

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,

Not that long ago I shared with you some of our recent reading results, of which we had every reason to be quite proud. As I stated then, the strength of what we do is enhanced by the way that we tend not to pat ourselves on the back and relax. No way! What we do is look at what works and try to replicate successful strategies around each of the classes.

So, for us, what is the most important factor in this reading success? The reality is that we feel that the biggest effort is created by the love of reading rather than the teaching of reading. Now, don't get me wrong as we do lots and lots of very specific reading skills teaching but if the learners don't actually like reading then this is not anywhere near as effective. At TPS we pondered this a number of years ago and pieced together a strategy designed to grow that love of reading.

The first of those strategies was to ensure that all classes were read aloud to each and every day (and in a lot of cases, more than once a day). This was followed up by the creation of Monday's after lunch 'buddy reading'. As part of the strategy we also placed an increased emphasis upon the role of the library and Librarian, opening the library more often and exposing our learners to more and more books. We added to this area by forging even stronger links to the Taradale Public Library. And did it end there? No! Not at all ... then came wee gems such as the ever popular Book Weeks! What's not to love about reading when this means that we get to have Milo-n-marshmallow nights, when we can have a whole bunch of people reading to and with us and when we have the opportunity to not only buy quality books but also contribute to the library through Book Week rewards. A win-win for all.

And of late, when our learners use See-Saw to share their reading they (and you) can hear how they are trying to read fluently for their audience. And isn't it great to see that? So, in many ways reading is grown, celebrated and loved at TPS. And, good parents and whanau that you are, you have played your part in this too!

*"You can't buy happiness but you can buy books and
that's kind of the same thing"*

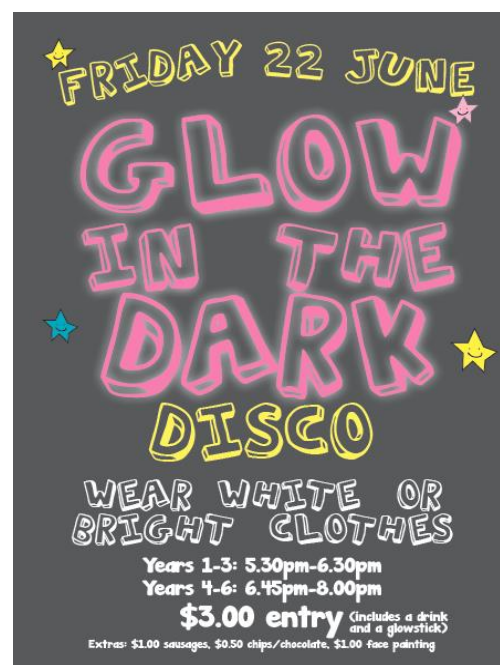
Marty Hantz

THANK YOU TPS WHANAU!

Once again TPS you have shown outstanding generosity. For our annual 'Jammies for June' fundraiser we raised \$737 and collected 88 new pairs of PJ's!!! What an amazing effort. The organiser of this appeal passes on her heartfelt thanks and wanted you to know that the pyjamas collected have been distributed via DHB to families in Wairoa and the surrounding area. We are humbled by your efforts. Thank you for supporting myself and the Red Cap Leadership Group in helping others in need. Vanessa Bernie.

Scholastic Orders need to be back to school by Thursday June 14th. If you have not received a brochure Issue 4 is available online to view at <http://www.scholastic.co.nz/parents/lucky-book-club/>.

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 - Cash in a sealed envelope to the school office, Cheque (please make all cheques payable to Scholastic New Zealand) or by credit card using LOOP by visiting [scholastic.co.nz/LOOP](http://www.scholastic.co.nz/LOOP) or download the app on android or apple!



SELF-MANAGEMENT MATRIX – Independent Learning

The second element of our Matrix is the area of being an Independent learner. To do this a learner moves from managing that learning with support, right through to being independent and, ever so importantly, helping others to learn too. An independent learner is a learner who can complete their learning tasks on time, always look to produce quality work and can remain focused on what they need to do. What can you do as parents to aid this? It's as easy as asking the right questions of your child each day after school....

- What was your best piece of work today?
- What did you like the most about that learning task you are working on/you finished?
- Did you ask some good questions today?

Or..... reminding your wee learner before school...

- Don't forget to listen to instructions today
- Try your very best!
- Ask for a little help if you get stuck
- Remember, it is okay to take risks!



HAWKES BAY TECHNOLOGIES TECHNOLOGY CHALLENGE

Congratulations to the following students who represented TPS at the Technology Challenge last week. Their task was to produce a mechanism or construction that could lift a bottle weighing 200 grams. Each group had the same task and the same equipment but didn't know either until the night.

While we didn't 'win' anything it was great watching the fabulous thinking, co-operation and collaboration going on! Well done.... Aimee Hooper, Finn Adams, Finn Fitzgerald, Georgia Cockroft, Georgia Rope, Grace Kirker, Graecyn Parahi, Holly Williams, Maddy Dolley, Millie Adsett, Mischa Leota-Lemalu and Sistina Brady.

TALL POPPIES

Congratulations to Stella Hill, Maia McKenzie, Nicole Carlisle, Zoe Duncan and Grace McDowall for competing in the HB Under 11 Basketball development team over the Queen's Birthday weekend. Great job!

