

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,

Over this last year we have hosted a great many schools, local and not so local, who have heard about what it is that we do at TPS and, in particular, our Modern Learning Environments and the way we encourage Independent Learning through the way that we teach with and use the Self-Management Matrix. Without exception, our TPS model of the MLE has been given the 'wow' factor from those visitors. What has impressed them the most? The way we use the Matrix as the basis of our MLE, the way that our learners strive to fulfill all of the criteria and the overall organisation of each and every learning day - high levels of collaboration expected of the learners and modelled by the staff who facilitate the learning.

Every parent went to school and so we 'know' what education is all about. Our knowledge of that education though is too often based upon the successes we gained 'back in the day', a way of learning that was ages old and didn't really change much. The world has changed so greatly with the advent of technology and, in many places of work, changes to the expectations of the way the work-force achieves its goals. In this respect there is a great deal more collaboration than previously and much of what we see in our Matrix are the concepts that many occupations now require of their staff. So, education also needs to move with the times.

There are many who might see this MLE concept as a fad but the truth for us is that we have invested so much time, energy, intellectual property and passion into the MLE that we know that it's a winner! Achievement data for our Year 6 cohort in 2017 seriously challenged the 'fad' argument as did the fact that many students who previously had been a tad disorganised became much better at this ... wins all round! Often the perception of 'new' change does not match the reality of what is actually going on. With this in mind, we will be opening up our MLE 'whares' and providing you with opportunities too, to see our BYOD (Bring Your Own Device). These opportunities are a great time for you to ask any questions and to truly see what goes on, how and why!

Don't be those people who like to make your minds up based on perception ... be those people who seek the truth! The 'open day' and 'open night' dates will be shared with you in due course. We'd love to see you there!

Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success"

Marty Hantz

Book Club



The Scholastic Book Club orders are being processed tomorrow. All orders need to be back to school or ordered through LOOP by 9am TOMORROW!!!

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Well done and thank you to the PTA for the generosity in deciding to pay for the new concrete path to be constructed past the Year 6 Learning Whare.

This will be completed in the next school holidays! No more wet shoes from crossing the field or having to traipse over the Year 6 Whare deck. Great stuff, PTA!

TARADALE PRIMARY SCHOOL VALUES

As written last week, we will begin to explore the values that we and you as a community, decided were the most important values for our learning community. As you would have read last week, the two that we deem to be the most valuable are Respect and Personal Excellence. Out of the other eight values, today we'll take a glance at FLEXIBILITY.

So what does this look like in our school? At TPS FLEXIBILITY is a concept which encourages learners to be ready to look for other ideas and not just stick to the one possible idea and solution. To be flexible also means an ability to change ideas based on new information or from learning through taking risks. Flexibility is all about being able to adapt your thinking, respond and take it all in your stride. To be flexible means that you are quite resilient and not fazed by change. Flexibility? Being ready for anything.

TALL POPPIES - *Congratulations to...*

- Brooke Geary (current pupil) and Imogen Crawford (Year 8 ex pupil) who have been selected for the Hawkes Bay Under 13 Rep Hockey Squad. Well done girls!

TEACHERS STRIKE ACTION – 15TH AUGUST

Please note that on Wednesday 15th August there is a proposed nationwide teachers strike. The school will be **fully closed** on that day.

Afcare will be running all day if you require this service. To book a space go to ymcahb.org.nz, look for the Wednesday 15th August 2018 booking under “Special” and choose the hours that best suit your needs.

Each of the TPS classrooms 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.

CAN YOU HELP?

We are looking for a parent to help with the Road Patrol Crossing on Puketapu Road, Thursday mornings. It is from 8.20 – 8.45am. Please contact the office if you can help as at present we do not have anyone. Thanks!

T.P.S ASTROTURF

What a fabulous resource this is, and how great it is to see it being utilised on the weekends too! And not just for local youth, but also for so many of our budding young hockey players. Well done to Hockey Hawkes Bay for utilising the turf and creating a love of a sport. Just as any school should be, this is a fabulous way of bringing our community into the school.



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CROSS COUNTRY 2018

Cross country training has begun for our Y3-6 students. Our school cross country will be held on **Monday 27th of August** at Dolbel Reserve. We have made a few changes to the way we are running cross country running this year.

As a staff we completed some valuable learning sessions with a professional athletics coach. The outcome of these sessions is that we have now adapted the way our students train for cross country. We emphasise working on speed, running technique and the skills involved in running. As the student's bodies are still developing, focusing solely on sustained running for longer periods can be detrimental to their development and their enjoyment levels. As a result, our weeks will be made of up short training sessions, that vary in skills taught and running intensity.

The second change is that on the day of our school cross country, we will be running 2 types of races, one competitive and one non-competitive race for each year level. Our aim is for all students to enjoy physical activity and by offering a non competitive race, where the focus is on enjoyment and participation, we will allow those students with whom running is 'just not their thing', an opportunity to participate with like minded students in a lower intensity race.

Importantly, we will be running a competitive race in which all students will be encouraged to enter. Sports is about pushing yourself and competing against others and here at T.P.S. we expect students to challenge themselves. This race is not only for the 'good runners' but for all students who want to extend themselves and also want to earn extra points for their house.

As cross country is one of our school house events, runners will earn house points for participating.



The points are distributed as follows:

- All people who enter the non-competitive race will earn 1 house point.
- Those students who enter the competitive race will earn 3 house points.
- The finishers in the competitive race will earn the following points

1st	= 12 points	6th	= 7 points
2nd	= 11 points	7th	= 6 points
3rd	= 10 points	8th	= 5 points
4th	= 9 points	9th	= 4 points
5th	= 8 points	10 th	and below = 3 points

This is to encourage and reward the participants who want to compete against others and who want to earn additional points for their house. We also need to identify our top runners in each age group, who will then go on to represent T.P.S. at the inter school event later in the term.

An outline of how the day will run will be coming home closer to the time. In the meantime we encourage you to discuss with your child what their goals are and which race they will compete in.

Many thanks,

T.P.S. PE Coordinators

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