

# Tapawera News



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## Kiaora Whanau

### Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou katoa

Term has started with quite a rush of busy activity. Whole School Production will be our major effort for the term with dress rehearsal and performances on 18/19/20 September.

## Te Kura - Assistance for the Purchase of Technology

<https://www.tekura.school.nz/learn-with-us/assistance-for-students/laptop-and-internet-assistance/>

If you are on a low income you could be eligible for assistance in the form of provision of a suitable laptop for NCEA study purposes.

## Playground issues

Children are unkind to one another from time to time. Even the sweetest of children can be mean.

Please encourage your children to talk to us when there is a problem.

*We can only deal with what we know about.*

## PB4L Theme: Respect

Class discussion this term will include a focus upon Respect. It is always helpful if families talk about how respect works for them too. This week's Respect quote was: "Respect for ourselves guides our morals, respect for others guides my manners."

*Laurence Stern*

## Reports of Concern

From time to time community members come to me and discuss concerns about children in our village. It is always reassuring to know that others are watching out for our children.

Remember that if we have concerns for the safety of a child we are all obligated by law to report these things to Oranga Tamariki (ex Child Youth & Family).

Phone: 0508 326 459

I know we don't like to do this, but we have to think of the children and their safety.

## Fun Fact.....

On 29 July 1954 *The Fellowship of The Ring* was first published by J.R. Tolkien in the UK.

## PowerFibre - Ph 022 623 8430

Paying too much for high speed internet? How does \$60 per month count - unlimited?

PowerFibre connects through our school fibre connection using a local radio network. Why not give Roger a call?

## Home Parent Contact - A Matter of Courtesy

If you contact a staff member out of work hours PLEASE remember that it is their personal time.

If a call becomes abusive I have instructed my staff to simply end the call. It is not fair to call and abuse people. We certainly expect our students to be courteous in all communication.

## Integrated Curriculum Trial

Secondary staff are working on a trial of an integrated learning programme which will run for 1 1/2 hours per week for about 5 weeks. This will be our first tentative move towards such a curriculum delivery approach.

## Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews

Thank you to all who have come along to talk about your children's progress. This action is very important in that it gives a clear message to your children that school matters. Thank you.

Remember that you are always welcome to make an appointment to discuss school/learning matters with us.

## Dad Jokes..... Just Because.....

Q: What do you call a chicken that crosses the road twice without taking a bath?

A: A dirty double crosser!

Q: What do you call a cow that has had a baby?

A: Decalfinated!

Q: What do you get when you cross a caterpillar and a parrot?

A: A walkie talkie!

## Attendance

I have included a chart about the cumulative effects of regular absences from school. Have a read. In short..... attendance really does matter.

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*If you have questions,  
concerns or compliments  
please let us know—we  
value your feedback.*

## Term Dates 2019

Term 1 Feb 7 – Apr 12

Term 2 Apr 29 – July 5

Term 3 July 22 – Sep 27

Term 4 Oct 14 – Dec 13





## ATTENDANCE

1 or 2 days a week doesn't seem like much but...

If your child misses...	That equals...	Which is...	And over 13 years of schooling that's...
1 day every 2 weeks	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ years
1 day per week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years of school
2 days per week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years
3 days per week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years

How about 10 minutes late a day? Surely that won't affect my child?

He/she is only missing just...	That equals...	Which is...	And over 13 years of schooling that's...
10 mins per day	50 mins per week	Nearly 1 ½ weeks per year	Nearly ½ year
20 mins per day	1 hr. 40 mins per week	Over 2 ½ weeks per year	Nearly 1 year
30 mins per day	Half a day per week	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ years
1 hour per day	1 day per week	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years

## EVERY DAY COUNTS

If you want your child to be successful at school then, YES, attendance does matter!



## NCEA Fees

NCEA fees are free as of this year. This is wonderful as it means a saving of \$76.70 for our Year 11 – 13 families.



## Year 0- 8 News

**Key words for 2019 FIRE =  
Friendship, Integrity, Respect, Effort**

Key word for this term is **Respect**

### Welcome to term 3

Looking at the calendar it is actioned packed.

### Parent Interviews

This is always a great opportunity to share with families and their children the successes and the areas to work on. It is also to back up or discuss last terms written report. Please let us know if you cannot make it and we can arrange a catch up.

