

NEWSLETTER

TO ENABLE OUR LEARNERS TO BE LIFELONG
ACHIEVERS WHO CAN THINK CREATIVELY
AND CRITICALLY AS PART OF A CARING
GLOBAL COMMUNITY.



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PRINCIPAL'S PRATTLE

Kia ora koutou,

Last Friday I hosted 10 teachers from a school in Taumarunui. Their visit was all about how we use our Self-Management Matrix as well as all of the other learning and assessment tools that we use around this. At the end of the visit, after traipsing around our school, visiting rooms and looking at what makes our place tick, I invited our guests to go beyond the Self-Management Matrix (which they loved!) and give me some feedback in regards to anything else they noted - whether that be negative or positive.

From a positive perspective it is nice to hear about what we do well. That outside perspective is often quite vital as we too often look for the negative rather than the positives. Too often we can't see the wood for the trees. The really positive piece of feedback that I took the most from was the way that they noticed that so many of our learners are not just involved in their learning, but that they are engaged. This means that they are well on-task, know what they are learning and why they are learning it and can explain what they need to do to get to the next step. And yes, they spent a lot of time with our 5 year olds too...so not just something that the older learners can do! That on-task learning behaviour is so important too. On-task, engaged learners do not disrupt other learners and this means that our teachers can teach and spend far less time managing poor behaviour. A win-win for all!

Our visitors also noticed the wonderful manners that our learners have. I have always been a big 'stickler' for this as it is so important for so many reasons ...and to hear that from our guests means so much. A big tick for the kids, for the school and for the community. A big tick for manners and a big tick for a community that values education. Good on you, Taradale!

"Friendship isn't about who you've known the longest. It's about who walked into your life, said, 'I'm here for you, and proved it'"

Marty Hantz

PIZZA 'N' CAKE DAY!

SENIORS (YEARS 4-6 & R12) - TUESDAY 19TH JUNE

JUNIORS (YEARS 1 - 3) - THURSDAY 21ST JUNE

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:

- Pizza & Cake - \$5 (2 x pizza and 1 cake OR 3 x pizza and NO cake)
 - Extra Pizza - \$1.00 per piece (**must** order \$5 combo to get extra pizza)
 - Extra Cake - \$1.50 per piece (**must** order \$5 combo to get extra cake)
1. **All orders** are to be ordered and paid for on-line via www.lunchonline.co.nz
 2. If you do not already have an account with lunch-on-line (for your Friday pita pit orders), you can register via the above web site (it is very easy!)
 3. Orders need to be completed on-line no later than 9am Monday 18th June. **Sorry any late orders cannot be processed.**
 4. Once your order is placed, **no refund** is available (for example due to illness on the day).
 5. Children are to take their lunchbox with them to the hall on the day to collect their food.
 6. Senior's pizza day (Y4-6 & R12) is Tuesday 19th and Junior's (Y1-3) is Thursday 21st June.

READ 'N' FEED

Another aspect of our school that wowed our visitors but which we probably take for granted is our Read 'n' Feed. We brought this concept in about seven or eight years ago. It takes place from 10.50am to 11am, and it involves the staff reading aloud to their classes while the tamariki eat their morning tea in front of us. Apart from the obvious positive impact of the reading, it also means that we know that all of our learners are eating at morning tea, then can have a full 20 minutes of play, letting all of their steam out! And it also means that all of our wrappers from our food are not stuffed into pockets and dropped around the school. A clean and tidy school, tummies full of food, lots of time to play and at least one story per day? Pure gold!



TRUANCY INFORMATION

From a legal perspective it is the parent's responsibility to have your child at school each and every day. It is the school's legal responsibility to follow up on truancy issues. Being at school is very important as it is widely known that for each day away this can equal up to one week's loss of learning in comparison to the other learners in the class! True story! Please remember though that it is also your responsibility to let the school know if your child is away and why your child is away.

SELF-MANAGEMENT MATRIX – Knowing what I am Learning

The third part of the Matrix that we base so much of our learning on is 'Know what I am Learning', which is an important part of all of our lives. If we know what we're learning then it makes it more relevant and purposeful for us all. We're not just doing stuff...we are learning for a purpose. And that makes a really big difference!

A big part of this is being able to know what the learning looks like and making an honest reflection of our own work. It is also an area where we can begin to aid others, and the teacher, in working out what that success criteria looks like.

As parents you might like to ask the following questions of your child – remembering of course that many will be at different levels of using this part of the matrix.

- Did you use the 'target arrows' today to check your work?
- What are you learning in _____?
- How do you know that you've been successful?



WIG WEDNESDAY – 20TH JUNE

Taradale Primary will be taking part in Wig Wednesday next week! Show your support for Child Cancer Foundation by wearing a wig or having crazy hair for a gold coin donation. You can wear mufti clothing as well! *We appreciate all your support for this great cause.*

NZEI STOPWORK MEETING

A reminder that....on Thursday 28th June School will be closing at 1pm.

TERM 3 BASKETBALL

Permission slips for children wanting to play basketball in Term 3 have gone out this week. The Year 1-2 children can collect these from their classroom teacher. The Year 3-6 children should have attended a meeting in the Year 5 Whare on Monday to collect one. If your child has not brought home a permission slip they/you can see me in the Year 5 Whare. Permission slips need to be returned to me no later than **Wednesday 27th June**. Fees will be added to your school account with payment due before the first game.

CREATIVE WRITING FROM ROOM 17....



Dad built Ted a little caravan. It is short. The colour is black, white and blue. It has a little awning rail. It has a brown, soft rug inside. We will take it camping. I felt happy that Ted can come camping.

By Tom J



In a beautiful forest a nice person was going to a beautiful place. Where the birds were singing.

By Ash H

In a dark forest a man is finding buried treasure.

By Hunter H-B

In a dark forest there was a man. He was building a house. It was a beautiful place to be.

By Gabriela R-T



★ **FRIDAY 22 JUNE** ★

**GLOW
IN THE
DARK
DISCO**

★ ★

**WEAR WHITE OR
BRIGHT CLOTHES**

Years 1-3: 5.30pm-6.30pm
Years 4-6: 6.45pm-8.00pm

\$3.00 entry (includes a drink and a glowstick)

Extras: \$1.00 sausages, \$0.50 chips/chocolate, \$1.00 face painting

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