PLANTING TREES

When it was decided to remove the Phoenix Palms from the front of the school on Church Road, it was suggested by us that it would be beneficial for all if we were to be able to replace those trees removed with as many native trees as the Napier City Council could approve! Last week we received an initial invitation from the NCC to be part of a plan to plant trees on the banks of the Taipo Stream (at the back of Ngarimu Crescent) and on the reserve of land in Ngarimu Crescent itself. While we do not yet know how many trees that will be, or when, but it will happen.

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.

Don't forget to order your pita lunch by 8.30am this Friday!

Also a heads up that for the next PTA pizza & cake day it will be ordered on-line thru lunch-online!



CREATIVE WRITING FROM ROOM 20.....

Thursday 17th May 1915

Dearest little brother Jeffrey,

I am missing you so much. I thought this was going to be the best adventure, but since the fighting has begun it's been my worst nightmare! You would not believe your eyes if you saw the sloppy, wet, muddy ground. It is dirty like dog poo - yuck! Sleeping is my worst nightmare because of the sloppy wet mud.

The fighting has been going on for weeks. It is the worst and I regret coming here. I am sad because I am sure I have killed some of the enemy and it is the worst feeling. My friend got shot and killed. I was horrified and fuming with anger.

The food here is disgusting, just thinking about it makes me want to puke. Dry, yuck corned beef which is rotten with flies buzzing around and hard dry biscuits - it's like eating metal. Jam is the best thing about the food, apart from the ANZAC biscuits you have sent me.

I am missing you so much. Please say hi to everyone back home. I would give anything to come home. I love you.

Your loving brother Finley
(Finley D)



Thursday 17th May 1915

Dearest little brother Bob,

I am missing you so much. I thought this was going to be the best adventure but there are gunshots going off all the time and there is lots of mud too. Since the fighting has begun, I have missed you and the family.

If you were here you wouldn't believe your eyes. The flies, ticks, lice are so annoying. There are rats the size of cats! They eat all the food that we've got. The thick and mucky mud is gross and sleeping is my worst nightmare. There are sneaky soldiers coming for you like ninjas. We have to sleep on a hard, thin pillow and we do not like it at all.

The fighting has been going on for weeks. It is just the worst and I regret coming here. I have killed ten of the Turkish soldiers which made me feel miserable and numb. Two of my mates have died in front of me. This made me angry and upset. My mate's names were Timmy and Jeff. The noises are so, so loud like a giant bell but a lot louder. All of the noises come from the gunshots and the grenades which also have made big holes in the ground. The worst noise is the horrifying screams of my mates!

The food here is disgusting. Just thinking about it makes me want to puke! The food that we get is dry biscuits, hard like metal and they're yuck. We have dry and gross corn beef, all rotten and there are rotten flies buzzing around the food. We have jam, it's the best thing about the food apart from the ANZAC biscuits you have sent me. I am missing you so much! Say hi to everyone back home. I love you!

Your loving brother Jim

PS I hope I come back soon!
(Jayden A)



Thursday 17th May 1915

Dearest little brother Tom

I am missing you so much. I thought this was going to be the best adventure. Since the fighting has begun, it's been my worst nightmare.

You wouldn't believe your eyes if you were here looking at the disgusting trenches we are living in. There are flies, ticks, lice and rats the size of cats. They have been eating all of our food. We are getting trench foot because of the thick, mucky mud. The gooey slop makes me so wet and cold. Sleeping is my worst nightmare. I hear gunshots going off as I try to sleep. I am always thinking about sneaking soldiers coming into our trench like a thief in the night. The hard ground it really hard to sleep on.

The fighting has been going on for weeks and it is very upsetting killing strangers. My friend got shot and killed - I was miserable and angry. The noise is deafening 24/7. Booming bombs, guns and horrifying screams making me want to go home.

The food here is disgusting, just thinking about it makes me want to puke. There is yuck corn beef, it tastes rotten. There are flies buzzing all round and all over our food, it is so annoying. I wish you would send me more Anzac biscuits to me. Jam is the best thing about the food, except for the Anzac biscuits.

I am missing you so much! Please pray for me that I will stay safe and survive. Say hi to everyone back home. I love you!



Your loving brother Jeff
(Ryan A)

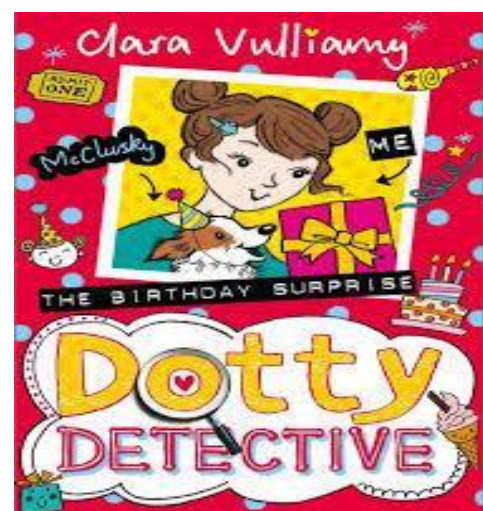
LIBRARY BOOK REVIEW BY KELLY LIU.....

Dotty Detective - The birthday surprise. By Clara Vulliamy

Dotty's birthday is coming up in two weeks! She is so excited but her siblings Alf and Maisy, even her mum won't tell Dot a clue... It was also a problem with Bradley, the new boy, being such a show off to Beans who was Dot's best friend.

Dot started to feel worried about her birthday party, Bradley stealing her friend and that Mr D's birthday was coming up too! Dot and her friends made a special present but it got lost!! Can Dot and her friends find it before it's too late? "A true friendship story that can collapse you in giggles!"

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