### Yr 7-8 Stationery Requirements

Some children are arriving at class with little or no pencil case items. Can you please check in with your child and see what they need replenished in their pencil case? Things like highlighters, pencils, red/blue pens, glue sticks, ruler are a few essential items that are required.

### Sports Trips

Ripper Rugby Yr 3-6 – Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> July  
Hockey Yr 3-4 – Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> August  
Special Olympics Basketball – Wed 21<sup>st</sup> August  
Hockey Yr 5-6 – Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> August  
Winter Tournament – Yr 4-6 – Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> August  
Winter Tournament – Yr 7-8 – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> August

### Production

Exciting times...our school production will hit the stage next term during week 9, Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September – So save the date!

Currently organisation has started and classes are starting to think about dances and music to classic movies. Some parts have been cast already. Talk to your children about what they are doing in the production. Watch this space.

Keep warm... From the Primary Team ☺

### Dates

Friday 9 Aug	2.30pm Assembly
26 Aug	Yr 11-13 Exams
Friday 30 Aug	2.30pm Assembly
Thursday 5 Sept	Yr 7/8 Coronation Forest
Wednesday 11 Sept	Yr 0-3 Whenua iti trip
Saturday 14 Sept	School Ball in Murchison
Wednesday 17 Sept	Production dress rehearsal
Thursday 18 Sept	Production matinee
Friday 20 Sept	7pm Production
23 Sept – 27 Sept	Yr 9 Lake Rotoiti Camp
23 Sept - 27 Sept	Yr 7&8 Wellington trip
Tuesday 24 Sept	Yr 0-6 Cawthron Science Fair
Friday 27 Sept	Last day Term 3
Monday 14 Oct	First day Term 4

### Absentees

A reminder that if your child is absent from school, please let the office know.

You can do this by sending:  
absentee message on Skool Loop,  
email to [office@tapawera.school.nz](mailto:office@tapawera.school.nz) , or  
phone 5224337 and leave a message.

Also please ensure your child reports to the office if they arrive at school late and signs out if they need to leave early.



**Simple free download:** In Google play  
& App Store search '**Skool Loop**'  
& choose our school once installed.





**Te Reo Me Ona Tikanga Maori**

Karakia timatunga/whakamutunga

**Whakataka Te Hau**

Whakataka te hau ki te uru

Whakataka te hau ki te tonga

Kia mākinakina ki uta

Kia mātaratara ki tai

Kia hī ake ana

te atakura

He tio! He huka! He hauhū!

Tehei Mauriora!

*Cease the winds from the west*

*Cease the winds from the south*

*Let the breeze blow over the land*

*Let the breeze blow over the ocean*

*Let the red-tipped dawn come with a sharpened air.*

*A touch of frost, a promise of a glorious day*



**Purea nei**

Purea nei e te hau

Horoia e te ua

Whitiwhitia e te ra

Mahea ake nga poraruru

Makere ana nga here.

Scattered by the wind  
washed by the rain  
and transformed by the sun,  
all doubts are swept away  
and all restrains are cast down.

E rere wairua, e rere

Ki nga ao o te rangi

Whitiwhitia e te ra

Mahea ake nga poraruru

Makere ana nga here,

Makere ana nga here.

Fly O free spirit, fly  
to the clouds in the heavens,  
transformed by the sun,  
with all doubts swept away  
and all restrains cast down.  
Yes, all restrains are cast down.





**Te Reo Me Ona Tikanga Maori**

**Whira te wera**

<b><u>Kaea</u></b>	Ki aro! Taringa whakarongo! Kia rite! kia rite! kia mau!	Pay attention! Listen up! Get ready! line up! hold fast!
<b><u>Katoa</u></b>	Hi!	
<b><u>Kaea</u></b>	Waewae takahia!	Stamp your feet!
<b><u>Kaea</u></b> <b><u>Katoa</u></b>	Tapawera e ngunguru nei.  Au! Au! Auē ha!  Ngā kau whiwhita, whira te wera. I a haha!  Tūmanako i tatou whakahoahoa, ngākau tapatahi, whakaute, whakapau kaha.  Whaia te mātauranga He mana te mātauranga  Ngā kau whiwhita, whira te wera. Au! Au! auē ha!	Tapawera is rumbling here.  Yes, indeed!  All fired up, feel the heat.  Expect from us friendship, integrity, respect, to give one's all. (effort)  Seek the knowledge Knowledge is power  All fired up, feel the heat. Yes, indeed!





