

NEWSLETTER

TO ENABLE OUR LEARNERS TO BE LIFELONG
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AND CRITICALLY AS PART OF A CARING
GLOBAL COMMUNITY.



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PRINCIPAL'S PRATTLE

Kia ora koutou,

Welcome back to the last term of 2017 and although it is a shorter term with only nine or so weeks, the reality is that we will still be ensuring that it is 'jam-packed' with learning and with those holistic activities that create the well-rounded individuals that we are so proud to be associated with. For some families this term will be a tough term as it will be their child's last term and for many that will be the end of an era. A school can play such a big role in the lives of children and also in the lives of their families.

Schools are places which should encourage each child as a learner, get to know them and provide those experiences which add to their lives or which allows them the opportunity to share their experiences with others. Academics play a big role but underlying all of those academic aspirations is the other role that a good school plays. The role where our community have the opportunity to meet, make acquaintances and friends, forge alliances and create networks of people who care. The school becomes a common ground through our children, through our PTA and Board of Trustees and through all of those activities that our children are involved in.

And as we count down to the end of this year we start to wade into the school reports which for all of our learners is the culmination of the year that they have had. While this allows us all to feel a great deal of pride in knowing how well each child has progressed or accelerated during the year, it also allows us a quiet feeling of pride as we see how far the Year 6 learners have come in particular. A journey which has involved many teachers, many peers and many within the community - all of whom have played a part.

For me this will also be poignant as come 2018 I'll be the only Hantz left at TPS! Having watched my own two tamariki grow and flourish here it will be a sad day at the end of the term!

MARTY HANTZ

"He aroha whakató, he aroha ka puta mai.

*If kindness is sown, then kindness is what
you shall receive"*

CONSTRUCTION AND SCHOOL ENTRY POINTS

Next week, Tuesday and Wednesday the entry point to school between Rooms 10 and 11, off Church Road, is likely to be closed, while construction work continues on the back wall.

This is a safety issue so when this occurs the area will be fenced off. Please use the Church Road entry behind the hall for those two days. Apologies for the very slight inconvenience!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY...

- Teacher only day - Friday 10th November
- Last day of the year Thursday 14th at 1pm.
- First day of 2018 - 29th January 2018 (*Teachers have Professional Development the week prior to this*).

TALL POPPIES

Congratulations to ...

- Jared M and Adam A, who are both Year 8 ex-pupils, and who have been named in the Hawkes Bay Ross Shield Rugby Team. Added to this is the fact that Adam has been named Vice Captain.
- Reece A who was named in the Hawkes Bay Under 16 Rugby Team.

TARADALE SCHOOL POOL

Just a brief update on the progress of this very important project. As you will all be well aware, a huge amount of work has gone into preparing a Strategic Business Plan for the Ministry of Education to look at and, hopefully, approve. At this time we are awaiting some of the engineering plans but we hope that the Strategy will be in the Ministry's hands in the next two weeks.

Our thanks to all of those who are driving this project with such passion and determination, hopefully a fantastic result for our community.

ASTROTURF

This is nearly complete and like all things at TPS will be able to be used after school and on the weekends. We expect that sports groups will seek to use this for practices and would ask that anybody who is interested in holding practices on the new turf contact Marty Hantz to arrange this. Group bookings will have priority over kids just playing!

SUNHATS AND SUNSMART – SUN BLOCK!

After Labour Weekend it will be compulsory for all of our tamariki to wear sunhats at playtime and lunchtime. A big thank you to those who have purchased the new named hats which will be very helpful in the very likely event that they'll be left lying around – we know what kids are like!

A big part of being sun-safe is the need to use sunblock each day too. The primary responsibility for this lies at home and it is likely that you will have a preferred product to use. We do have sunblock in each classroom but would greatly appreciate it if you would attend to this at home first!

ABSENCES

A reminder that we do require a message each day that your child is away due to illness/being late. This can be text through to our dedicated number 027 353 0514 (before 9am). Thanks for your help with this – much appreciated!

CREATIVE WRITING...

Pssst come here. I have a secret. Its in my bedroom. I have a secret invisible door. I can choose where I want to go. I love to go to alien land. They are fluffy. When I go there I am the queen of the cats. I am a cat. Did you know that? I did not.

Juniper R2

That was magnificent! We just drove to the Omni gym yesterday. We had to take our colourful shoes off. The bus was as big as a giant. We had to go in buddys. I went with my amazing friend James. I had to sit by James the whole way.

Now I will tell you some things that we did. We did the beam, the vault, obstacle course, backwards rolls, skipping, forwards rolls, the trampoline and the rope. We had a race into the pit and out of the other side. We went up the humongous stairs and put on our shoes. My buddy was Kiato. When we were coming back to school we were playing gang gang war.

Asher R17

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