

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,

How glorious it is to live in a province like ours - the sunny Bay. An environment which has so many great opportunities for anybody and everybody. I'm reminded of this each and every day as I wander through our playground and note the breakneck speed, the vitality and energy of our tamariki and, again, on the weekend when I see so many of those children with their whanau engaged in family based activities. We are so lucky to have the climate to allow us to do so much and the facilities around us to be engaged with and in. It's exciting asking our learners what they got up to over the weekend as invariably they were very busy.

Apart from the obligatory sports and cultural opportunities, our tamariki are also lucky enough to have families where there seems to be an understanding that all experiences are enriching and that this is doubly so if shared with whanau. Each of those family and whanau experiences help build those warm and wonderful relationships that are the foundation of great families. And the key aspect to all of those relationships? The chatter, the talk, the laughter, the questions and the language. Having a relationship where there is space for all to talk and where we truly do listen to each other is so important. For it is this that creates the bonds that enable your kids to talk to you when they are teens!

That listening and talking also creates an extensive and sophisticated vocabulary too. And that is also an extremely important part of life as your children grow up, with that vocabulary and ability to communicate becoming a key part of both education and their working lives. Despite fears that communication levels will be reduced by the ever growing technology that surrounds us, the reality is that those who have that ability to communicate at higher levels will be at an advantage. And that ability to communicate begins at home and is enhanced with all that you do together as a family!

Keep up the chat!

"Today's world requires problem solvers, not answer-getters"
Mike Flynn

MARTY HANTZ

Book Club



BOGO Book Fair coming our way!

Scholastic want to say thanks for supporting the Lucky Book Club and especially our August Book Fair.

We'll be holding a Buy-One-Get-One Free Book Fair at the end of November. A great opportunity to get a head-start on that Christmas shopping. *We'll be putting out a call for helpers soon - watch this space!*

DONATIONS ...

If you have any off-cuts of coloured/patterned paper, wool, scrapbooking, magazine, material etc, the Art Pupils would really love these!

Please drop off to Room 18 (or the office). Thanks!

MANY THANKS!

Next week the learners from Rooms 8 and 10 leave the hall and re-enter their 'old' learning space which has now been extensively remodelled. This will be incredibly exciting for them and for us. *Why the thanks?*

Thanks have to be given to all of the staff and students in and across the school for being so patient with the building process, for accepting the fact that our hall has now been 'out of bounds' and for being flexible in terms of other learning spaces. A rebuild or remodel such as this can carry a great deal of stress... thanks to all who ensured that the stress was low!

MORE ABOUT MATHS!

Many of us are afraid of making mistakes in a lot of what we do and maths seems to sometimes be the worst example of this! When we struggle with maths we sometimes develop the belief that we are not a 'maths person'. The truth is that brain science tells us that when we are struggling then this is the best time for brain growth. We all need to apply the good old, and truthful, saying that it is okay to make mistakes to all that we do including maths. We learn through experience, through failure ... taking risks is so very important.

SCHOOL BANK ACCOUNT ...

We have many cases of money being paid for fees to the PTA bank account and vice versa. This does cause a wee bit of extra administration work for both the PTA and the school. Confirming the bank a/c's to have loaded into your internet banking payments: Taradale Primary **School** 12 3479 0025245 00 (use child's name and activity, eg Basketball as reference). Taradale Primary **PTA** 12-3479-0038919-00 (use the child's name and the activity, eg Calendars as the reference).

Please note, *preferred method of payment* for school fees is by internet banking. We sometimes find payments of cash do not reach the office, so internet or eftpos is great!

DID YOU KNOW?

That at Taradale Primary School all that we do has a point to it...even our sandpit. When we built that it was designed to be the 'king' of all sandpits – a place to play and a place to learn. The sandpit is still being used daily by kids of all ages but is also used frequently for learning opportunities. And a large part of that learning also involves the learners being able to co-operate and collaborate – all important life skills. We all learn through play and learn through doing.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Nate F, Zoe H, Penelope F and Kendra W competed in the HB Lawn Junior Open on the weekend against other local clubs (and some out of towners too). They all went very well with pretty good results considering the talent they were playing against!

- Nate F 2nd in the U10 Doubles
- Zoe H 3rd in the U10 Singles and 3rd in the U10 Doubles
- Penelope F 2nd in the U10 Singles and 2nd in the U10 Doubles
- Kendra W 4th in the U10 Doubles



CREATIVE WRITING ...

Once upon a time a man went surfing in the deep blue sea. Suddenly a crocodile went shooting out of the water like a rocket. And the man was screaming as he got flipped into the water. He called the life boat. The life boat came and the crocodile bit the life boat and the life boat went fling! The man on the life boat was scared and then snap, snap, snap, the man was gone. He was eaten and the man's surf board went fling to the sharks. Snap, snap, snap, yum, yum, inside the sharks.

Cooper R1

Yippee! Room 17 are at the fantastic Faraday Centre. There was amazing, fantastic, stuff. Do you know what I loved best there? What I loved best there was the zip line. It was like a flying fox. The zip line is the most, best thing there because when you pull a string the message sender sends it down to the other side of the room. I had to pull a clip and put the message in before I pulled it down. I loved pulling down the string with the message inside of the clip to my friend. I like the way that my buddy pulled the clip back to me. I thought that the message was going to be "Liam is cool". When I was talking to my mum I saw the zipper line. My heart started thumping, pounding and booming.

Liam R17

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