



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,

On Tuesday of this week we were lucky enough to be inundated by a horde of grandparents visiting for the Team 1 Grandparent Day. Around the school we could see a throng of extremely proud young learners escorting their beaming grandparents from one room to the next, from sandpit to playground and, best of all, playing with them. I've said it before, and I'll say it again...our grandparents play a big role in our kids lives and so they should too! Such positive role models - the providers of those great cuddles and, in our kids cases, the providers of too many lollies! But you can't tell off a grandparent right?

Grandparents often share a special bond and there have been many studies that show that grandparents can be key to their grandchildren's happiness. This emotional relationship can significantly affect those children's academic, psychological and social development. When grandparents are involved in their grandchildren's lives, children are not only more social but also more engaged in school. Researchers also found that those children were more likely to develop skills essential for social development, such as showing care, compassion and kindness for people who are not normally part of their social circles.

Interestingly too, it was found that the strong grandparent-grandchild connection was found regardless of income, regardless of single parent or two-parent households and was strongest when the grandparents did not live with the grandchildren. The studies all concluded that the children have a higher level of self-confidence when grandparents give more affection. Such emotional closeness has long-term positive impacts on children's lives, including the value that children derive from giving and receiving care from another person.

So, cheers and thanks to all of you lovely and generous grandparents. Whether you were aware of it or not ... you are doing a fantastic job!

Marty Hantz

"Nobody can do for little children what grandparents do. Grandparents sort of sprinkle stardust over the lives of little children"

REMINDERS....

- Monday 5th November
 - Teacher Only Day. Afcare will be available at school on this day if required. Please contact the YMCA to book.
- Scholastic Book Orders
 - Last day for orders is 3pm, Wednesday 7th November
- Hat Orders
 - Last order for the year will be processed Wednesday 31st October
- Enrolments for 2019
 - If you have a child starting in 2019, please see the office to complete a pre-enrolment form if you have not done so already.

SPORTS AT TPS – DID YOU KNOW?

One of the best aspects of all that we do sporting wise at TPS is that we try to provide a wide variety of sporting experiences for our tamariki. Now, while we are blessed with a group of parents/teachers that give up a huge amount of time and energy to many of those sports, we are also realistic in knowing that we just can't cater for all. So, to alleviate this we try where we can to support sporting groups and clubs within our community. Whether this be tennis, hockey, cricket, marching, gymnastics (and so on...) the end result is that our kids have options, are fit and there is a fantastic positive spin-off for our community. A win-win situation! Why not advertise your club in our newsletter?

Thanks Sport HB! We recently were awarded a grant of \$750 to spend on ki-o-rahi equipment. Ki-o-rahi is a traditional Maori sport that has become more and more mainstream in our New Zealand schools. We were even involved in Taradale Schools ki-o-rahi tournament earlier this year. Very much a fun sport with high levels of tactical thinking and skill – a great game. A neat addition to the raft of other sports that we have at TPS.



THANKS PTA!

Over the holidays we had a path laid beside the Year 6 Whare. So well used already, this path has already proved its worth. Thanks to the PTA for donating the \$6,000 that this path cost.

We have also ordered \$4,000 worth of new netball uniforms for 2019. Once again the cost of these will be met by the PTA – and will lead to a very sleek new look!

In January the last of the Year 5 Whare Shade Sails will be erected. At a cost of around \$6,000 half of this will be met by the PTA.

WRITING EXTENSION

Taradale High School has kindly offered the services of Marty Schofield for a Writers Extension group for all of the local Primary Schools - the focus being on creative writing for Year 6 learners. While only three schools have taken advantage of this generous offer (TPS, Bledisloe and Puketapu), the quality of the writing will be further enhanced by the small size of the group. Congratulations to Maddy D and Georgia R for being chosen. And a big thank you to Taradale High as well.

NAPIER KINDERGARTENS OPEN DAY

All Napier Kindergartens are having an open day this Saturday 27th October, 9.30 – 12.30. Call in to any Napier Kindergarten, have a look around, meet the teachers and find out more about our amazing learning environments. Bring your children, everyone is welcome!



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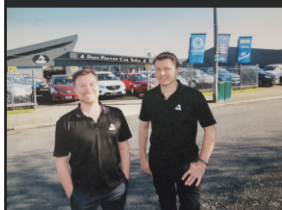
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