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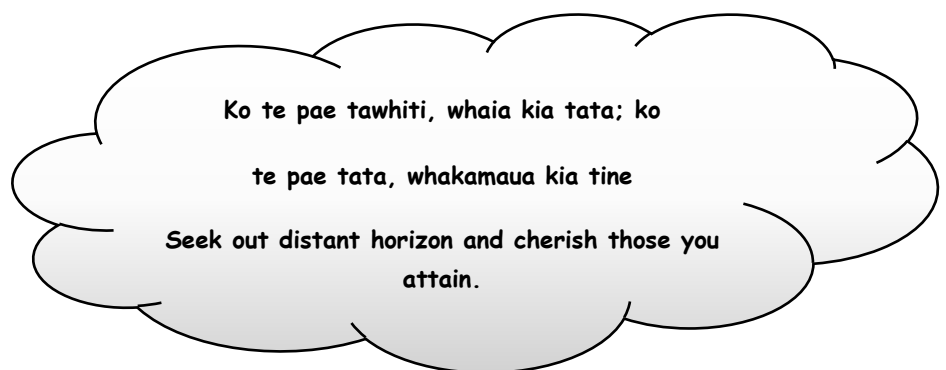
Well, this week was/is Maori Language Week and it seems to have flown by at a great rate of knots. I don't want to sound like a broken record but the truth is that our indigenous language deserves better than a one week focus. It is a neat language and as such should be promoted unashamedly as often as possible. This is especially important if we wish to pronounce all of the place names correctly ... otherwise we should probably just anglicise everything.

At TPS we recognise the importance of Te Reo Maori through our employment of our Kaiako, Geemas Green, who works with all of our tamariki and this position is one that we have deliberately funded. Do all schools have this or enact this? Unfortunately, no. However we see the provision of Te Reo and of Takanga Maori as so important. And this has led to a growth in our Kapahaka group, growth and knowledge for staff and, of course, a growth in all of our learners. Nothing could be better than hearing our tamariki using Te Reo Maori and learning together collaboratively, like so much that we do here, is a great way of doing this. I personally celebrate each and every time any child, including my own, pronounce a Maori word or place name correctly and when I hear Te Reo used as part of everyday school life. Worth celebrating!

What is also worth celebrating is the way in which our TPS Cross Country teams did their best at the Napier CC Championships this week. For the first time in nine years we won't have Taradale Primary engraved on the trophy, but I'm still ever so proud of each and every one of our runners. They all gave of their best, they strove and they persevered. The sweat and effort was obvious, their behaviour and support of others was outstanding and I couldn't be prouder. Good on you all!

Have a great week everybody and remember, even if you only learn one Maori word this week ... that is still a result! The trick to it? Just try, like our Cross Country runners, and if it doesn't quite go right, then persevere. The pronunciation will come.

MARTY HANTZ



MUMPS

There has been recorded recent cases of mumps in Hawkes Bay, which is a highly infectious viral disease. We would ask that as a precaution you check your child/children's immunisations. While it may be unlikely that your child will be exposed to mumps, the reality is that you can never be too cautious!

MUFTI DAY!!!

When? Monday 25th September

What for? To raise a few extra coins to help pay for our fabulous new Kapahaka outfits.

What to wear? Mufti - whatever you want!

How much? Gold coin donation would be amazing!

LOST AND FOUND

For a few months now we have had a set of keys in the office that we would like to find the owner of. They are on a green lanyard (with a four leaf clover design). Please see the office if these are yours.

CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS

On Tuesday, our top Year 3-6 distance runners headed off to the Interschool Cross-Country competition at Park Island. This is always a hotly contested event with the top runners from all Napier schools competing. After some double checking of the results we came a very close 2nd overall! **A great result!**

It was amazing to see the children compete and represent our school in such a positive way, leaving everything out there on the course! Well done to all and thank you to the whanau who came along to support.

The top 30 from each age group now move on to compete in the HB Cross Country Championship on the 27th of September. A special congratulations to these teams who placed in their respective events.

