

# NEWSLETTER

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

Kia ora koutou,

How wonderful our new flexible learning spaces are. How simple they make the creativity behind those changes look and how quickly our learners in Years 5 and 6 have adapted to how they, and the teachers, use this space. There continues to be a great deal of media attention on such learning spaces and it is very true to say that these modern innovative environments are spaces that by themselves will not create greater learning. What creates that greater learning is the teaching and learning that goes on inside the space. Flexible learning spaces are just buildings - the modern learning environment is all about the pedagogy... the art of science of teaching. The beauty of this is that the teachers too, just like the students, are then able to share with each other in a collaborative environment. This adds to the teaching as they can then learn from each other.

Collaboration is at the heart of a great deal of what we do and although good teachers still create a collaborative environment within the framework of a 'normal' classroom, the ability to work with a greater diversity of learners and classmates can create a far greater level of collaboration. With that collaboration can also come a level of noise that tends to 'hum' within the area of learning. There have been fears that this has impact upon those that prefer a quieter room but what we've found already is that within our environments there are quieter spaces and, because we know our learners and their needs so well, we are often able to offer or provide for those learners what they need at the time. Plus, the 'hum' in our rooms is often a low 'hum' and this can often be related to the respect our learners show towards other learners.

The truth is that buildings are just that - buildings. It matters less what shape they take than it does what happens inside them but if we can manage to align great teaching within a purpose-built space designed for collaborative learning and the results, as we have already seen, are a group of learners with higher levels of collaboration, great levels of engagement and more opportunity to become independent learners. Excellent!

**MARTY HANTZ**

*"Children are the priority, change is the reality, collaboration is the strategy"*

# Book Club



### BOGO Book Fair – Buy one get one free!

Starts today!!! Great books for Christmas pressies - Tom Gates, Bad Guys, Pugs and loads of activity books.

- Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> Nov - Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> Dec - 8.30 – 9.15am and 2.30pm – 3.30pm each day
- Late night Thursday until 6.00pm

**Wanted:** Scholastic Order Assistant for 2018. We are looking for a volunteer assistant to help our lovely Jo with the Scholastic Book orders twice a term. If you are happy to help we would love to hear from you! Please email [helenas@taraprim.school.nz](mailto:helenas@taraprim.school.nz)

## TROPHY CABINET

Sitting resplendent in our office is a brand new glassed trophy cabinet which houses a great many of our trophies and shields. We've needed one of these for a very long time now so our thanks to the Alexander family (Steve and Corinna, and children Sophie, Kezia, Liam and Ruby) for donating this to the school. A splendid new addition and a great way of displaying the silverware.

## CLASS LISTS 2018

Normally we place the next year's class lists on the office windows the weekend prior to that school year starting. This year we will change that so that you will be told your child's classroom and class teacher as part of their school report. Inside the school report envelope there will be a second letter confirming that information. As with all of our decisions regarding the placing of students within classes, we do so very seriously, matching the needs of the individual with what we see as the staff member who will best enhance those needs.

## END OF YEAR BREAKUP FUNCTION

Our End of Year Breakup function will be held **Wednesday 13th of December at 9am** outside the Whare (by the pool). All families and friends of our school are invited to come along and share in a programme of school singing and musical presentations. Some outdoor seating will be provided but if you are able to bring along your own outdoor seating, cushion etc. it would certainly help. If the weather is against us, the programme will not go ahead, due to our hall not being able to accommodate us all.

## KAPA HAKA PERFORMANCE

On **Thursday 7th December at 5:30PM** our Kapa Haka group will be performing in our school hall. This is an opportunity for any whanau who missed the festival earlier in the year to enjoy our group. It is also a time for the Year 4 members of our group to perform as a part of our entire Ropu. Importantly, we would also like to recognise the many people who volunteered their time in creating our new costumes. All whanau are welcome to come celebrate and share the commitment our students have shown.

## TALL POPPIES - *Congratulations to....*

- Josh Y, Matthew M and Hale J who have been selected to play for the Napier Year 6 rep cricket team. Howzat!
- Maia D, a current Year 6 pupil, who has been selected for the Hawkes Bay U13's mixed touch team to play in the Interprovincial series tournament. Excellent mahi, Maia!

## 2018 - MAKING THINGS EASY!

With life in general being so busy, spare time so precious, and on-line ordering being a big hit these days, we will be introducing on-line stationery orders for our learner's 2018 stationery requirements.

This will take away the hassle of organising stationery the first week back at school when this is probably the last thing you want to be doing! It is also a great help to the teachers with settling the students quickly into class and learning, in that first week back at school.

