



TO ENABLE OUR LEARNERS TO BE LIFELONG ACHIEVERS WHO CAN THINK CREATIVELY  
AND CRITICALLY AS PART OF A CARING GLOBAL COMMUNITY.

## PRINCIPAL'S PRATTLE

Kia ora koutou,

There are a lot of things that we probably tend to take for granted, and family might well be one of those. Not so long ago I waxed lyrically about the importance of mums before Mother's Day and last Sunday was Father's Day. Not that I forgot to write about dads, more that being a dad myself, I wasn't too sure what to write. True! My biggest worry was that as I wrote about what a good dad is .... I might start feeling a little bit guilty! And for that reason I thought it best not to ask my own kids about good dads!

So casting my questions around our school, I asked what it is that the kids liked the most about their dads.... and what a fabulous set of responses too.

*My dad is funny ... he picks me up and twirls me around. I get to teach him the guitar.*

*My dad plays with us. He tickles us and takes us out for dinner.*

*My dad plays the guitar and sings with me and my sister. He would hide behind the furniture then jump out and tickle us.*

*My dad helps me train for cricket and coaches my rugby team. He takes all us kids for bike rides.*

*My dad makes really nice dinners and lets us have a go at deciding what to eat and then we mix up the menus.*

*My dad gives us random answers to questions. He snores really loud! When he jumps in the pool he splashes water everywhere!*

*My dad tells stupid jokes that are not even funny. He thinks that they are hilarious. We laugh because they are NOT funny.*

*My dad helps me with jobs at home. He tells me how to do stuff. He tells us not to give up.*

*Dad helps out with my football and coaches my team. We play in the same team on Thursdays. He's great on the barbecue.*

*When dad's got free time he hits us catches with the tennis racquet. He loves cooking pasta and steak.*

*My dad's mean on the barbeque. He takes us hunting with him. It's fun!*

So to summarise.....a good dad is a dad that's there. A dad that cares, that laughs loud and long, is not scared to jump on the trampoline, get dirty or flick a tea-towel. A good dad still reads aloud to his kids using the funniest voices ever and a good dad is a dad that will wrestle with his kids, play games and be a great role model. A dad who quietly admonishes when he needs to yet has that great big smile not so long after that. A hair 'scruffer' and a dispenser of cuddles. Good on you, dads!

**Marty Hantz**

*"Honesty is the cornerstone of all success, without which confidence  
and ability to perform shall cease to exist"*

**Mary Kay Ash**

## TPS VALUES – Honesty

At TPS we encourage our learners to be honest. Being honest means being truthful, trustworthy and genuine. An example of being honest is thinking before you speak and doing things in a way that follow the TPS values. This value is very closely connected to thinking and reflecting on our actions, acknowledging the feeling of others and demonstrating empathy.

Honesty has strong links to the Problem Solving and Cooperation/Collaboration dimensions in our Learning Matrix.

How can you help your child to understand the concept of honesty at home? By modelling this yourselves, by speaking in a way that is truthful but which does not hurt others and by showing genuineness in all that you do.



## ENROLMENTS 2019 – In-zone and Out-of-zone

We are already planning for 2019 and it is very important for us that we know of as many 5 year olds intending to start In-Zone, so that we can plan for the Out-of-Zone numbers with some confidence. If you know of families (In-Zone) that are starting a 5 year old with us next year then please remind them to let us know!

## SCHOOL PHOTOS

Each student has received their order form with their individual 'shoot key' code. Simply go on line, enter their unique 'shoot key code' to view and purchase their photos. Please order by the date stated to receive postage free. Photos will be delivered to school (hopefully) before the holidays. They will be given to the pupils to bring home.



## PIZZA 'N' CAKE DAY!

**JUNIORS (YEARS 1 - 3) - TUESDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER**

**SENIORS (YEARS 4-6 & R12) - THURSDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER**

### WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:

- Pizza & Cake - \$5 (2 x pizza and 1 cake OR 3 x pizza and NO cake)
  - Extra Pizza - \$1.00 per piece (*must order \$5 combo to get extra pizza*)
  - Extra Cake - \$1.50 per piece (*must order \$5 combo to get extra cake*)
1. **All orders** are to be ordered and paid for on-line via [www.lunchonline.co.nz](http://www.lunchonline.co.nz)
  2. If you do not already have an account with lunch-on-line (for your Friday pita pit orders), you can register via the above web site (it is very easy!)
  3. All orders need to be completed on-line no later than 8.30am Monday 10<sup>th</sup> September. ***Sorry any late orders cannot be processed.***
  4. Once your order is placed, **no refund** is available (for example due to illness on the day).
  5. Children are to take their lunchbox with them to the hall on the day to collect their food.
  6. Senior's pizza day (Y4-6 & R12) is Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> and Junior's (Y1-3) is Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> September.

