

NEWSLETTER

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

Kia ora koutou,

Courage! Confidence! Two great words that mean so much to so many and which, for me, have been shown in great depth in the last week. Two events and two opportunities to once again be so very proud of the successes of our learners. This is not that unusual to be honest, however these two events encapsulate all that we strive to achieve.

Firstly, the Cross Country. Even though I saw it for myself, I cannot help but be humbled by the many positive comments passed to me by parents about the way that all pupils ran on the day. We all know that running is not everyone's cup of tea, but that didn't stop our kids competing. Amazing 'I can' attitudes held by all. Added to this, is the opportunity for those with a running skill to showcase their talents. And didn't they! So, to all those that strove to achieve at their best I salute you and want you to know that as a Principal I'm ever so proud of you.

But wait there's more! On Wednesday I was privileged to be a judge at the Year 3 and 4 poetry competition - an 'event' that all of the pupils are expected to enter into. This obviously means that each child had to (at the very least) stand in front of their class and recite a poem. Daunting enough one would think! To be able to listen to 30 amazing youngsters who were selected for the 'final' was truly astounding. The confidence and poise they showed. The courage they exhibited. Again, not all of us enjoy standing in front of others, on a stage, and speaking. But to see 8 and 9 year olds speak with such energy, rhythm and confidence. A real 'wow' factor.

Courage? Our learners have it in spades and it is a wonderful thing!

MARTY HANTZ

"Challenges are what make life interesting and overcoming them is what makes life meaningful"

Joshua J Maine

Book Club



LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AT THE TPS BOOK FAIR!

- **8.30am – 9.15am** - Thursday 31st August, Friday 1st, Monday 4th and Tuesday 5th September
- **2.30pm – 3.15pm** - Thursday 31st August, Friday 1st, Monday 4th and Tuesday 5th September

We do still need a few more helpers for the Thursday evening. Please email Jo at djfield@vodafone.co.nz if you can help. Thanks in advance!

MESSAGE FROM THE PTA

Pizza and cake lunch!

- Seniors (years 4-6) – orders in no later than **3pm Friday 1st** September for pizza lunch day of Tuesday 5th September.
- Juniors (years 0-3) – orders in no later than **3pm Monday 4th** September for pizza lunch day of Thursday 7th September.

We will need helpers on the Tuesday and Thursday to hand out the pizzas to the children. If you can spare ½ an hour between 12.45 and 1.15 please email Haley on pta@taraprim.school.nz

Kids Art Calendars

Order forms will be sent home next week for our Kids Art Creations fundraiser. Our learners have been hard at work creating awesome art to go on calendars, diaries, notebooks or card sets. These make wonderful gifts for friends and family.

TALL POPPIES

Congratulations to....

- Ex pupils, Jared M, a Year 8 pupil at TIS who has been selected for the Napier Ross Shield Rugby team, and Adam A of Lindisfarne who has been chosen to represent the Hastings West Ross Shield Rugby team!
- Penelope F and Zoe H from Year 6, who have been selected in the Eastern Districts rep tennis training squads.
- Liam M who is playing rep rugby for Taradale. Well done Liam!



DID YOU KNOW...

That in front of each of the remodelled rooms currently under construction, there will be a large decked area. We will also be putting the same in front of Rooms 1 and 2, and these will all add to existing classroom space. With a shade sail, or two, or three, above those decking areas, we will be creating new learning spaces. These can also obviously be used as eating areas at lunchtime too.

ASTRO-TURF UPDATE

Wow! This is really starting to take shape and will be a great addition to the school and community. This is an area that we will utilise a great deal at school and we hope that you, our current and even past families and whanau will also use it too. It can be used for hockey, football, basketball and cricket! Outstanding!

CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS

Thank you for your support at our school cross country. Great attitude by all the students. Congratulations to **Bassett house** who were the winners for 2017!

