



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,

It's not often that I get to extol the virtues of another school but as I do so, I'll have to admit to a slightly vested interest. As a young fella I attended a country school twenty minutes south of Waipukurau, Flemington School. And like most primary school experiences, it was pretty much top-stuff. Especially living in the country too. Great formative place to be!

This wee school of less than a hundred pupils has a mud-run to raise funds each year for an extra teacher. This mud-run, hosted two weekends ago, is a low cost great fun idea. As a family we've been meaning to do it for a couple of years but never quite got around to it. But this year? We did it. So, why the prattle relating to this fun event?

Firstly, with the holidays not too far away I was thinking of the importance and the value of sharing such fun experiences. There is, of course, value for the family but also value in the experience itself. You'd be ever so surprised as to how much writing that a learner can get out of such an event! All adds up to those life experiences we love to share. Secondly, this is a fun event but one which also has the potential for it to be as competitive as you want it to be ... a little bit for everyone. And thirdly? An opportunity to get filthy, muddy, dirty with your kids. And I'm not entirely sure that us 'townies' always get the opportunity to do that too often. So, next November why don't you think about taking a cruise down to Flemington, run and jump in the mud and have a bit of fun with your kids – join in with the three TPS school families down there this year and have a go in one of the 2.5km, 5km or 10km courses.

Great fun and you'll be pulling mud out of all sorts of places for days to come!

*"Will you look back in life and say "I wish I had" or "I'm glad I did"?"*

**Marty Hantz**

**Margaret Mead**

## FIRST DAY OF 2019....

Keeping consistent with other schools in Hawkes Bay, our first day of school for 2019 will be **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> February**. A nice long holiday break!

## OUT OF THE MOUTHS OF BABES

I was playing Paper, Scissors, Rocks with a character of a 5 year old, who duly beat me. I was then approached by a Year 5 Red Cap Leader who also wanted a game. I turned to my 5 year old mate and said, 'Will I beat him?' "Nope," was the reply, "Because he's a Red Cap Leader". I replied "But am I a Leader too?". "Nope," he returned, "You don't have a Red Cap. You have a bald cap". Brilliant!

## LIBRARIES AND READING RESULTS

One of the clear links that we feel we have at TPS in terms of analysing why our tamariki are such avid and clever readers is not just down to well thought out, specific and appropriate reading lessons within class, but it is also down to the fact that our kids generally read because they love reading. A culture we've spent quite some time building on across the school.

A large part of that culture is the role that our library plays. Not only is this 'book room' chocka with an excellent variety of fiction and non-fiction but it is also funded to such an extent by the PTA that we can have a librarian on-call a lot of the time, including lunch-times. Having a librarian means that what is essentially just a 'room with books' comes to life. Where would we be without libraries and librarians, where would we be without books?

## INTERSCHOOL ATHLETICS

Last Wednesday we took the Interschool Athletics Team to the Regional Park to compete against all the other schools in our district. Our athletes showed a great combination of determination and skill, resulting in T.P.S. winning the event!! Huge congratulations to all who competed, you did your school proud! Also, thank you to the parents and staff for their help and support throughout the day. Some of the top age group placings were;

- 8 year old boys - Will Spencer 1st place
- 8 year old boys - Kiato Buxton 2nd place
- 8 year old girls - Keily Hooper 1st place
- 9 year old boys - Ryan Gray 3rd place
- 10 year old girls - Ruby Gilbertson 2nd place
- 10 year old girls - Hardiya Padda 3rd place
- 11 year old girls - Georgia Rope 1st place
- 11 year old boys - Ethan Spencer 1st place

## TPS SPORT – THE BIG 3!!!

2018 has been a very successful one in terms of our inter school sports competitions. Back in Term 2 we won the Napier School's Cross Country championship. In term 3 we won the Spooner Shield, which is a year 5/6 tournament competed across the winter codes of football, rugby, hockey and netball. And just last week we also won the Inter School Athletics competition.

Winning one of the 3 largest sports competitions is a great achievement and to win all three is a testament to the outstanding athletes we have at TPS. Congratulations to all students who represented our school in any of these events. You should all be proud of yourself!

## CLASS VISIT

On Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December, 2-3pm our TPS pupils will be visiting their class and teacher for 2019. Please collect your child at 3pm from *their new class room* (teacher and class information will be on their school reports which will be distributed on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December).



## Re-opening of our Community Pool Update

1. Tender notifications have been issued
2. A pre-Christmas, Moana Park wine drive fundraiser is underway. Keep an eye on your letter box.



## YEAR 5 WHARE ENVIRONMENTAL TEAM!

The Year 5 Whare have been super busy raising funds, saving lemon trees, making beeswax lunch wraps, raising awareness of how we can all do our bit for the environment and much more! Here is a couple of pictures of their amazing efforts this week.... all with heaps of enthusiasm and smiles!



