

# 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,

It wouldn't take too many of my Prattles for you all to realise the pride that I feel for our school .... assuming that you all read them of course! As I've stated so many times, there is so much to be proud of and, of course, as part of that this then means that we should always strive to not only maintain those special features but also strive to improve them.

One area that I have a particular love for is the way that we've striven to create a cultural environment at TPS where our learners feel that Te Reo and Tikanga Māori are not seen as an extra subject but are seen as part and parcel of all that we do. We have seen a great deal of success in this area and in no way is this more apparent than in the increased numbers of our learners involving themselves in our Kapahaka. I'm sure that this wouldn't occur but for the way that Māori is now a strong feature of all that we do.

I'm strongly of the opinion that in any language in the world, the words are largely irrelevant if we do not understand the culture behind the text or vocabulary. A large part of this is also linked to the historical perspectives too. This was so obvious last week through the Year 6 visit to Otatara Pa. With the stories and histories passionately narrated by Chad Tareha, our learners became aware that their maunga (mountain) of Otatara and their awa (river) of Tutaekuri are just not words in their mihi, but are real and have a huge historical significance.

The opportunity to make those cultural links will enhance the importance of all that our tamariki learn as they gain further knowledge of all things Māori (tikanga) and encourages them to gain greater ownership of their area. This belonging (turangawaewae) is so important to us all. Just as we wish our children to see TPS as a home away from home, we want them to see such features as Otatara, Tutaekuri and any other local Māori iconic features as theirs also.

The learning never stops!  
Marty Hantz

*"Tohaina ō painga kit e ao"*

*Share your gifts with the world*

### MESSAGE FROM THE FETE/PTA COMMITTEE - CAN YOU HELP?

#### SELLING OF RAFFLE TICKETS

We are looking for a couple more helpers for this Saturday to sell raffle tickets at Mitre 10. If you are able to spare an hour, please contact Jo Jones on 027 242 2081.

#### WORKING BEE

There will be a working bee this Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> April 9am - 12pm, to spruce up the school grounds ready for the Fete. Light work, great fun and everyone is welcome. Look forward to seeing you on the day.

#### RAFFLE BOOKS

We require the remaining raffle books to be returned to the office ASAP please. Thanks in advance!



## **\*\*We Need Your Help\*\* Book Online to Volunteer**

A huge thanks to those who have already signed up to volunteer at the fete.

We still need more helpers to make this event a success. **Don't forget to book online!**

### **To book your slots...**

- Got to **www.schoolinterviews.co.nz**
- Select 'Make a Booking', enter the code **zm22g** and click Go
- Enter your contact details, the numbers of volunteers you are booking, then enter the name/s of the volunteers and click Go
- Select the areas you'd like to help with and the times you are available

We would be grateful if you could book in for 2 hours (or more). That will still leave plenty of time to enjoy all the Fete has to offer! You can also book online for multiple volunteers so get the whole family involved.

Thank you for your support.

## **VILLAGE FETE – A MASSIVE FUNDRAISER!**

Want to help make a difference? Then you've only got a day or two left to do so. This fundraiser is without a doubt the most important each year. A chance to help the school financially and, just as importantly a chance to connect with others in our community. There are so many ways that you, or your wider family, can help us out! Have a think about the list below and what you can do to assist.

- Provide an hour or two of assistance at the Fete
- Provide baking for the cake stall
- Drop off books for the book stall
- Provide an item or two for the grocery raffle
- Drop off some chocolate for the Willy Wonka trailer
- Make sure that all of your friends and family know about it and will attend on the day ... let's turn it into a carnival!

## **VILLAGE FETE – WIN \$500!!!**

Yes, that's right ... you could win \$500 at the Fete. A new attraction sponsored by the Breeze radio station. Look out for the Darts for Dosh Breeze vehicle on the school court. For the grand price of \$2 per each A4 piece of paper you can create a named Paper Plane and attempt to throw it into the vehicle through an open door window. At the end of the fete one of the successful 'darts' will be drawn out of the vehicle and that person will win \$500 cash! ***Start practicing now!!!***

## **TALL POPPIES**

- Congratulations to Millie Lyford, Hunter Lyford, and the following ex-TPS pupils who have been chosen to represent Taradale Intermediate in the Hawkes Bay Regional Lit-Quiz teams this Friday... Imogen Crawford, Emma Bryant, Bessie Hantz, Hannah Thompson and Hamish McDade.
- Also congratulations to Millie Lyford and Hunter Lyford who competed in the Manawatu Athletics Champs. Millie gained 2 bronze and 1 silver medal and Hunter gained 4 Bronze medals. Congratulations to you both!

## **STOP PRESS!!!**

Keep a very close eye out for a Press release in this Saturdays Hawkes Bay Today. We've got a good feeling that some very positive news re the Taradale Community Pool is in the wind!

A huge thank you to everyone who registered their Kellogg's receipts on line. We are receiving the maximum number of 20 new books for our library. **GREAT STUFF!**

## PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS 2018

This is an opportunity for us to share the children's learning data and progress with you as well as aspects of their self-management and other key competencies. The students will not be involved in the interview as they regularly use Seesaw to share their learning with you.

This year we will continue to use the online booking system. Each interview time will be 15 minutes. Please note, it is really important that times are kept to. Interviews that finish later than intended have an impact upon the next family as well as meaning that staff will be home later to their own families. Please be mindful of this and, if necessary, arrange for another interview at a later date. We would also request that there is one interview per child.

***School on these three days will be closing for all students at 1pm.*** Please ensure your child is aware of their arrangements for getting home. Afcare will be running from 1pm if you require their services.

- Parent/Teacher Interviews for **Years 2 – 5** (excluding R18), will be held on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> May, Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May and Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> May, 2 – 6pm.
  - To book your online interview:
  - Go to [www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz)
  - Type in event code mypdb and select GO
  - Follow the very easy steps to complete your interview time with your child's teacher
  - A confirmation email will be sent to you
- Parent/Teacher Interviews for **Year 6** will be held on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2-6pm, Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 7.30am – 6.00pm and Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> May, 2 – 6pm.
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- Our Parent/Teacher Interviews for **R18** will be held Term 1, Week 11 on the following days and times: Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> April, 2 – 5pm, Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> April, 2 – 6pm, Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> April, 2 – 5pm. ***Please note, school for your child will finish at 3pm as usual on each of these days.***
  - To book your online interview:
  - Go to [www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz)
  - Type in event code jna8f and select GO
  - Follow the very easy steps to complete your interview time with your child's teacher
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*If you do not have internet access, please see the office and they can make an online booking on your behalf.*



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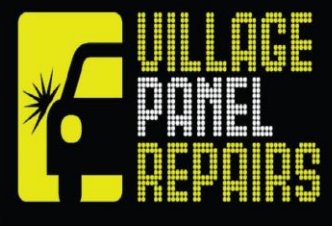


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