Year 3 Girls	Year 4 Girls	Year 5 Girls	Year 6 Girls
1 st Phoebe H	1 st Mansi G	1 st Georgia R	1 st Maia D
2 nd Zoe D	2 nd Ruby G	2 nd Georgia C	2 nd Aimee A
3 rd Maia M	3 rd Sophie B	3 rd Graecyn P	3 rd Emmison G
Year 3 Boys	Year 4 Boys	Year 5 Boys	Year 6 Boys
1 st Nate F	1 st Hunter L	1 st Ethan S	1 st Noah G
2 nd Luke B	2 nd Cooper S	2 nd Riley P	2 nd Cody M
3 rd Oscar M	3 rd Rylan W	3 rd Sam M	3 rd Hale J

SPORTS RESULTS

- Hockey - Taradale Tornadoes finished third overall in HB Division 1 Kiwi Stick Hockey. Beating MKK Movers in the 3rd place playoff game 4-1. Player of the season was Connor F and Unison medal for the best and fairest went to Aimee A.
- Indoor Cricket – TPS played Coastal (Haumoana/Clive) and won by 9 runs to 64 runs. Player of the day was Matthew M.
- Wednesday Tackle Rugby Results – last week we played Nelson Park and had a 7 tries to 2 tries win. A big thank you to Carl M for taking the team. This week we played Arthur Miller School, and the result was TPS 3, Arthur Miller 6. Players of the day were Zack W, Isaac A and Ethan R.

DAFFODIL DAY

A huge thanks to everyone who supported Daffodil Day this year. We raised \$725.10! A special thanks to Rebecca G for the gorgeous daffodils and the Red Caps for their help on the day.

DENTAL SCREENING VAN

For the next few weeks we have the dental van at TPS. During that time children will have their annual examination.

If time allows children with previous parental consent may have fluoride applied, fissure sealants or x-rays. Parents who no longer wish to avail their children of these treatments, please contact Sue or Tania on 834 1827 as soon as possible.



TEAM 2 POETRY COMPETITION

A huge well done to all of the Year 3 and 4 children who competed in the Poetry Recital finals on Wednesday. The talent on show was amazing and you can all be very proud of yourselves!

A special congratulations to the following children...

Year 3

- 1st Maia M
- 2nd Phoebe H
- 3rd Ivy A

Highly Commended:

Riley T
Harrison D

Year 4

- 1st Lachie C
- 2nd Corban M
- 3rd Samantha F

Highly Commended:

Jaime F
Miya W



CREATIVE WRITING FROM KIARA, RUBY, SHAYLA-MAY, KEIRA AND JAMES IN ROOM 9!

Even though Bertha only lives 10m from her school, a limo is the only way she arrives.

Big Bad Breath Bertha brings bags of butterscotch bars everywhere. She can't live without them. She doesn't share. She doesn't have friends. She has bad breath!

Bertha, whose favourite things are eating and sleeping, was often left to her own devices. Burt, the butler, was the person who spent more time with Bertha than anyone else. To keep her happy he bought her butterscotch bars. This would've been okay, except for the fact that Bertha didn't brush her teeth. The last time there was a recorded sighting of Bertha and a toothbrush in the same room was when she was 2. Now Bertha is 14.

At school, Mrs Hashbrown a stern teacher, who taught Food Tech, informed the class that there would be school photos tomorrow. Then she added "I expect all of you to have brushed your teeth" and she glared at Bertha. A worried Bertha ate Butterscotch bars all day.

That night she hunted down her toothbrush. She finally located a dusty, mouldy, stale pink stick with 22 remaining bristles. 'Oh well' she thought. Surely, it can't be that bad and Mrs Hashbrown will not be pleased if I don't do this! So she scrubbed her teeth.

"Line up from shortest to tallest" demanded Mrs Hashbrown. Bertha took her place at the end. She was feeling sick as she hadn't eaten any Butterscotch bars all day. "1, 2, 3, cheeeeeese" Bertha grinned. The photographer fainted. Her gummy mouth looked hideous. Bertha no longer had bad breath. Burt no longer brought her Butterscotch bars. But with her new, sparkly false teeth, Bertha has friends.

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