

# NEWSLETTER

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ACHIEVERS WHO CAN THINK CREATIVELY  
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GLOBAL COMMUNITY.



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## PRINCIPAL'S PRATTLE

Kia ora koutou,

Sometimes it's the smallest of words that has the greatest of meanings or the greatest of impacts. We could all immediately think of a word or two that would fit that criteria. For a child it's probably going to be that one word that has driven parents bonkers for years .... why? That incessant chant of why? For a child that has the most significant of impacts because it is the word they use to make meaning of all that they have around them. It is their way of ensuring that their world makes sense and it allows them to place context around concepts and make connections. And yes, it does drive us mad... but better than a child who has no curiosity at all, right?

For us as adults I wonder whether the most important word is thanks. We also use the Te Reo Maori word koa at TPS to show our thanks, but again it doesn't matter a lot which language we use to say thanks ... it's the fact that we've said thank you that shows we appreciate someone. Most of us do what we do without looking to be thanked and I can think of so many in our community who give so much so willingly in regards to this. Coaches, Managers, Committee Members, Board of Trustees and PTA Members ..... the list is enormous, and all give of themselves ever so willingly.

The flip-side of that we all know is that to thank someone is to acknowledge their time, their effort and their impact. Most of us know that thanking someone makes them feel good, feel valued, as they should be. Too often in our busy little worlds we can be so intent on getting from 'A' to 'B' that we forget those around us. Let's not!

At TPS we strive to have all of our learners utilise those simple facets of etiquette - please, thank you and sorry. And we expect these to be delivered with sincerity - with appreciation. Old fashioned? Maybe .... but in our minds the use of those manners, and in particular the word thank you, is a crucial part of communication and helps to create great young citizens.

*"Appreciation can make a day - even change a life. Your willingness to put it into words is all that is necessary"*

So here's to those little words with such significant meanings ... why, and thanks!

Marty Hantz

### Book Club



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!

## THE TARADALE PRIMARY SCHOOL VALUES

At TPS, over many years and with a great deal of consultation we have formulated 10 values which we feel encompass and embody to the young citizens that we wish to help raise. As it states on our website our 'core values' are an integral part of all that we do, whether that be in the playground or in our classrooms.

We have two major values – Respect and Personal Excellence. These are surrounded by the other eight ... all listed below.

- Consideration
- Creativity
- Tolerance
- Self - Discipline
- Compassion
- Honesty
- Flexibility
- Purposefulness

Every school and community has its values, but no matter what they are they need to be living and breathing; an integral part of the fabric of all that we do. Over the next ten weeks we will break these down one by one.

## TALL POPPIES

Congratulations to ex-pupils...

- Logan Trower (Year 12 Napier Boys High) who has been selected to represent the New Zealand Under 17 Indoor Cricket team! Excellent!
- Adia Crawford (Year 9) and Tess Ireland (Year 10) who have been selected in the Hawkes Bay Under 15 Girls Hockey Squad.

## TEACHERS STRIKE ACTION – 15<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST

Please note that on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> August there is a proposed nationwide teachers strike. This will likely mean that the school will be fully closed on that day. We will try to ensure that Afcare will be running to alleviate disruption.

Each of the TPS classrooms will have a small poster on its window explaining the reasons for this industrial action. As explained previously, this is not all about more money, but is more about providing the best education and the best educators.

So what is it all about? The biggest issue for us is that fewer people are training to be teachers. The two main reasons for this are the conditions and the salaries. We need to continue to entice a top echelon of people to facilitate education of our tamariki. We want the best for our kids? We need to continue to provide the best of teachers!

To help with those conditions and to provide an equitable education for everyone, we need to add greater resourcing for all children who have additional learning needs. By doing this, we allow teachers to spend even greater amounts of time with the learners – a win-win situation.

No-one takes striking lightly nor does anyone want to disrupt our children's learning, but the future of education and the future of your children, and my children is so worth fighting for.

## TARADALE SCHOOL CANOE POLO TEAMS 2018

The season is now completed for our Canoe Polo Teams. The following pupils had a great season and there was a major improvement in their skills. Team 1 – Meg R, Abby B, Graecyn P, Lockey S, Holly S, Georgia R, Mischa L and Finn F. Team 2 – Caitlin C, Finn A, Grace K, Maddy D, Douglas R, Lisa D, Hannah F and Millie A.

A special thanks to Mark R, Gwynn C, all the parental helpers and supporters that assisted these teams throughout the season. Also a special thanks to Haley F who also assisted with both teams.

From these teams a tournament team was chosen. This team was - Mischa L, Graecyn P, Abby B, Hannah F, Meg R, Douglas R and Holly S. Well done to this team - they managed to get in 3rd position overall, in a very close competition! Each individual gave their best and played well. Thank you to our parents for supporting the team. Thanks to Mark R and Haley F for organising the team throughout the tournament.

## **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 Greemas**

## **CREATIVE WRITING FROM OUR CREATIVE KIDS....**

Colourful, twisting, rainbow colours spin around in the warm creamy vanilla milk.

**Charlie R14**

The colours of the rainbow are like tornados.

**Danny R14**

The fantastic crimson azure, emerald and primrose water, paints mixed and connected together.

**Riley R14**

When we went to New Plymouth I stayed at the Devon Hotel and I swam in the spa but not the pool because it was too deep for me. When I hopped in the spa it was so so hot and I was burning in the spa. I almost exploded in the spa. I went in the pool with my dad and I was freezing cold. I went through the pool on my dad's back.

**Olaf Room 16**

Long ago in a deep dark forest 'something was lurking' said a man. He saw two black wings, two eyes and two razor sharp teeth. The critters flew up in the air and dived down at him. He dived to the ground and the critters flew back into the trees.

**Kadin R17**

My favourite game on Roblox is obstacle paradise, pool tycoon two, beach tycoon, pizza factory and app tycoon. This is how you play obstacle paradise. You make an orby and other players will try to do it. This is how you play pool tycoon two. You go into the shop and you put water in the hole. This is how you play beach tycoon. The beach balls are money, and the money makes you buy the red circle. This is how you play pizza factory. The pizzas are money and the money makes you jump on the red circle. This is how you play app tycoon. You collect the money and you make your own.

**Lucy R16**

Long, long ago in the deep dark scary forest I was lost! I saw two little eyes blinking at me, red face paint, pointy light brown hair and a red balloon. Then he ran at me and ate me.

**Jacob R17**

Last Saturday Mum and Dad came home from Fiji. We got our presents. I got some chocolate, necklaces, a costume and a really delicate bracelet. It has four shells and a dead crab in it. It has three shells in it and you can see the crab because it has glass in it. I have a necklace that has two baby turtles that are white and black. The baby turtles are on the mother's back. I have three more necklaces that have shells on the necklace and I have some bracelets. One that has three flowers and two that are made of coconut. I have a costume that is a hula costume and a flower on my head. The colour is pink and yellow. My costume is light pink and dark pink. It has pink ribbon to go around my neck.

**Ella R16**

Grrrr on my Mum's birthday we had a crash. She was boiling mad. She screamed out loud "Oh no my car". The glass was on the floor, the oil was leaking into the drains. We called the car fixers to take care of our car. We had to go to the circus in my Dad's black like the night car.

**Ash R17**



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