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## PRINCIPAL'S PRATTLE

Kia ora koutou,

The word of the week is whanau. And what does it mean? Personally speaking I think that no matter the culture or the shape of the family, whanau is all about the togetherness. The bond. The creation of a tight unit. Easier said than done though. How is a whanau created? Is it a lot like the difference between a house and a home? A group of people living together is not necessarily a family at all. It's what happens to create that family/whanau which decides the strength of it.

As parents and adults we are obviously the role models for this and it is up to us to set the tone. So what is it that probably does the most to create that wonderfully warm whanau environment? Time. Just time. Giving your children your time is so so important. When we give our children our unadulterated time we tend to listen more, hear more, give more and have more fun. All of those things add up to create that environment where everybody gains the most.

For my family, one thing that we've done that has made a huge difference has been the recognition of the importance of having a meal together at the table. Without any form of device (especially cell phones or television) the chatter has been rich, deep, personal and very meaningful. The reality is that this has lead to the dinner 'hour' being longer and a lot more full of joy. It has meant that we all gain an in-depth view of each other's day, we all read each other's moods better and from this we tend to spend a little more time afterwards with some form of game .... enjoying each other's company.

So, what does family mean to you? If you've already achieved that whanau nirvana then don't take it for granted! If you are not there yet .... then get on to it!

*Work hard and achieve anything. Aim higher. Dream bigger. Fear less. Love more. Look after yourself.*

Marty Hantz

### Book Club



**Lucky Book Club Issue 5** is **OUT NOW** and it's packed with amazing savings and new release titles. Look out for our **Great New Zealand Picture Book Pack** - ten fabulous picture books by New Zealand authors for only **\$39!** The new **Diary of a Minecraft Zombie** is out along with **Alpacas with Maracas**. The **\$2** deals in this issue are awesome for our **Captain Underpants**, **Ella and Olivia** and **Little Yellow Digger** book fans.

All orders need to be handed in to the school office by 3pm, **Thursday August 9<sup>th</sup>**. 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 make all cheques payable to Scholastic New Zealand) or by credit card using LOOP by visiting [scholastic.co.nz/LOOP](http://scholastic.co.nz/LOOP) or download the app on android or apple!

If you have not received a brochure **Issue 5 is available online to view at** <http://www.scholastic.co.nz/parents/lucky-book-club>.

### NOTE FROM THE PTA

We would like to start using recyclable or compostable cups at our discos, in line with TPS's environmental focus.

If you know anyone who might be willing to help support our school by providing cups for us, please email the details to [pta@taraprim.school.nz](mailto:pta@taraprim.school.nz).

#### Next PTA meeting

The next PTA meeting is on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> August at 7pm in the school staff room. We always love to see new faces so come along!



## TPS SELF-MANAGEMENT MATRIX – COOPERATION AND COLLABORATION

Firstly, these are not the same ‘beast’! Cooperation is when we share ideas and resources to finish our own tasks while collaboration is the sharing of resources and ideas to complete a shared task. Both are very important though collaboration has a great deal more depth to it. Collaboration requires more than just being nice to the others at your table and passing over the felt pens! Collaboration is a concept that requires active listening skills, negotiation, an ability to adapt thinking and an ability to keep in mind the set task.

How can you help your child to develop cooperative skills? Praise them for being perceptive and sharing when they can see others have a need, and encourage them to share if they haven’t noticed a need!

How can you help to develop collaboration? By providing experiences with your children where you and they have to collaborate (creating, cooking, baking etc...) to achieve something. They will enjoy this and learn from your modelling.



## READING RECOVERY – A TPS SUCCESS STORY

Every year there appears in the media an article or two quoting an eminent New Zealand educational expert saying that Reading Recovery doesn’t work. Makes for a great headline... but deep within each article is a wee nugget of truth. Reading Recovery works very well in High Decile schools – schools such as ours.

One of the biggest flaws that has been found with Reading Recovery is that some schools (not all of them!) see Reading Recovery as the class reading programme instead of as part of the overall reading programme. At TPS, we make sure that this isn’t the case and we track the ex Reading Recovery learners through the school!

