

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,

One of the many pleasures of teaching and learning at TPS is that we generally don't suffer from issues in the playground and, just as importantly, when we glance out over all that happens, there is a 'hubbub' of noise and movement. And I firmly believe that if you could harness that energy from the playground in an electrical sense then there'd be enough power to light up Napier for weeks!

A good sign of the culture of the school is shown in the way that despite having close to 500 learners of all shapes and sizes roaming around the school at vast speeds and being engaged in so many different games and activities, there is virtually no conflict. And that is certainly something to be proud of! While our playground, like in any school, may never be totally perfect, the fact that our tamariki can either resolve minor issues or feel comfortable talking to staff and/or their 'big buddies' is something that we really treasure.

Interestingly, the one common thread that we do notice is that the most frequent playground 'event' is when a child feels excluded from a game. In general this tends to be because two 'teams' have been chosen already and an 'extra' makes those teams unfair. And if you are a child involved in a team game there's nothing more unfair than uneven teams! But is this bullying? The answer is not at all and, in most instances, it doesn't take too long before the 'saddened' person runs off to find a partner to help make the teams even. Problem solved...mostly. The real issue also lies with the way that the 'rejected' child has been told that s/he cannot play. A blunt 'no' doesn't tell the whole story so part of keeping the school culture so strong is for us all, staff and parents, to remind those 'team captains' that including others is important as is stating the 'real' reason for that 'rejection'. Makes life a lot more honest and a lot more care-free!

So in conclusion, I just love that noise, the vibrancy, the energy and the intent of our playtime and of our lunchtime. Invigorating and energising.

MARTY HANTZ

"Sometimes the most ordinary things could be made extraordinary, simply by doing them with the right people"

TEACHERS ONLY DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED THIS FRIDAY!

A reminder that school will be **closed** on **Friday 10th of November**. This day is an essential day for the staff where we get together to ensure that our report writing skills and understanding is very consistent. A big day with a big outcome.

Afcare will be running throughout the day. Please note that there will be no staff available to look after students.

DONATIONS ...

If you have any off-cuts of coloured/patterned paper, scrapbooking, magazine, wool, material etc, the Art Pupils would really love these! ***Please drop off to Room 18 (or the office). Thanks!***

CALENDARS ...

These have now been delivered to the children. Please ensure you check your order now and any queries, contact Jodie (*who has done a fantastic job!*) on jodie.br@xtra.co.nz

TRAFFIC TIPS

If you are parking on Church Road before or after school then please be aware that parking in or in front of the Staff Carpark gate is not necessarily a good thing. Some of our support staff arrive at school close to 9am and can leave around 3.10 ... for them trying to get in and out of the gate can be difficult. This is especially an issue if they are backed up and waiting on Church Road for parents to move. This creates a traffic hazard. Please be aware of this as an issue.

MORE MATHEMATICAL MAGIC!

Okay, so we know that the asking of questions is linked to high achievement, but as students grow older they tend to ask fewer questions for fear of looking bad. The most important thing you can do as parents is to encourage a love of maths and encourage a curiosity about maths curiosity equals questions! The best way of encouraging that at home? You ask questions yourself ... "I wonder why..."

SCHOOL BANK ACCOUNT ...

We have a many cases of money being paid for fees to the PTA bank account and vice versa. This does cause a wee bit of extra administration work for both the PTA and the school. Confirming the bank a/c's to have loaded into your internet banking payments: Taradale Primary School 12 3479 0025245 00 (use child's name and activity, eg Basketball as reference). Taradale Primary PTA 12-3479-0038919-00 (use the child's name and the activity, eg Calendars as the reference)

ABSENT OR LATE TO SCHOOL?

Please ensure you text the absence phone (027 3530514 text only) every day that your child is going to be absent (or late). The other option is to email our absence email address – absences@taraprim.school.nz. You can copy the teacher in on this if you wish, but as they may not check their emails before school, please make sure your first point of contact for absences is the school office. It is important that we account for every child, every day so we appreciate your help. If we are unable to ascertain a reason for absence due to no contact being made, your child will be marked as T for Truant (which is a Ministry requirement).

CONGRATULATIONS!

On 2 November the Digi-Awards were held at the Municipal Theatre in Napier. The Digi Awards event is a means of sharing and celebrating creative digital works that students have been working towards during terms 2 and 3. It involves children of all ages from 13 local primary and intermediate schools in the Taradale, Tamatea and Napier area of Hawkes Bay. Taradale School had the following children in the finals:

- Eva S (year 1-2) - Photography and Photo Essay
- Sophie B-R (year 3-4) – 1st in Graphic Design
- Holly S (year 5-6) – 1st in Graphic Design
- Keira C, Maddy D and James H (year 5-6) - Animation



CREATIVE WRITING ...

Fireworks are so amazing. Because they're sprinkly rainbow colours. I wanted to light up the burning fireworks but mum shouted out be careful! Kapow! The amazing fireworks blew up. Wow!

From Caleb R2

On splat the cat's big day off he went on an ... adventure in the forest. On the way there he saw a butterfly. It was a spotty butterfly. It was a beautiful butterfly soaring through the sky. When he got there he was hungry. So he decided he would have lunch in the forest. It was a lovely lunch then he decided to continue his walk. Soon he smelt something. It was a yummy smell, it was strawberry's. He wanted to put some in his lunch, but he could not find them anywhere. But at last he found some and put some in his lunch. He decided to walk back a few minutes later. He had had the most wonderful day ever.

From Riley R1

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