



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,

Tomorrow our school, alongside all of our local Taradale Schools, celebrate our Kapahaka Festival. Now, I'm not overly sure how long this has been running but in the nine years I've been lucky enough to have been a part of this, we've seen it go from strength to strength. This is ever so pleasing and reflects the ever-growing celebration of all things Maori in Aotearoa. As a youngster growing up, there was no evidence of either Tikanga or Te Reo Maori in the schools I attended and being part Maori I can only look back at this with both astonishment and embarrassment. My own children now have a particularly good understanding and empathy towards our unique culture and that is how it should be.

To watch so many of our TPS tamariki being fully involved and engaged in not only the weekly classroom lessons, but also taking on the chance to perform in Kapahaka clearly shows how far we have come as a country. To hear both staff and learners correctly pronouncing place-names and the names of students (this is important to all children!), to hear Te Reo being used naturally and without thought ... priceless.

In regards to the kapahaka performances themselves there has been a huge amount of work involved in this. Like all good things in life, there has been a great deal of sweat, energy and perseverance. There has been a great deal of knowledge applied and a lot of creative thought. There has been hour after hour of practise and underlying all of that? The key to keeping those tamariki keen? Fun. It's all about making sure that our children are also learning in a fun and contextual manner. With fun comes success - and in this case this is at both an individual and group collaborative level. The energy and power of the group having a shared outcome is just amazing.

So, to all of those involved. Enjoy your moment - smile and do your very best. Enjoy the success...you have earned it! And to those staff who have provided the guidance, the time and the impetus - thank you!

**"The moment you stop having fun, that's when everything gets hard, you start getting burnt out. When you're having fun you're winning, regardless if you win or lose. When you're having fun, you're winning"**

**Marty Hantz**

### REMINDERS....

- **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November**
- **Scholastic Book Orders**
- **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> November**
- **Enrolments for 2019**
- **Teacher Only Day.** Afcare will be available at school on this day if required. Please contact the YMCA to book.
- **Last day for orders is 3pm, Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> November**
- **Teacher's Strike – SCHOOL IS CLOSED TO ALL PUPILS**
- **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.**

## TEACHERS STRIKE – INDUSTRIAL ACTION

While we might apologise for any inconvenience that this might cause, we'd like to remind you that for us to take strike action is pretty much unheard of. We have too many issues that have been allowed to accumulate over the last 10 years and it is time to address these.

Of prime importance is the need to fill the current teacher shortage and attract more of our young school leavers into a profession that is ever so important and, of course, ever so rewarding. This current teacher shortage has also been created by a 40% drop in those wanting to train as teachers plus an increased population of 400,000. Add to that the conservatism and compliance created by National Standards, a strategy that inspired no-one and literally ripped creativity out of teaching overnight. Please bear with us in regards to this.

The reality is that it is now time to make sure that the education of today, and of tomorrow, is of the highest possible standard delivered by creative, innovative and energised teachers.

## TARADALE HIGH SCHOOL – STEPHEN HENSMAN

Last week I was informed by the principal of Taradale High School, Stephen Hensman, that he would retire at the end of Term 1, 2019. This would have been a difficult decision for such a leader who still has so much to offer yet, as a professional, his decision-making will always be first-rate. Stephen has not only had a profound and positive impact upon Taradale High but also on those schools that 'feed' THS in our local community. Thank you, Stephen, for all that you have done and given to so many.



### WITH MY THIRD EYE I WOULD SEE....

Peoples emotions, inside bodies, animals without fur, inside of plants, into the deep sea,  
into space, the earths core, radiation, what people are thinking, if somebody is lying,  
what the inside of the clouds look like.

**Georgia R – Year 6**

### I SEEM TO BE...

I seem to be free but really I am imprisoned, I seem to be excited but really I'm bored,  
I seem to be a lion but really I'm a sheep, I seem to be small but really I'm big,  
I seem to be a straight line but really I'm a tangled mess, I seem to be perfect but really I make a mess of  
everything, I seem to fly like a butterfly but really I flap like a crow,  
I seem to be purple but really I'm Yellow

**Maddy – Year 6**

Yesterday we made fluffy, slimy play dough. It was an amazing experience for me. We made it because we used it for fractions. It felt like bubble gum. It was very, very squishy.

**Cole J – Room 2**

Oh my goodness my park looks so cool! I want to zoom down the super slide. I can't wait to bounce on the trampoline and do front flips. I will climb up the rusty ladder and push myself to the other side of the super fast flying fox. I'll crawl through the scary dark tunnel and down the fast firemans pole.

**Mason – Room 17**

Lucky, lucky Floyd. Flyod is asleep. Shhhh ... stop it Sam your going to wake him up! Just so you know Floyd is sleeping in his favourite cat box.

**Annabelle - Room 4**



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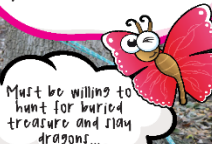


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