ... so watch this space next term!

In the meantime the best book to read to or with your kids is the book they love the most (or if they are a wee bit reluctant, then the book you love the most!). Choosing those favourites are great as they are loved and well known ... and reading them aloud can make a book come alive! So, here are a couple of my 'faves' to read aloud....

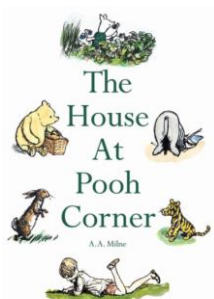
### Picture Books

- "Where the Wild Things Are", Maurice Sendak
- "Who let the Pigeon Drive the Bus", Mo Willems
- "Paper Bag Princess", Robert Munsch



### Chapter Books

- "Goodnight Mr Tom" Michelle Magorian
- "The House at Pooh Corner", A.A Milne



Happy Reading!

## TALL POPPIES

Congratulations to Emily Lange who was awarded the Burlington Marching Under 12's Most Disciplined Award. Well done Emily!

## SCHOOL HOLIDAY COOKING CLASSES



Calling all budding mini chefs! Learn skills, have fun and fill your tum! All ingredients are provided.

- Monday to Friday 3.00 – 4.30pm and Saturday 2 – 3.30pm.
- Book multiple classes and receive a discount
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## PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Thank you so much to those parents and whanau who have already booked in for the Parent Teacher interviews in Week 1, Term 2. This is such a big part of your child's learning year hence we've bought these interviews forward by 8 weeks....the rationale for this? Mid-year is just a tad too late for you as parents to assist with your child's learning, when this could be achieved better through the earlier meeting. Good thinking right?

The interviews will have a strong focus on the academic achievement of your child – the 'where my child is at', the 'where to next' and the 'how we can work together to bring about that next step learning'. It is vitally important that you, as parents, play a strong part in your child's education. The knowledge gained through these interviews certainly allows that to happen.

### How to book your interview

- Parent/Teacher Interviews for **Years 2 – 5** (excluding R18), will be held on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> May, Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May and Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> May, 2 – 6pm.
  - To book your online interview:
  - Go to [www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz)
  - Type in event code mypdb and select GO
  - Follow the very easy steps to complete your interview time with your child's teacher
  - A confirmation email will be sent to you
- Parent/Teacher Interviews for **Year 6** will be held on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2-6pm, Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 7.30am – 6.00pm and Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> May, 2 – 6pm.
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**School on these three days will be closing for all students at 1pm.** Please ensure your child is aware of their arrangements for getting home. Afcare will be running from 1pm if you require their services.

If you do not have internet access, please see the office and they can make an online booking on your behalf.

### *Creative Writing from R17...*

Why is cultural day so fun! I loved the banana cupcakes and I loved the donuts. I am from England. I am dressed as a Pom. Max is dressed as a New Zealand person. He is wearing an All Blacks uniform and he is wearing a hat. **Mason**

I woke up excited. It is cultural day. I have some chicken nuggets and some carrots. **Hugo**

Munch, munch, crunch, crunch! Today was our cultural day. I ate loads of dumplings. The food I ate was a lolly cake, about 15 dumplings, shhh don't tell anyone. I also had pineapple, some chips, a sip of coconut water from New Zealand and a chocolate chip biscuit. I went in a dress from China, my Grandma got it. Also I had a foxy top, the tights were white. I had some pink with gold princess shoes. My Grandma got them from China. I feel happy because I ate lots of yummy food. **Hannah**



Don't forget to take your TPS Tickets along to the movies when you go.... every coupon handed in earns points/free movie passes for our school! A hard copy will be coming home soon.



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