



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,

Deep breaths everybody! The last term is upon us and with only nine weeks of school in this term I can assure you that before you know it we'll all be saying "Where has this year gone?" Sometimes its very important to take stock of what we have done, what we have set out to achieve and, occasionally, allow ourselves the pleasure of smiling at a 'job' well done! Oftentimes this is important as education is a little like watching your own children grow ... you don't notice the changes until someone points them out to you. And to be honest parenting is like that too. We should also take time to reflect on and celebrate the positives that we give to the art of raising our kids. And lets face it, we generally do a fabulous job of this.

But like a lot of things in life we are often way too busy to stop and reflect. When we do reflect we often realise that while we are indeed doing a 'bang-up' job, we could still do better yet. I found a neat little poem that kind of made me think about what's important ... and what is not. Hope you like it!

*If I had my child to raise all over again
I'd finger paint more and point the finger less
I'd do less correcting and more connecting
I'd take my eyes off my watch and watch with my eyes
I would care to know less and know to care more
I'd take more hikes and ride more bikes
I'd stop playing serious and seriously play
I'd run through the fields and gaze at more stars
I'd do more hugging, less tugging
I would be firm less often and affirm much more
I'd build self-esteem first and the house later
I'd teach less about the love of power, and more about the power of love.*

Diane Lomas

Worth thinking about, right?

Marty Hantz

LABOUR WEEKEND AND TEACHER ONLY DAY....

A reminder School will be closed on the following days/dates:

- Friday 19th October
- Monday 22nd October
- Monday 5th November
- Hawkes Bay Anniversary Day
- Labour Weekend
- Teacher Only Day. Afcare will be available at school on this day if required. Please contact the YMCA to book.

SUNHATS AND SUN-SAFETY

Next week our Sunhat policy kicks in and it will be compulsory for all of our learners to wear their school hats.

Well done to those who have made the most of purchasing their own named hats (such a great idea – easy to find the owners!). If you would like to purchase a hat, please see the office for an order form. One more order will be completed in Week 3 for 2018. Thanks also to the PTA for supporting the school further by providing extra hats to be used as spares if needed. Awesome!

A reminder that while we do provide sun-block for our classes, it is still parental responsibility for ensuring that this is applied prior to school.



PTA CHOCOLATE SALES

WOW! Fantastic effort by our families which helped raise \$8,900, all of which continues to make a difference ... and thanks to the PTA, and your help!

Well done to those that helped raise that money and congratulations to **Ava C and Aiden H**, who each won a Blue Tooth speaker for selling the most chocolates. The ten 'lucky draw' winners of a \$20 voucher (Warehouse, Paper Plus or Farmers) were **Max C, Maddie and Riley T, Aimee H, Nicole X, Ingrid G, Brianna D, Sochetra O, Jaime F, Kaitlyn L and Annabelle S.** WELL DONE!

THE NUKES – THANKS HARCOURTS!

We were so very lucky to have hosted the ukulele trio, The Nukes, on Tuesday this week. The Nukes are in Hawkes Bay as part of the Hawkes Bay Arts Festival and were at TPS with the support of Matthew Sinclair and Paddy Barton-Ginger from Harcourts Real Estate.

We were also fortunate that 35 of our Year 6 ukulele players were selected to have an hours workshop with The Nukes and were later invited to support the band in a range of numbers. How exciting for them and for us. Music and the arts play such an important role in the development of all of our learners.



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SHAKEOUT EARTHQUAKE DRILL

Many, if not all, schools in New Zealand took part in the 9.30am National Shakeout Drill held this Thursday.

As per our expectations, this was done with a great deal of speed and the required amount of seriousness. So important that our learners know what to do and why! **Lets keep ourselves safe!**



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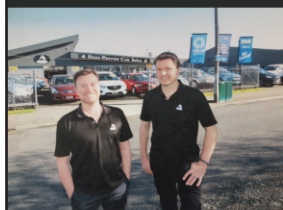
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