

NEWSLETTER

TO ENABLE OUR LEARNERS TO BE LIFELONG
ACHIEVERS WHO CAN THINK CREATIVELY
AND CRITICALLY AS PART OF A CARING
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PRINCIPAL'S PRATTLE

Kia ora koutou,

Well the end of the year is nigh and this time tomorrow you will be receiving your child's report and a notice telling you which class and teacher your child will have in 2018. All very exciting. Lots of little things have happened recently which reminds me of two things - one, we are so lucky to have the kids we've got because they really are a wonderful bunch, and two, we also have a fantastic school that offers them a lot. So, I thought it best to hear from a few of our Year 6 learners about their experiences! And so, here goes....

Maia says ... I really like all of the sports and we are lucky to get lots of professional sports people coming to share their skills with us.

Zara says ... It's the kids here. They're not mean, there's hardly any bullies, and we're always having fun.

Briar says ... We have cool teachers who teach us all the things we need in our lives.

Bessie says... It's our Kapahaka that's cool. We have such neat costumes and I love all of the hard work we put into our poi and waiata.

Josh says ... All of the friendly students. If someone feels sad people will let them join in their games.

Ethan says ... I love the good manners. Manners are good as then people will help you!

Hale says ... I've been here six years and there's been lots and lots of changes but the one thing that hasn't changed has been all of the nice people.

Ellie says ... We have a cool culture and lots of neat traditions. I like the carvings and pataka house and I like the new classrooms.

Henry says ... We all get equal opportunities to do things and people are treated equally no matter what. It's a fair school.

Emmison says ... There are so many opportunities like in sports, with languages, academic opportunities, music and culture. There is something for everybody.

Timoti says ... Everyone is respectful, no-one wants anyone to be left out. No-one cares that their learning is difficult ... c'est une bonne ecole!

Out of the mouths of babes! When you hear such comments you just know that the future of New Zealand is in such good hands. Neat kids that make the culture as neat as it is.

MARTY HANTZ

"When one teaches, two learn"

Robert Heinlein

Book Club



Special thanks to all those who helped make our book fair a success – Jo Jones, Jodie Condin, Helena Stevenson, Alison Palaret, Kirsten Crawford, Nicky McKenzie, Leigh Scammell, Jemma McDade, Glen Moore, Michelle Mouritsen, Kirstin Formosa, Jo Field and Claire Smith. Their tireless efforts helped to ensure that Santa will be bringing lots of fantastic books to TPS kids this year!

We sold over \$3,000 worth of books, which means there are over \$6,000 of new books floating around our community for Christmas. Good effort!

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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.

2018 - MAKING THINGS EASY!

Following on from Monday's email you received with all you need to know about ordering your stationery on-line for 2018. Remember....

- This replaces the way we have supplied stationery in the past.
- Stationery packs will not be available through the school next year.
- Order now, pay on the delivery date you specify.
- Free 'early bird' gift with orders in December (while stocks last).
- Freight free \$46 and over (you can combine stationery orders with other siblings)
- Stationery is by year group and complete packs only.
- Feel free to pop in to the office and use a computer to complete your on-line ordering.
- OfficeMax store/location is in Hastings, if you prefer to go into store.

This is a great hassle free way to order stationery so your child is ready to go day one in 2018. Books can be covered in the holidays if you want to (they will then be named with the subject in class with the teacher). Happy shopping!



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YEAR SIX FRENCH – The Petanque Experience

As part of the Year Six French extension, we travelled to the Hawkes Bay Lawn Tennis Club where we were hosted on the Petanque (Bowls) courts there by 4 of their members. The kids all got taught how to play and were then asked to play three games! A great time had by all and a French pique-nique to finish it all off, resplendent with crusty French baguettes, yummy cheese and ham, sparkling grape juice and plenty of laughter. Quelle bonne journee.

GUEST SPEAKER

Today we had Gareth Morgan, published author and owner of Wardini books come and speak to some of our children.

He spoke about his new book, The Traitor and the Thief, his love of magic and his love of books! What an inspiring author to listen to and his book sounds fantastic.



SCHOOL ACCOUNTS

A BIG thank you to everyone who has paid their account that was sent out last week. This is a big help. We would appreciate all accounts to be settled by the end of this weekend to assist us with preparing for our end of financial year.

BOOKWEEK DRESS UP DAY – BEING UNIQUE!

Today was the day that we celebrated books by organising a dress up day – a day about books and about promoting individuality. We have so many unique kids and this shows so well on these days. A brilliant array of costumes and a whole bunch of kids (and staff!) that aren't afraid to be themselves and have some fun. Thanks to the whanau that created some amazing costumes and created some amazing memories.

Long live books! Long live uniqueness!



HAT ORDERS FOR 2018

If you would like to order a named hat for your child for 2018, please see the office for an order form. Hats are \$20 and come with your child's name heat pressed inside.

SPORTS UNIFORMS

As the year is coming to an end we need all sports uniforms returned A.S.A.P.

CREATIVE WRITING ...

Kia Ora,
The butter machine bet Hale Joblin
in touch rugby today,
Well done Butter machine,
For getting player of the day
You deserved it.

Did you know that,
Napier kindergartens have invited,
Marty Hantz to become
A student there.
What a hardworking man he is,
To get in.

CREATIVE WRITING continued ...

On Tuesday,
TPS had a blast in the park,
a quote from these kids
was *A great time to think of all those,
cool butter machines,
our school has"*.

To finish off,
I recently asked staff
to complete a game of cricket,
against the Sewing Machine;
obviously the Sewing Machine won.

-Georgie and Zara

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