

NEWSLETTER

TO ENABLE OUR LEARNERS TO BE LIFELONG
ACHIEVERS WHO CAN THINK CREATIVELY
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PRINCIPAL'S PRATTLE

Kia ora koutou,

After having had the pleasure of attending a day or three on the recent Year 6 school camps, I thought it a bit of a good idea to share with you the importance of these. Now, I know that I did this not so long ago when I 'prattled' on about how camps are often the most vivid of our school memories, and the reasons for that. However rather than attempt to tell you again myself, I thought it far more interesting to grab a 'snippet' of student voice - hearing from learners themselves ... here's what some of them had to say....

Ethan ... my favourite activity was canoeing because it was the first floating experience I've ever had.

Millie ... liked the Mud Run because it was a good experience. I normally don't go in mud!

Finn ... liked the Flying Kiwi because I was the demonstrator. I felt free as I was so high up!

Aimee ... getting so close to the bell at spotlight. Getting wet doing this was so much fun!

Brooke B-H ... spotlight was great. Climbing up a hill in the dark and hiding. I almost got the bell!

Shane ... I liked the Flying Kiwi because it felt like I was actually flying.

Gabe ... roasting marshmallows! I made 4 or 5, my first one was weak then I burnt some but my last one was perfect! Yum!

Hannah ... loved spotlight because it was fun - lots of rolling around in the dark. Lots of holes!

Nicole ... loved the Flying Kiwi because I was so nervous but it felt so cool once I was in the air.

Abby ... liked that I had to work with the people that weren't necessarily my friends.

Mischa ... the Low Ropes was so challenging and we had to use partners that we wouldn't normally use.

Ariana ... I liked the canoeing because I really wanted to be on the water.

Lockey ... Flying Kiwi was awesome because I've never been that high. And I got butted by a goat!

"No man is an island, entire of itself, every man is a piece of the continent"

Marty Hantz

John Donne

You're Invited!

The PTA would like to invite you along for a wine and cheese Monday 28th May in the TPS staffroom 6.30pm.

All are welcome.

On Friday 1st June Taradale Primary School will be supporting the local community fundraiser "Jammies 4 June". This is a locally organised fundraiser that helps children in need in our local community.

We will be having a PJ Day at TPS and the students can wear their PJs to school for a gold coin donation. You can, if you wish, also donate new (non flammable) PJs to this amazing cause. Thank you for your support!



CHURCH ROAD PAVEMENT WIDENING/CYCLE LANE DEVELOPMENT

There will be a three staged project which will result in the widening of the footpath and the creation of a cycle lane on Church Road from Puketapu Road corner to the Ngarimu Crescent corner.

Stage One which began this week, will finish just short of TPS. **Stage Two** will affect the whole front of TPS and **Stage 3** will affect the right-hand edge of the school (as you look at it from Church Road), to Ngarimu Crescent. There will be disruptions to both parking and to access to the school so please note carefully the following information. We will endeavour to give you dates to work around but these will be rather indicative only.

Stage 1 - began 21st May, should end Friday 1st June. The footpath on Church Road, from the left of the school (as you look at it from Church Road), to outside the All Saints Church will be closed.

Stage 2 - begins Monday 4th June, should end Friday 15th June. In the latter part of that second week (and perhaps all of the second week) the footpath, the pedestrian crossing and the access to the school office will be lost.

- We would suggest that drop-offs be made through Ngarimu Crescent that week.
- Access to the school office will also be only available via Ngarimu Crescent.
- Access to Afcare will also only be available via Ngarimu Crescent.

Stage 3 - begins Monday 18th June, ending Friday 6th July.

- In the latter part of the second week, the footpath from the corner of Ngarimu Crescent to the school itself will be closed.
- We suggest you use Ngarimu Crescent for that reason.

Ultimately we would like to think that all of us can exercise a bit of patience throughout this process. *Thank you for your patience.*



TARADALE PRIMARY SELF-MANAGEMENT MATRIX

As you should all be aware, at TPS we base a great deal of our learning on the Self-Management Matrix – a tool we use (the staff and the learners) to develop the learning skills and attitude that we see as being very important for our learners and their futures.

While this might look a little different at each age level, the seven elements of these are all important as we learn to be learners. Each have ingredients to set learners on the path of success. Over the next seven weeks we will add a little bit into each newsletter in regard to this matrix and, as part of that, we will offer you some ideas as to how you can aid in developing these at home too!

The first of these seven elements is ORGANISATION. The key for this element at school is our focus on being ready to learn. For those that continually need to 'find' pens, pencils or books prior to starting learning, many hours of potential learning can be lost. We ask our learners to have their resources and equipment ready, often before the day begins, so that they can not only fly into a task but do so with confidence knowing that they have been able to focus on instructions rather than worrying about where their pencil is!