- Year 3 Boys - 2nd
- Year 3 Girls - 2nd
- Year 6 Boys – 3rd
- Year 6 Girls - 3rd
- Year 4 Girls – 3rd

We also had some outstanding individual results, with the following athletes finishing in the top 10:

- Ethan S - Winner Year 5 Boys
- Maia D - 2nd Year 6 Girls
- Noah G - 4th Year 6 Boys
- Mansi G - 5th Year 4 Girls
- Hunter L - 5th Year 4 Boys
- Riley P - 7th Year 5 Boys
- Nate F - 7th Year 3 Boys
- Zoe D - 10th Year 3 Girls
- Ben M - 10th Year 3 Boys

Along with the above students, congratulations to these following runners who will also represent TPS at the HB Cross Country Champs... **Phoebe H, Maia M, Charlotte M, Sophie B-R, Greer N, Luke B, Oscar M, Riley T, Liam S, Georgia R, Georgia C, Graecyn P, Sam M, Jayden A, Aimee A, Emmison G, Zoe H, Hale J, Dillon M and Ben G.** Good luck for the big event...go hard and give it your all!!

NGARIMU SCHOOL ENTRANCE CLOSED FRIDAY!

Apologies for this but on Friday (15th September) we will close the back entrance from Ngarimu Crescent from 6am until 12 noon, as we will have a multitude of concrete trucks crossing the field to pour concrete into the new astro-turf.

Because of the need to get a consistent pour we will need to ensure that this is done in a safe manner. As a consequence it is easier to close that entrance. We would ask that you bear with us and do your best to drop your children off on Church Road instead.... Despite the traffic, I'm sure we can manage this!

NEW BUILDINGS AND SHADE SAILS

It is so very exciting to see all of the new buildings and outdoor learning areas taking place, and coming to fruition. Each of the areas that we are currently in the process of construction will have attached outdoor learning areas where our learners can 'retreat' to and which provides alternative space.

As you will note, these will be surrounded by wooden pallisades which we designed to provide that unique New Zealand Maori pa feel – you can see in and out of these areas, but it still feels enclosed. They look fabulous! Each of these, thanks to the combined efforts of the PTA and BOT, will have shade sails erected. Please note that we would ask that our learners and our pre-school learners, do not climb on top of the pa pallisades as the fall is very big! We don't mind them climbing on the middle supports and peeking through and over but maybe not to the top!

SWIMMING IN SCHOOLS

A recent survey found that 62% of primary school age children were not able to either swim 100 metres or were unable to swim efficiently at all. Considering that we are surrounded by water and 'kiwis' love to be at the beach, the lake or in a river, the future consequences of this is frightening.

Once the domain of schools, the closing of so many school pools has meant that the once 'free' school lessons are gone and now we are forced to pay for lessons with private providers, a large part of which comes through local councils. And, as we know, the swimming capacity of most local councils is quite low. A dilemma indeed.

TARADALE INTERMEDIATE ENROLMENTS

Just a friendly reminder to all parents of the Taradale Primary Year 6 students who will be enrolling their learners at TIS for 2018. The closing date for those enrolments is 21st September 2017.

SPORTS RESULTS

- Indoor Cricket – TPS played Nelson Park, (36 runs) and scored 77 runs ourselves. An excellent win – clever play! Player of the day was Hale J.

We have a great many sports teams and we love sharing those results with you all, however this has become a bit of a logistical issue with spatial limitations in the school newsletter and with not all teams results being displayed.

As a consequence, as of next week, we will only be utilising newsletter space for whole school results and celebrations, such as school and interschool cross country, athletics and so on.

LEAFCUTTER BEES AT TPS!

Greenmeadows New World Supermarket has kindly nominated Taradale Primary School to be one of a few schools in the country to receive a Leafcutter Bee House and Bumble Bee Nesting Box. This promotion aims to encourage a resilient bee population to pollinate fruit trees, flower gardens and vegetables in New Zealand.

Leafcutter Bees are immune to the Varroa mite and are a gentle breed of bees that specialise in pollination and do not generate honey. They're regarded as solitary bees that are safe around children. They will only sting when directly squashed and there have been no known cases of anaphylaxis in New Zealand as a result of a Leafcutter sting. The beehive and nesting box will be placed in the Green Team's garden.



CREATIVE WRITING

My grandad is an Einstein. He is old and wise. He is a lion sleeping every day. My grandad is a little bird, waiting patiently for a worm. He is god loving and protecting me. My grandad is the moonlight shining over me. My grandad is a black hole sucking out all the bad memories. My grandad is a broken down car trying to fix it's engine motor. He is a book opening up to me. My grandad is a penguin, waddling everywhere he goes. I really love my grandad.

Samuel R20

When I go down the snake thing it feels like I'm going down a snakes tail. When I go down and up on the bridge it feels like I am going on a rollercoaster.

Ollie H R5

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