

NEWSLETTER

TO ENABLE OUR LEARNERS TO BE LIFELONG
ACHIEVERS WHO CAN THINK CREATIVELY
AND CRITICALLY AS PART OF A CARING
GLOBAL COMMUNITY.



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PRINCIPAL'S PRATTLE

Kia ora koutou,

As usual this week's Prattle has a wee relationship to the quote I have used. Why? Because over the weekend I was reflecting on how hard schools work to do their best for the learners that enter their gates each day. The amount of time put into planning, not just for a class, but for so many within the classes requiring a great deal of thought for that personalisation. The thought required to find, or create all of those resources that link to the actual needs. The thinking about the 'where to next'. Like most professions it's a never ending roller coaster! Definitely not a 9 to 3 job!

As teachers we gain a great deal of satisfaction from the success that we see in all of our learners - whether that be those times in which we see a child leap ahead or those times when there's smaller gains is irrelevant. Each of those is so very important. Those little successes might come more often than the big successes and, as we often discover, one or two of those little successes lead to a future bigger success. There can be nothing more soul-satisfying than seeing the joy on the face of a learner as they realise that they've 'nailed it'! What could be better than knowing that a learner has just had an 'aha' moment.

But to those little things? The reality is that a child's success is often enhanced by the strength of the relationship that we have with them and for us those sweet successes are often sweetened further by the little moments that we share with those learners. And the little things that they share with us makes it that much more special indeed. The little things like the smile, the quick hug, the high 5, the pictures they draw for us, the cards they create or write for us.... each of those is something so very precious. On the surface each could be seen as only a little thing but to us, they are enormous. Absolutely enormous. Best of all, each of those little sentiments creates an on-going sentiment ... each smile creates more smiles. So this week I asked the staff to measure success not just in results, but through the receipt of those great little touches.

And? If our little learners (and not so little learners) can make the world a happier place through their generous use of such gestures, then so can we!

"When it comes down to it, it really is the little things that count most"

Marty Hantz

Robert Cheeke

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. Students can wear their PJs to school for a gold coin donation. The Red Caps would like to challenge everyone to beat last year's efforts of \$600 - that is less than \$2 per student! And also to beat our record of more than 80 pairs of PJ's donated. Thanks for your support!



A BIG THANK YOU.....

..... To all of those businesses that assist us by providing us with vouchers that we use for our assemblies. As you probably know we use 'Stop, Think, Do', reward tickets when a learner shows a fabulous attitude, has persevered, has shown success or has exhibited one of our favoured values. We also give these out to those who have shown growth in the components of our Self-Management Matrix.

We couldn't do this without the generous support of the following businesses if you get the opportunity please thank them ... please support them.

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- The Aquarium
- Par 2 Mini Golf
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SCHOOL HOURS

Please note that school is not officially open prior to 8.20am each day. We know that this is not of great convenience to parents hence we don't close our gates in the mornings. It is important that you know and understand that our teachers are neither on duty nor are legally responsible for a child before 8.20am.

This doesn't mean that we won't care for a child, it means that this time is a fantastic time for us to set up for the day.

Remember too that there is an afcare (YMCA) programme being run in our school hall each morning and afternoon. No child should be at school while that is running each day....

NZEI STOPWORK MEETING

Please note that on Thursday 28th June school will be closing at 1pm. Most, if not all schools, in Taradale and Napier will be doing the same as part of a nationwide push for better working conditions and pay rates. We are legally entitled to do this but regret any inconvenience that this might cause. Please arrange for your child to be picked up at 1pm or to attend Afcare.

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.

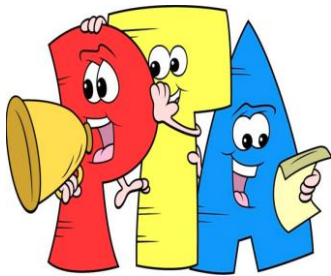
LIBRARY CORNER...

We were very lucky to have the Great Wardini come along and entertain the children with an amazing magic show last week.

He then read 'Hickory Dickory Dash' which was part of a simultaneous read with over 1 million children around New Zealand and Australia all reading the same story at the same time.

The great Wardini owns the Wardini Book shops in Napier and Havelock North. He supplies our school library with fantastic books at a good price so feel free to pop into one of his bookshops for a browse.





A NOTE FROM THE PTA

The PTA held the AGM on Monday night which involved electing all office positions. Vacant were the Chairperson and Secretary roles. We are pleased to inform you of the following results;

- **Chairperson:** No nominations for position received at meeting
- **Secretary:** Trudy Deeprose nominated for Secretary, accepted
- **Treasurer:** Debbie Richards nominated to continue role of Treasurer, accepted

Our charter states we need to have all roles filled by the end of June. Since the AGM, Haley Start and Kathryn Scott have offered to co-chair the role. We will vote on this at the next PTA meeting. **Our next PTA meeting will be held on Monday 11th June at 7pm in the staffroom, all welcome.**

CREATIVE WRITING FROM ROOM 18.....

My autumn leaves are spikey. Their colours are purple and yellow and it is light and delicate. They are crunchy and flat.

Emily

The autumn leaves are beautiful because I like the colourful leaves. They are wrinkly and crinkly. They can be red, green, yellow and brown.

Ella

Book Club



Lucky book club Issue 4 is out now and it's packed with some wonderful books for everyone to enjoy. There's lots of blockbuster new titles including the latest books in the **Tom Gates, Hot Dog, Trials of Apollo, Diary of a Minecraft Zombie** and **Spirit Animals** series.

There are amazing \$2 specials as well! These specials include **The Wonky Donkey, Just a Dog, Stickman** and the Story lines Joy Cowley Award winning title **Witch's Cat Wanted**. Get sorted for the winter school holidays with a huge range of craft packs and activity books to choose from. There is something for everyone to enjoy!!!

All orders need to be back to school by Thursday June 14th. Please remember to Name your order. If your order is a gift please clearly write 'GIFT' on your order form.

There are three Easy ways to pay by either Cash in a sealed envelope to the school office, Cheque (please made all cheques payable to Scholastic New Zealand) or by credit card using LOOP by visiting scholastic.co.nz/LOOP or download the app on android or apple!



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