The Supplier will stay the same (to ensure we are getting the best deals for you). On-line orders will be delivered direct to your home (freight free \$46 and over) and you can order as early as December to get a job ticked off your list! More to come on this later this week.....



## SAFETY AT SCHOOL

A friendly reminder that all students need to be *walking* their bikes and scooters across the playground after school. Thanks for your help with this.



## TARADALE PRIMARY SCHOOLS MATHLETICS 2017

On Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> of November, at Reignier School Hall the following pupils participated in the Taradale Schools Mathletics competition.

- Taradale 1 (Silver Award) - Harry L, Rory S, Ben G
- Taradale 2 (Bronze Award) - Ella B, Caspar B, Ethan R

Thank you to our reserves Henry C, Max S, Lincoln G. Congratulations to all the pupils involved. A big thanks to all the parents who came along and supported this event. Also a big thank you to the host Reignier School.

## THANK YOU TPS WHANAU!!!

The Greenmeadows Salvation Army would like to pass on their heartfelt thanks for all of the wonderful food donations TPS has made. They were overwhelmed with our generosity.

So thank you all so much for your kindness and for giving back to our local community.

A special thanks also to those parents who helped transport the boxes and to the Red Caps who delivered the goods.



## SPORTS UNIFORMS


As the year is coming to an end we need all sports uniforms returned A.S.A.P. It is very important that these are returned. Please check the wardrobes and drawers of your home and hand the uniform (washed) to Mr Madsen or Mrs Heaps in a plastic bag with your child's name on it. Thank you!

## HAT ORDERS FOR 2018

If you would like to order a named hat for your child for 2018, please complete the attached form and return to the office. If you are unable to print this order form off, you can write (in capital letters) your child's first name, surname, room number, most importantly the size hat you would like on an envelope along with your \$20.

### HAT ORDER FORM

- **One envelope** per child please
- Measure head size to determine hat size
- Print name in **CAPITAL LETTERS** (*no returns if name is not clearly written and is spelt incorrectly*)
- **\$20.00** per hat (*this includes printing of student's name*)
- Colour of hat is **Navy**
- Enclose payment of \$20 with order
- If paying by Internet 12 3479 0025245 00 (*pupil's name and 'Hat' as the reference*)

	<b>Bucket Hat \$20</b>
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Payment enclosed \$20 (no change given) <b>or</b> <input type="checkbox"/>	
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(please use pupil's name and 'hat' as reference)	

## WEETBIX TRY REMINDER

**When:** Wednesday 14 February 2018 (Children must be 7 on the day of the event to participate)  
**Where:** Frimley Park, Hastings  
**Cost:** \$38 per participant. Early bird pricing for school groups closes Midnight, Thursday 18 January 2018. After this date the price goes up. Please see Weetbix Try website for more information - [www.tryathlon.co.nz](http://www.tryathlon.co.nz)

Individuals will complete all 3 legs (swim, run and bike). For teams of two, one will complete the swimming and one the biking, with both completing the run.

**How to Register:** School entries are to be completed online at <https://registration.tryathlon.co.nz/Home/Event/22/Package/0/Wave/0/Sequence/0/School/70dacc87-bfd1-44d4-90d7-c549058ab8f3> selecting the Hastings event to automatically link your child's entry to Taradale Primary School. Please check that your child is linked to TPS.

**Contact:** Any questions or queries please phone Anna on 027 839 4476 or email [thesandersfamilyoffice@gmail.com](mailto:thesandersfamilyoffice@gmail.com)

### *CREATIVE WRITING ...*

Found poetry is a type of poetry created by taking words, phrases, and sometimes whole passages from other sources. By making changes in spacing and lines, or by adding or deleting text, it creates a new meaning. We used old school newsletters to create our poems. Enjoy!

*Kia ora koutou,  
Congratulations to Lyford Giri, Ethan Peach  
and Hamburger Hannah  
for making cake out of Money and Pizzas.  
Also a big well done to Hale J Joshua  
for making art out of kids dvd's.*

*There have been some children  
who have not met national standards  
for their scooters and clothing being taken home.  
Please, oh please, ring 191 4761719  
To take anything that is yours.*

*Last Thursday afternoon we had  
an exercise about earthquakes  
Turn and face the sun  
And let your shadow fall behind you.  
Please practice at [www.kindergartencricket.co.nz](http://www.kindergartencricket.co.nz)*

*So in conclusion,  
Just a reminder from the PTA,  
Children you can live without a butter limo,  
but you still are expected to go running  
to get our cup of tea.*

*Thank You*

*-Ducky and Jimmy  
The Whare*



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