How can you help at home? Being self-organised also requires a great deal of independence. This changes depending on both the age and the independence that they already have ... try these!

- Packing own bag each day
- Carrying their own bags into and out of school
- Putting out the equipment/resources that they need for the next day
- Making or help to make their own lunches
- Packing (and unpacking!) togs and towel
- Looking after their school uniforms ... especially shoes!
- Putting on their own sun-block

And so on! Go on ... give it a go!

CHILDREN WITH ANXIETY

Further to the information that we have been adding to our newsletters of late, the local DHB and MOE have become very proactive and you will note a flyer regarding this attached to this newsletter. I urge any parents or whanau with children experiencing anxiety to attend this.

A NOTE FROM THE OFFICE

We have noticed a spike in the number of illnesses around at present and children coming to school unwell. If your child is unwell, we would really appreciate it if you can keep them at home to avoid the spreading of germs. Sometimes one day is all they need to bounce back!

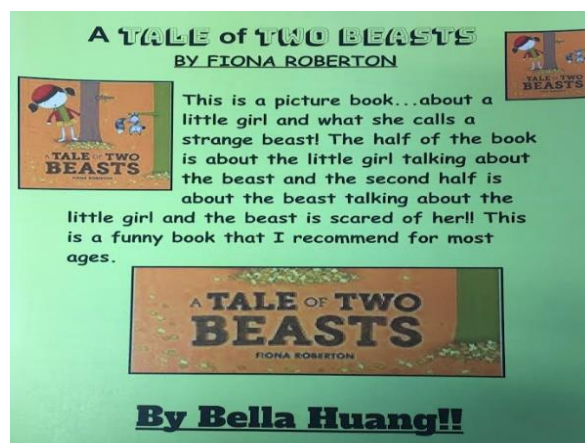
A reminder too that all absences need to be reported in daily – ideally to the absence text line (text only). If you email the teacher, please copy the office in as well. Thanks for your assistance.

LIBRARY CORNER...

The lovely Bella has written a book review of a picture book to share with students and whanau.

Our photo competition is well underway and the children are very focused on finding out who is who. Please remember that whanau and staff are welcome to come in and enter the competition too.

A drawing competition is underway also for year 1, 2 and 3 children who may find the photo competition a bit tricky.



VALUES – WELCOMING OTHERS ... PARENTAL/COMMUNITY INPUT!

One of our key expectations for our learners is that they are accepting of all new learners and that they all become key players in our 'buddy systems'. What better way is there to get to know and understand the culture of the school than to be immersed in it through the kids themselves.

This is especially important if that child is not only new to the school but also new to the area. That sense of belonging to the school and community (turangawaewae) is so very important. We do our very best to do this for our new learners however while we think we do this relatively effectively, I wonder whether the same applies for new parents to our community? That is the challenge for all of our school families and whanau ... what can you do to welcome those new parents to our school? Doesn't take much to smile, say hello and introduce yourself ... just saying!

WE'RE SO PROUD OF YOU!

Congratulations to the following ex-TPS pupils who have been named as School Leaders or Councillors at Taradale Intermediate School for 2018.

Academic Leaders	- Charlie Evans, Henry Steel, Jake Aranui
Service Leaders	- Hugo Philp, Reese Drager, Ruby Alexander
Cultural Leaders	- Emma Bryant
Sports Leaders	- Declan Wong, Reece Goldfinch, Zack Swanwick
Class Councillors	- Caitlyn Lane, Alisha Stanford, Hannah Jenyns, Ben Field, Tahlia Vainu



Taradale Kindergarten is having a Cake Stall on Friday June 1st from 9:00 onwards outside Gees Pharmacy in Taradale.

A great opportunity to stock up on some yummy cakes and biscuits for the long weekend!

Model Train Show

The Hastings Model Railway Club is mounting a "Train Show" in the St Andrew's Church Hall, Hastings, over the Queen's Birthday weekend.

The 17 displays have been sourced from throughout the North Island and can be viewed from 10am to 4pm on Saturday 2 and Sunday 3 June and to encourage the public attractive prices of entry - \$5 adult and \$2 children - have been set.

A broad range of attractive and working displays will be on view for your entertainment, appreciation and approval covering some of the best railway models of locomotives and rolling stock which are available, as well as skills in the building of these layouts.

For the youngsters a chance to control a range of "Thomas the Tank Engine" trains will attract and for the older attendees a chance to see trains from many different scales and countries running and shunting and perhaps rekindle memories of their childhood days. New technology now allows trains to have realistic sound and admirable running qualities and an attention to scenic details ensures that the environment is as accurate to nature as humanly possible.

We have attached a poster which you may like to display on your notice board.

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