Reading Recovery doesn’t work for all learners but it does work for a massive percentage of ours!

## TALL POPPIES

The hockey rep season has arrived really fast and many TPS and ex-TPS players have been rewarded for the skills and attitudes. Congratulations to ...

- Hawkes Bay U13 Team – Jack Duncan, Connor Findlay and Declan Wong
- Hawkes Bay U15 Boys Premier/Development Teams – Campbell Gray, Tyler Annand, Logan Geary, Ben Stephenson

## ABSENTEEISM

We have extremely low rates of absenteeism at TPS but it is very timely to remind you that if your child is away it is your legal responsibility to inform the school of that absence and the reason for that absence. It is not enough to just say a child is absent. We do like our learners to be at school!

## RETURN OF SPORTS UNIFORMS

If you have a TPS Sports uniform that you no longer need, please return this to Mr Madsen or Mrs Heaps ASAP. It is important that we have these back as we have students needing them for sports this term. Thanks in advance!



## NAUGHTY NAUGHTY U-TURNS!

Please, please, please ... don’t be doing U-turns in front of the school on Church Road. While you might be in a hurry, we would like to keep everyone safe.

## CAUTION – SLIPPERY WHEN WET!

Please be aware that our new decks can be a little slippery when wet. Our Health and Safety Committee are looking at ways to rectify this however in the meantime please take care when walking on these after rain.



## POI MAKING AT TPS!

We are asking for donations please for all our tamariki at TPS to enjoy making their own poi. We need wool, polyester stuffing and plastic bags.

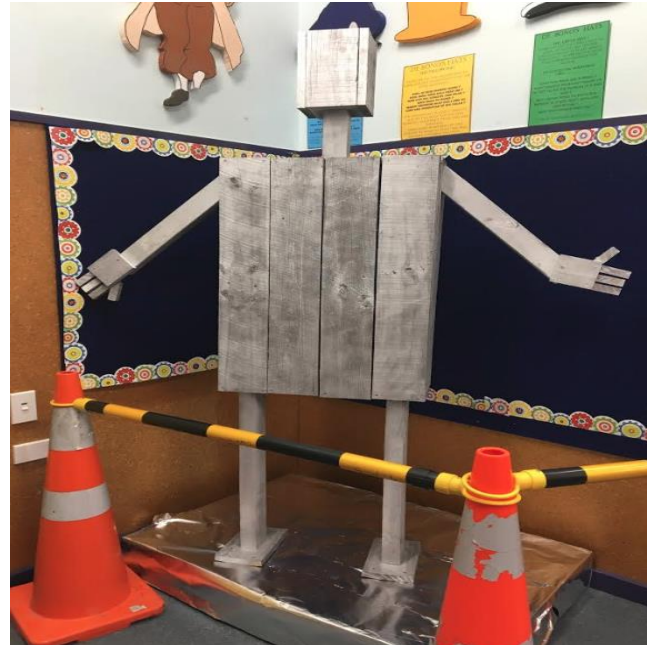
There will be boxes in your children's classrooms for your donations. This is a wonderful experience and our tamariki enjoy making them. Arohanui,

Kaiako Geemas

## LIBRARY UPDATE

Welcome back to term 3. The big reveal of our school robot in the library has been met with lots of excited children. The robot links in with the focus of Science & Technology this term. Over the next few weeks the children will be bringing him to life with lots of bits and pieces being glued onto him. If you have any bits and pieces or old gadgets that would be suitable please drop them into the library. Thankyou in advance.

The pre school reading sessions are continuing this term every Tuesday morning 9-9.30am. The children enjoy some stories and get to choose two books to take home. We would love to see you here.



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

On Friday 12<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> October the Pink Ribbon Street Appeal volunteers take to the streets to raise awareness and funds to fight breast cancer.

10,000 volunteers are needed this year. If you would like to put your hand up and help for an hour or two then please visit [www.pinkribbonvolunteer.co.nz](http://www.pinkribbonvolunteer.co.nz)

The Pink Ribbon Street Appeal provides students and their teachers an excellent team building opportunity while experiencing volunteer work helping the Breast Cancer Foundation NZ.

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