

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,

On Tuesday I was interviewed by three seven year olds as part of their writing 'brief'. They presented me with two questions each which they had worked hard on and which they were clearly quite proud of. The questions generated some very serious answers, for after all, these questions were oh so important to those 3 learners. In between the actual answers there was robust discussion about whether unicorns and dragons were real, what narwhals are (if you don't know, then you need to look it up!) and the gender of a pregnant mum's soon-to-be baby! All in a days work!

But the question I really enjoyed the most was 'What do you like the most about the school?' And as I was about to embark on my answer I had the wind firmly knocked out of my sails. "Now, Mr Hantz", said the young gentleman, "I know you're going to say that the people are the best thing about this school, so you have to tell me the second best thing". Hmmm, I thought to myself, a wise young fellow indeed. He was ever so right - it is the people! That was my answer. I hurriedly gave him an answer that might have filled the gap that he'd created for me.

And thinking on this a little later on, I realised that if this seven year old 'guru' could recognise the worth of people then he might very well be in an environment where people, collectively and individually are celebrated. Where it's okay to be you. Where people are valued. So, he was right with where my answer was going to be and, as long as TPS continues to be the place that it is (or even better!) then my answer will always be the same.

It's the people that make our school what it is. It's the people that bring life and personality to the buildings, to the play ground, to the classrooms and to the day. They bring laughter, smiles, emotions and ideas. They bring noise and a whole raft of all that it is that makes TPS that wonderful place!

*"When you can do a common thing in an uncommon way,
then you'll command the attention of the world"*

Marty Hantz

George Washington Carver



The PTA is holding the first Fete 2019 planning meeting on **Monday 27th August, 7pm** in the staff room. If you are interested in helping out with the Fete, come along and find out more.

Any help, big or small, would be really appreciated (and there's no need to join the PTA if you don't want to!).

We also need a new DJ/sound person to help out at school events. Please get in touch on pta@taraprimschool.nz if you might be able to help.

CROSS COUNTRY

Kudo's to the staff and organisers of the upcoming Cross Country. Gone are the days of relentless trudging around the park and gone is the occasional "I don't want to... attitude. At TPS we are very lucky in that the vast majority of our learners have an outstanding attitude towards both the training and the Cross Country itself. But the new training regime has created a greater interest and even greater smiles. Nothing wrong with fun! Hope to see you all at the Cross Country cheering your own children on as well as those children that you also know so well.

TPS VALUES – Creativity

At TPS we encourage our learners to be creative. Being creative means following our passions and interests in whatever forms you wish. We believe that our environment will be accepting and supportive of those who are creative – an environment filled with opportunities to learn. Opportunities for each child to grow their curiosity and to be inquisitive.

We often say that when we are being creative we are using De Bono's Green Hat! There is a great deal of joy in being creative too, with lots of justifiable pride shown in finished tasks and artistic endeavours. How can you help to boost that creativity at home?

- Praise all artistic efforts. Picasso had to start somewhere!
- Encourage your child to think outside of the box – looking for more than one solution.
- Provide 'stuff' for arts, music and creating (the junk box, recycling and \$2 shops are all great places for this), and leave it all out so that your child can just create with it.



SPOONER SHIELD – 2018

Second again! By just one point again! What a day – sport and sportsmanship at its very best with the 'crème de la crème' of all of our local schools doing battle with each other.

So close! At the end of the day we have to be incredibly proud of all of our sports teams and of the individuals for doing their very best. We also should be extremely proud of their determination, their perseverance, their collaboration and their behaviour. What a fantastic bunch of kids! A big thank you to our coaches for their efforts and passion, as well as to the supporters for their unconditional cheers!

A massive thank-you to Bledisloe School for their exceptional organisation skills in hosting this tournament.



This is our Rugby Spooner Shield team for 2018. We played at Bledisloe Primary (this is where the photo is taken).

We came 2nd place, which I thought was good. This was my favourite game against Bledisloe, it was so close and we nearly won.

They were pretty good though!

By George R9



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Today's photos - Tomorrow's memories

TPS SCHOOL PHOTOS - Monday 3rd September

- All students present on the day will be included in the class photo.
- All children will also have an individual photo taken.
- If you wish to have a family photo taken on the day please complete the order form link below before Sunday the 2nd of September 2018. <http://lcscott.co.nz/familyrequest/>
- Every child will come home with an on-line order card like the example shown. Simply login with your child's individual shoot key code, view their photos and order as required.
- Delivery of photo's will be to the school approximately 4-5 weeks after the photo shoot day. These will be given to your child to take home.

LIBRARY NEWS

We have a lot of exciting new books in the library each week, so please remind your children to come in at lunchtimes to have a look. Due to so many new books coming into the library we are taking out some of the old and outdated books. There will be a book sale next Friday 31st August at lunchtime for the children to browse and buy some old books. Books will be \$1.00 each so children, bring your pocket money along and grab a book or two. The sale will be in the library. Left over books will go to people/schools in need of books.

I love chatting to the children about their favourite books. This week Abi Martin told me all about one of her favourite books, ANZAC Animals, by Maria Gill. Abi likes this book because she loves animals and one day would like to become a vet. The book captured her interest because it is full of true stories about animals and she also likes learning about history. This book is available in the library now.



FRIDAY 31ST AUGUST – Daffodil Day!

At TPS our school community does an outstanding job of supporting our annual Term 3 fundraiser - "Daffodil Day".

This year however we have decided to support a cause a little closer to home. As you may be aware we have a student and their whanau who are currently doing an amazing job fighting this thing called cancer. We would love you to get in behind this family and help us fundraise to make their journey a little easier.

On Friday 31st August we will be having a mufti day and ask that the children wear this students favourite colours of pink, blue and purple and to bring along a gold coin donation.

We will have a coin trial on the court before school where your donations can be placed. Please be as generous as you can to support our TPS whanau. Many thanks!



How many balloons do you think fit in Mr Hantz's car? To celebrate last week's New Zealand Maths Week, students enjoyed school-wide maths quizzes, mindset videos as well as a special 'estimation' question.

We borrowed Mr Hantz' car and filled it to the brim with balloons! It held 149! Ivy had the closest guess and won a prize for Room 14 to share. Apiata were our winning house for the week-long competition. We also gave out lots of 'mathsy' spot prizes in school Assembly.

Mrs Little, MST Teacher



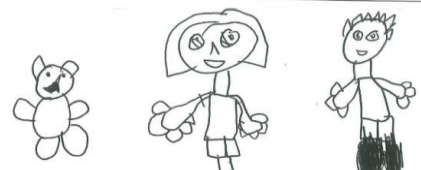
SECOND HAND UNIFORMS/HAT ORDERS FOR T4

- If you have any TPS school uniform items that your child has grown out of, are still in good condition, we would love to have them! You can also swap them for bigger sizes if you need too.
- Keep an eye out for an order form coming home for school hats. Hats come named with your child's name. If you would like to place an order, return your slip to the office by Friday 7th September.

CREATIVE WRITING...

I have a teddy. It came alive. It actually danced all night with me. In the morning I was tired.

Annabelle R4



Mum and dad watched me play soccer. I got a goal and I was the player of the day!

David R4



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