

NEWSLETTER

TO ENABLE OUR LEARNERS TO BE LIFELONG
ACHIEVERS WHO CAN THINK CREATIVELY
AND CRITICALLY AS PART OF A CARING
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PRINCIPAL'S PRATTLE

Kia ora koutou,

A grand way to restart the term with a couple of short weeks - a chance to unwind again, and to spend some quality family time and what could be better than that?

This last week for us was even grander as our Term 1 learners (Years 1 and 2) invited in their grandparents for the morning. The excitement from these learners as they came into school was so very obvious and, after being a witness to the interactions between the grandparents and the grandkids, it was easy to tell why. It was heart-warming seeing those wonderfully warm relationships in action and it cements for me the special place that grandparents play in our lives.

The obvious roles come to mind so quickly but in today's fast-paced life, the grandparents tend to bring a set of brakes to that pace and this does us all a world of good. The gentle interactions at a pace which allows for a rich conversation, that pace also allowing the grandkids to ask a lot of questions and to share their thoughts more. There also tends to be a wisdom that the grandparents have which if provided by the parents can often be ignored. If Nana or Grandad say it though, it's often a different story!

It was delightful seeing the pride that our learners showed about their school, their class and the school facilities and it was so lovely seeing those 'grandies' patiently being escorted around their school, taking photos and even joining in the games and activities ... all of which helps to grow those feelings of whanau wellbeing. And that, folks, is what it is all about! All those involved, no matter their ages, would have gone home so delighted with their day. So, my thanks to those that organised this very special day and to those that could make it to this day, I thank you too! Special relationships form and between special people! Perhaps every day should be Grandparents Day!

MARTY HANTZ

"Failure itself can be either good or bad, it is what we do next that determines whether the experience is positive or negative"

Raynard Kingston



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- \$25 for a family (2 adults, 2 children)

SCHOOL REPORTS

The teachers have all began to work on the school reports, all of which will be the culmination of your child's year's work and learning. This is an exciting time and there can be nothing nicer than seeing those efforts and talents recognised in all that our learners do. Each report takes some considerable time to thread together and is viewed multiple times to ensure accuracy. A complex task but oh so worth it!

TARADALE PRIMARY KAPAHAKA

Our Kapahaka group performed last night, and will again tonight, and put on a wonderful performance. Looked great, sounded superb and with magnificent passion! Well done to all of our Kapahaka kids and to all of those who have guided, encouraged and assisted. What an amazing group of people!



Lucky Book Club orders close off Friday at 3pm.

Don't forget Scholastic are running a promotion for parents who order online through the LOOP system.

MATHS – depth is more important than speed

Many people incorrectly believe that being 'good' at maths means being fast at maths. Real mathematicians talk about how much more important it is that maths learners think deeply about maths and look for and find connections. We also need our mathematicians to reason and justify their answers and this often requires a bit more thought – a little more depth. It is also well known that too much of a focus on timed tasks creates an anxiety about the topic!

ENROLMENTS FOR 2018

With preparations underway for enrolments for 2018, if you have a child who will be enrolling at TPS next year, please email the office for a pre-enrolment form. This is a great help to us to forecast numbers coming in throughout the year. If you have already completed a pre enrolment form - we will be in touch soon!

CRICKET DRAW

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CREATIVE WRITING FROM R16 ...

This is the nervous hand that clung onto the rope getting higher and higher. This is the hungry hand that was eating a delicious chocolate ice cream. This is the tough hand that ... held onto the handles while going on the scary cyclone ride. This is the strong hand that ... swam through the wild water rapids. This is the exhausted hand that ... was hitting balls inside the hole at crazy golf.

Katelyn

This is the innocent hand that ... went through security at the Airport and got scanned. This is the excited hand that ... hopped inside the Airplane, off to Australia. This is the amazing hand that ... went up Aussies fastest elevator that took less than 45 seconds to get to the 78th floor. This is the eager hand that ... pulled down the harness when I went on the escape from the Madagascar ride. This is the hungry hand that ... ate Burger King for dinner after security at Auckland Airport.

Max

This is the cold hand that ... got in the bubbly warm spa at Onekawa pools. This is the fast hand that ... went down the dark slide at the pools. This is the excited hand that ... ate an ice cream at the zoo in Auckland and it fell on me! This is the warm hand that ... gives me a hug at night all snuggled up. This is the lazy hand that ... watched tv all day long on a quiet day.

Sienna

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