### Some words from Malachy.....

Our Year 5 Whare project is saving the school lemon tree. We found out that the lemon tree has the disease Sooty Mould which makes the leaves get covered in black mould. To clean the tree we only had to use dishwashing liquid and warm water. It took about an hour and 40 minutes to wash all the sooty mould off. Next we are using Neem oil to make the Whiteflies go away and we are using plant fertiliser to help it grow stronger.

### Koa, Year 5 Whare

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## Support the re-opening of our Community Pool

Donations can be made at our Give-a-little page:  
<https://givealittle.co.nz/cause/taradale-community-pool-reopening-fundraiser>



## BOGO BOOK FAIR.....



**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> Nov - 8.15 - 9.15am  
& 2.30-3.30pm**

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> Nov - 8.15 - 9.15am  
& 2.30-3.30pm**

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec - 8.15 - 9.15am  
& 2.30-3.30pm**

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**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> Dec - 8.15 - 9.15am  
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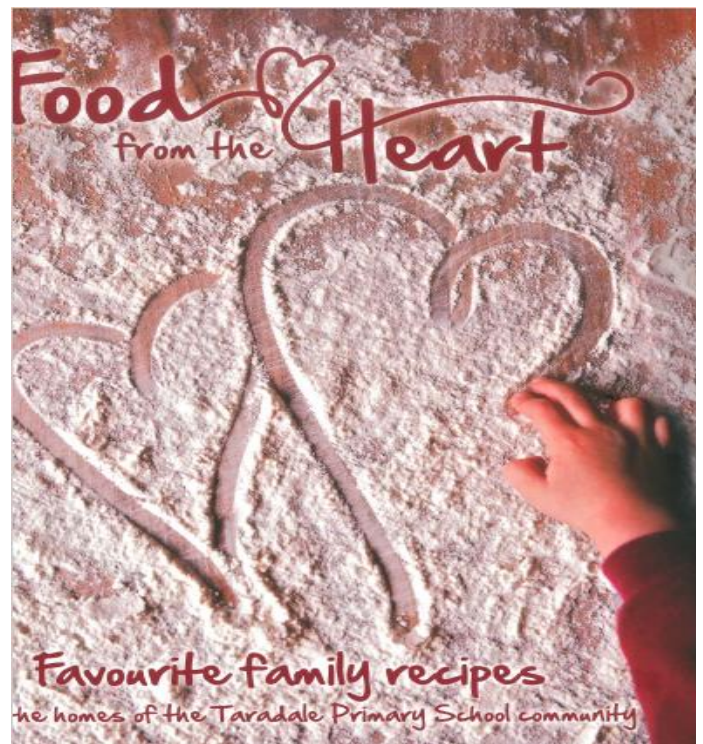
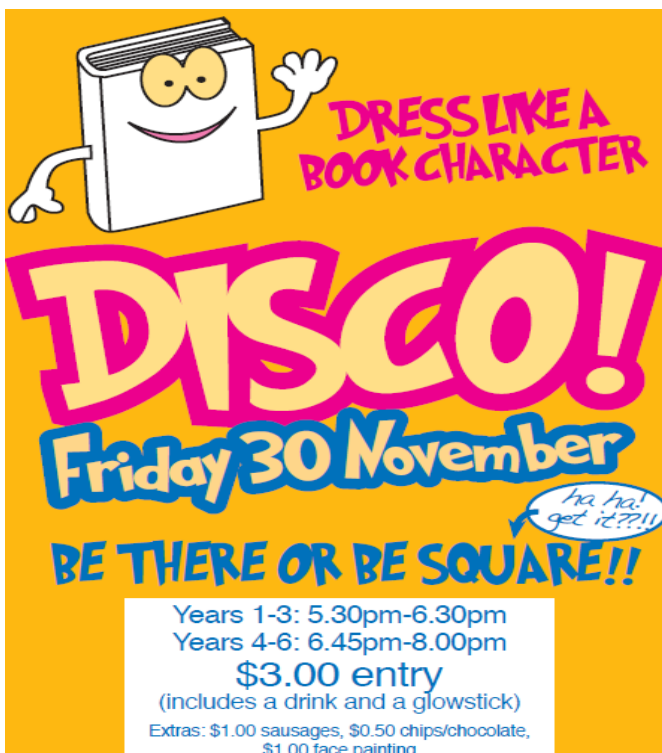
**In the TPS Library, See you there!!!**



**Last day to return your forms is  
Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November, 3.00pm.**

**Please return your entry form  
and payment to the PTA box  
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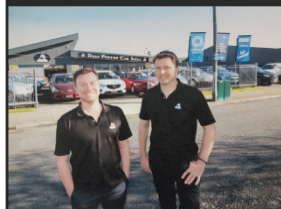
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