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17/03/2025 Term 1

Navigate Together for Success



IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

March 15th, 22nd, 29th	Saturday Run Club
March 17th	Te Takere Waka Nui / Year 12 & 13 Moko / Years 9-10 Assembly
March 18th	Intermediate Surfing / Year 1-2 Sports Day
March 19th	Intermediate Pool Party / Track and Field
March 20th	Year 1-8 Cricket Skills / Intermediate Survival Camp
March 21st	Year 12 Adventure Tourism Snorkelling
March 24th	SADD Workshop / Years 11-13 Assembly
March 25th - 28th	Senior Boys Volley Ball NATS
March 25th	Senior Girls Kiwi Tag / New Principal Powhiri
March 26th	Intermediate Turtle Release
March 27th	NCEA Whanau Evening
March 31st - April 4th	Leigh Marine trip
March 31st	Horticulture trip / Whole School Assembly / Tsunami Drill

Principals Korero

Kia ora whānau,

It's been another awesome week at Taipa Area School, and it was great to celebrate our students at Monday's assembly. We recognised those who have really shown our school values—Manaakitanga, Painga, and Mahitahi—across the Primary, Intermediate, Junior High, and Senior High. These values keep us on track every day and help us work towards our vision: Navigate Together for Success.



The past few weeks have been packed with exciting events. Senior Athletics and Ora Pai Day were huge successes, and we announced the results at assembly—Painga House was the first to put a ribbon on the Brian Armstrong House Cup! Our senior students have also been getting a taste of uni life through Otago University presentations and are involved in a careers programme with The Moko Foundation.

Sport continues to be a highlight, with great results in Year 9 football, senior volleyball, and the Year 3–6 girls' football tournament. Best of luck to our swimmers competing in the Kaitia Far North finals!

Our teachers are continuing to develop their practice using the Clarity in the Classroom model. This is a year-long journey supported by Evaluation Associates and will help lift student achievement, especially in literacy and numeracy.

Enjoy the newsletter, and thanks again for all your support.

Ngā mihi nui,

David Lowe
Tumuaki

Primary Pānui

Over the past few weeks, we've had a lot of exciting activities, including Kiwi Can, swimming sports, girls' football, and cricket awareness. In the classroom, we've been focusing on strengthening our literacy and numeracy skills, with plenty of practice to enhance reading and math abilities. A little bit of regular practice at home can make a big difference in supporting your child's learning! Here's a look at some of our highlights from the past few weeks.

Cricket Awareness

On Monday, March 10th, we were thrilled to introduce the students to the exciting world of cricket. They had the opportunity to develop important skills such as teamwork, hand-eye coordination, and sportsmanship. Thanks to the engaging activities and expert guidance from Sports Northland, every child had a chance to try their hand at cricket. What a great way to start the week!



Primary Leaders

This year, we are proud to have the following students represent us as Primary House Leaders:

Painga – Illuzionz Bruce Clayton-Marsters and Siaoosi Pikaahu

Manaakitanga – Toby Hetaraka and Francine Harrison

Mahi Tahi – Sierra Kingi-Tamarapa and Tylah Pomana

These students play a vital role in upholding our school values of Painga, Manaakitanga, and Mahi Tahi.

Their responsibilities include:

- Being Role Models – Demonstrating respect, kindness, and responsibility in all areas of school life.
- Supporting Students – Assisting younger students, mentoring peers, and encouraging inclusivity.
- Representing the Student Body – Communicating student ideas, feedback, and concerns with teachers and school leadership.
- Leading School Events – Helping to organize and run assemblies, fundraisers, and sports activities during lunchtimes.

We're excited to see how they inspire and lead our school community!



This year, we are also excited to have Primary Class Representatives who will play an important role in our school community. These students will play a key role by sharing feedback, helping organize events, promoting School Values, and acting as role models. They will encourage teamwork, resilience, and a positive attitude towards learning in their classrooms.

Ngā Wheke – Sierra Kingi-Tamarapa and Leah Winiata

Ngā Paapahu – Raylene Henare-Leech and Ezequae Sanders

Ngāru Iti – Tiara-Lee Matthews and Bobbie-Renee Murphy

Ngā Whai – Zeppelin Clark and Jessie Popata

Ngā Māngo – Dearnna Sykes and Patience Manuel

We look forward to seeing these students lead by example and contribute to our school spirit!



