

NEWSLETTER

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PRINCIPAL'S PRATTLE

Kia ora koutou,

As I said last week, it's time to talk a little maths and that's not a great reason to stop reading my 'Prattle'! Don't change the channel and don't flick over the page and don't, whatever you do, don't pull a face and roll your eyes! As any teacher will tell you, one of the barriers that we face with our learners at times is the perception that we, as parents, can sometimes accidentally portray to our kids when it comes to maths. And you'll see why in the next paragraph or two. So, what is it that we shouldn't say? Comments such as, "I was no good at maths when I was at school", or "I never liked maths", are the comments that tend to send the message that it's okay not to like maths or do well in it. Trust me, the kids pick up on it!

In this 'Prattle' I'll share some thoughts with you that have been borrowed from a group of maths lovers who have created their own website named, youcubed. Well worth a look and an opportunity to destroy a couple of myths. Each of those myths will be dealt with over the rest of the year and I hope that these will help us all to understand curriculum area that can be unnecessarily feared.

And the first of these? There is no such thing as a maths brain and the truth is that any person can learn maths to a really high level. Brain science (neuroscience) shows us that all brains grow and change and that we all can form mathematical pathways through our learning. When we learn the brain responds by firstly forming new pathways, then strengthening these pathways and finally by making corrections between those pathways. Also the truth? Those pathways and the way that we learn is not just linked to maths - the same applies to all areas of learning.

As teachers we often reflect on the fact that we rarely hear any parent say, 'I was no good at reading', yet we too often hear the same for maths. Last word? Try to be that glass half-full and not the half-empty mathematician! Maths? You can do it!

**MARTY
HANTZ**

So what should we say when children complete a task - say, math problems, quickly and perfectly? Should we deny them the praise they have earned?

Yes. When this happens, I say, "Whoops. I guess that was too easy. I apologise for wasting your time. Let's do something that you can REALLY learn from!"

HAT ORDERS

Wow! What a response. Thanks to all that have returned a hat order. Close off for any further hat orders is 3pm today.

Sorry, no late orders... due to the large amount of orders we have received, we need to get these collated and to the printing company to ensure we have these ready for Term 4.

We will look at doing another order later in Term 4 for those who missed out.

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 ex-pupil, Brooke Wylie, who has been selected in the New Zealand under Women's Football team. A deserved selection based on talent and perseverance. All the best Brooke! Congratulations to Sistina Brady who passed her Royal Academy of Dance Grade 3 ballet exam with distinction – Gold Medal awesome!

**LUNCH ORDER MEAL
DEAL!**

**Hamburger and Juice this
Friday from the Lunch Order
ladies!**

HOLIDAYS ... OH WHAT TO DO?

With the better weather on us, there's no real need to spend a lot of money over the holidays. Yeah I know, easy to say! But how about

- Watching DVD's you've already got?
- Tip every possible ball you have on the back lawn, walk away and watch your kids do something with them
- Set a challenge to make something out of Lego (or similar)
- Have a dress up day at home!
- Go spend some time in a second hand book shop
- Get on those bikes and ride!
- And, above all else, have fun!

LOST PROPERTY!

We have a large amount of scooters and clothing at the school. We would like all scooters taken home please. The clothing rack is outside the office (on the court side). Any lost property clothing left will be donated to charity, so please take a moment to have a look through and take anything that is yours. We would love everything to be returned to it's owner.

MOVIES!

If you're planning on going to the movies over the holidays then please, oh please, don't forget to take the Reading Theatre vouchers with you. For every 10 of these, we receive a free ticket that we can give out as rewards. Help us out – try not to forget them!

HB INTERSCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

Well done to all the children who yesterday represented TPS in the HB Interschool Cross Country champs. They should be very proud of themselves to have made it into the team and compete in this event. The children represented the school really well. It was great to see so many parents there supporting all the children as well - thanks for your support. The following children placed in the top 20:

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| - Year 3 Boys - Luke Burn - 19 th | - Year 5 Boys - Ethan Spencer - 6 th |
| - Year 4 Girls - Mansi Giri – 14 th | - Year 5 Boys - Riley Peach - 17 th |
| - Year 4 Boys - Hunter Lyford - 7 th | - Year 6 Boys - Noah Green - 19 th |

INDOOR CRICKET

We played the final of the series last Friday against Nelson Park and had a 2 run win! An exciting finish and absolute credit to the way that the boys fought hard to take the win. Well done to the following; Matthew Marshall, Josh Young, Ethan Spencer, Rory Smith, Hale Joblin, Manraj Singh, Reuben Fey, James Redman, Sam Crawford and Ben Couch.

THURSDAY SOCCER

Well done to all of those students who represented our school this term at Thursday Soccer. Unfortunately we only had a few games throughout this season but I hope you enjoyed playing. A huge thank you to those parents who helped coach and supervise our teams. Without the support of parents, we could not entered as many teams as we did.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Team 3 Speech Finals were held last Thursday afternoon. Congratulations to the top 10 finalists who had made it through from semi finals. We had a guest judge to listen to and score all of the speeches. The winners were.....Keira Coleman 1st place, Hannah Yuile 2nd place, Ben Graney 3rd place, Alia Hill highly commended and Sistina Brady highly commended.



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