## ANXIETY AND RESILIENCE – Taradale Community Meeting

On Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> of September, 6.30pm until 8.30pm, there will be a community meeting for all of the local Taradale Schools with the focus being on Anxiety and Resilience for children. Space will be limited to around 500 adults so please ensure that you rsvp to the link below and secure your seat.

<https://permission.click/VOA2/nz>



- **Last day of Term 4 - Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December**
- **First day of 2019! - Monday 28<sup>th</sup> January**

## BASKETBALL TERM 4

If your child is wishing to play basketball in Term 4 they need to collect a permission slip. The year 1-2 children collect these from their classroom teacher and the year 3-6 should have attended a meeting in the Y5 Whare on Wednesday (if not they can collect one from Jacqui Heaps in the Year 5 Whare).

All permission slips need to be returned to Mrs Heaps (in the Year 5 Whare) by Friday 14<sup>th</sup> September. **There will be no late entries accepted.** Even if your child has played in Term 3, they need to return a permission slip to play in Term 4. Fees need to be paid in full before the games start.

## BUGS N GERMS!

At present there are lots of winter/seasonal bugs around. If your child is unwell, please keep them at home until they are better. The more we can keep the bugs away the better!

We have also had notification that Strep Throat is circulating around Hawkes Bay (and schools). We have had a few cases at Taradale Primary too. Please find below information from Kate Davis our Public Health Nurse.

1. A sore throat can lead to rheumatic fever. Rheumatic Fever is very serious and can cause heart damage.
2. Every time your child has a sore throat it could be serious. Don't ignore - take them to a doctor or nurse straight away to get it checked. Call Health Line on 0800 611 116 to find out more.
3. If your child is given antibiotics, it's important they take them for the whole 10 days, even if they feel better, to stop the sore throat turning into rheumatic fever.
4. If your child has a sore throat, you can take them to one of the local sore throat clinics for a free check [ourhealthhb.nz/healthy-communities/supporting-healthy-communities/sore-throats-clinics/](http://ourhealthhb.nz/healthy-communities/supporting-healthy-communities/sore-throats-clinics/). It's quick and easy. But remember it is free for all children under 13 at your GP.
5. Some families get rheumatic fever more than others. So if a member of your family has had rheumatic fever, it's even more important to get your child's sore throat checked.

**If your child is diagnosed with Strep Throat, we would appreciate it if you could advise the school. Thanks in advance.**

## DAFFODIL DAY - THANK YOU!!! THANK YOU!!! THANK YOU!!!

We were overwhelmed by your generosity on Friday. We cannot thank you enough for supporting our whanau in need.

The family thank you all and are very humbled and grateful for your support. We raised a whopping \$1,300! Top effort TPS community.

Arohanui.





The Scholastic Book Fair is our yearly fundraiser for the school library. It's an awesome event that helps our school put new books and resources into the library for our children to enjoy. Our School Book Fair has started. Head to our school library and explore the awesome books on offer and get some amazing deals.

#### Dates and times:

- Thursday 6th September 8.30-9.15am & 2.30-3.15pm
- Friday 7th September 8.30-9.15am & 2.30-3.15pm
- Monday 10th September 8.30-9.15am & 2.30-3.15pm
- Tuesday 11th September 8.30-9.15am & 2.30-3.15pm



#### CREATIVE WRITING

It was Cross Country day and I felt nervous because I was scared if I didn't do well. It was our turn to run. Boom! Bang! The gun went up in the air and everyone went. When I almost got to the end I heard people yelling and people saying GO GO! When I went by the fence I smelt a sweet sour berry bush with the dribbling leaves falling down. When I was running my throat was cold like ice and wind was blowing through my body. Also when I was running down the rock path I smelt soft flowers and I saw hard stones.

Caitlyn R12

When I got to Dolbel the sun was brightly beaming on my back. Butterflies were fluttering in and out of my tummy. It was nerve racking. There was a swarm of house colours red, yellow, green and blue. It was cool. It was my race Year 4 competitive girls. I anxiously waited for the gun to go bang! The gun went. The race was on. I started at a jogging pace. My mum was yelling Go Kaitlyn Go! I was passing people as I ran my heart out. I stopped to catch my breath then kept running. As I ran uphill my calf muscles were hurting so bad they started to sting. People were cheering as I went up the rocky hill. I was sprinting as fast as I could all the way downhill. I spun around the corner and to the finish line. My heart was out of my chest. I was so relieved that I finally crossed the finish line. It was great.

Kaitlyn R20



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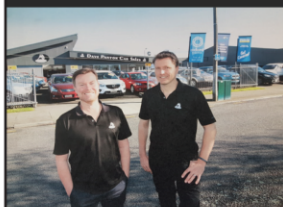
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