Swimming sports

Our swimming sports event highlighted talent and school spirit. Congratulations to the five primary students who qualified for the Far North Swimming Competition! Best of luck to them on March 21st!



Art with Whaea Pauline

In Nga Mango, we've been creating Picasso-style portraits using various shapes and colors. It was tricky, as the shapes weren't always even, and the portraits didn't resemble typical heads or faces.



Ngā manaakitanga,
Primary Kaiako

Intermediate Pānui

Kia ora e te whānau,

We're halfway through Term 1, focusing on routines, school values, and opportunities. Congratulations to Mason Walters for earning the most Kahu points. Ahurei, Qwizeq, and Blue-Shime represented us proudly at Eastern Zone Swimming Sports. Also, 20 students are preparing for the upcoming touch tournament in Kaitia next week.

Noho ora mai,
The Intermediate Team



From the Sports Department

Futsal

Our Year 9 Football players placed 3rd at the Junior Boys Futsal competition in Whangarei, defeating Kerikeri High, Whangarei Boys High, and Bream Bay College. They narrowly lost to Rodney College in the semifinals, finishing strong.

Volleyball

Our volleyball teams have been training hard, with Meri Sherman Hohia coaching the girls. The boys placed second in the Bay of Islands competition and 5th at the Northland Championships. Thanks to all whānau, Whaea Jessie, and Whaea Allen for their support.



Welcome to the Taipa Whanau

Genie Harrison

Ko Māunga Taniwha te Māunga
Ko Tokerau te Māana
Ko Māmaru te Waka
Ko Te Parata te Rangatira
Ko Kahutianui te Whāea Tūpuna
Ko Parapara te Mārae
Ko Ngāti Tara te Hapū
Ko Ngāti Kahu te Iwi
Ko Genie Harrison tōku ingoa

I'm excited to join the teaching staff as the new PE/Health teacher. I'm passionate about helping students develop healthy habits, stay active, and learn the importance of wellness both inside and outside the classroom. I look forward to working with everyone to create a fun, supportive, and engaging environment where we can all grow together.



Gabriel Segerfröjd

A few years ago, my wife and I bought land on Fisher Riley Road, Kaingaroa, and often passed Taipa Area School, which felt like a welcoming community. We moved to New Zealand 16 years ago, and I became a teacher with a background in engineering. We've taught across Northland, living south of Opua on a bush block and enjoying country life with horses and a farmlet further north. Thank you for inviting me to join your school



From the Attendance Team

This message outlines the school's attendance policies clearly. Here's a breakdown of the key points:

1. Staying on School Grounds:

- Students must remain within the school grounds from 8:25 am to 2:30 pm unless they have permission to leave.
- Year 13 students and Senior Leaders can leave the grounds at lunchtime provided they are wearing the correct school uniform and sign out and back in through the small window near the sickbay. Failure to do so could result in losing this privilege.

2. Lateness:

- Punctuality is emphasised. If students arrive after 8:25am, they must sign in at the office using an iPad or by notifying staff at the small window. This ensures the school has accurate records in case of emergencies.

3. Medical Certificates:

- Medical certificates are required for absences longer than three days and when applying for an NCEA assessment extension.

4. Reporting Absences:

- Parents should notify the school if their child is absent either by calling the attendance office at 09 4060159 ext 1 or emailing absent@taipa.school.nz.

It's important to ensure these expectations are communicated with your child to help them manage their attendance and adhere to the school policies.



Community News & Events

For local music lessons, check out Music by the Moana. Jo offers fun, creative lessons for all ages (5 to 105!). Contact her at musicbythemoana@gmail.com or 027 393 3935. Visit www.musicbythemoana.com for more info.





Eat a range of healthy foods
Kaingia ngā kai hauora

TIPS TO KEEP YOU SMILING

Fluoride in toothpaste helps prevent tooth decay

Avoid eating or drinking after brushing teeth.

Especially at night so the fluoride can keep working to protect and strengthen teeth.

Need a dental appointment for your child?

0800 MY TEETH (0800 698 3384)

Monday to Friday 8am to 4:30pm



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