## THE WOOL SHED

You may have heard the Wool Shed is at school.

It will be open to the public on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> August 3.30 pm to 7.00 pm.

The Wool Shed is a storage container set up with examples of what can be done with wool. It is sponsored by PGG Wrightson Wool so there is no charge to the school..

Your students will be able to tell you what they have done in relation to the Wool Shed.

The secondary students have been given the opportunity to enter a competition naming the careers relating to wool. I hear one student has come up with 50 plus at this stage

The Shed has been at school for 10 days and leaves this Friday.







## Eema

By Lacey Burnett – Year 10 Creative Writing

(Eema means mother - Hebrew)

The cold bit at my flesh. I was so cold I completely forgot I even had limbs, as they had been numb for at least two days now. Food was on my mind all day every day but when I ask my poppa for food he always gives me a heartbroken bleak stare. It confuses me but I just crawl back to my corner feeling my way as I go. We have been in this lightless water logged hole for such a lengthy period of time I don't have enough fingers and toes to count it. The hunger, it gnawed at me eating me from the inside out.

Suddenly a small clump of dirt fell to the ground beside me and my poppa instantly had his trembling hand over my mouth and behind my head. Then I heard the voices. A coarse, vicious sounding voice speaking in a language that I did not understand came from directly above me. After what seemed like forever the voices that seemed to be like they were barking orders soon faded but the most terrifying thing happened next. I could hear thousands of tired feet being dragged over the earth with such a haste I realized something important was happening right over us and causing chunks of dirt and rocks to come raining down on us. What I didn't realize at the time because of my young child mind was that those tired feet were thousands of Jewish prisoners.

Although the silence soon found its place again my poppa was reluctant to release his hands from my head. It was pitch black in our underground refuge and I could only just make out the shape of my uncles face. From what I could see of his frail face was that he was petrified more than what seemed possible to be exposed on ones face. A scream erupted from above and my instincts immediately recognized that pained scream. It was my eema. My Poppas face drained of blood and went ghostly white. He pounced at me but it was too late. I cried out needing to feel the touch of my eema's arms cradling me. Then utter silence. No sound of walking and no sound of the voice I knew and loved so much. The next thing I knew there was a shovel blade inserted into the roof of our hideout. Then it left. It was back seconds later and talking away our roofing. One shovel at a time it took away our precious dirt covering. In a short few minutes I could put a face to that coarse vicious sounding voice I heard before. By this time I knew it was someone I didn't want to associate myself with. I blacked out not long after. I must have soiled myself in addition because my filthy pants were wet and didn't smell the most pleasant. I came to again just before I was heaved out of our hole and was dumped onto the frozen mud. I could hear my poppa roaring at the top of his lungs "NO!! DON'T TAKE HER! SHE IS MY ONLY ONE. SHE IS MY PRECIOUS BABY GIRL!" A tear rolled down my cheek. I was so afraid to open my eyes. My poppa's roaring continued and then started in the same language the man earlier was speaking. I was so scared but I couldn't go without looking. I cracked my eyes open just a tiny bit but from what I saw I couldn't keep them like that for long. They opened wide with horror. My poppa was lying on the ground with several body parts not looking the way they should. My Eema huddled close by but not looking at any of us. Did she not know us? Did she not recognize us anymore? Something in my chest broke at the sight of her on the ground with blood all over her broken skinny body. Another tear rolled down my face, then another until I was crying. What horrible person could do this to her? I couldn't bare it and changed the direction of my view. I looked forward only to see thousand of women all looking exactly like my eema. I then looked to the voices I heard before and I knew right away that they did it. They were the ones who did this to my eema and I will never forget it. Never forget the soulless look on my eema's face as she fell to the ground.



## Introducing....Val Collie & Karen Aitken Public Health Nurses

Hi. We are registered nurses here to support you, your school, and community to access primary health care. We can help with your child's health, growth and development; before school checks (for pre-schoolers); toileting issues; skin conditions; immunisation; nutrition; vision & hearing; oral health; behavioural challenges; + allergies and anaphylaxis.

You can contact us through a school referral or phone/text us direct on details below. Please don't hesitate to contact us for support, information, answering questions about any of the above or advice about other health concerns.

Val Collie: 027 277 5762 Karen Aitken: 027 451 3674



## Free seminar for parents of teens

Parents and caregivers of secondary school students (Years 9-13) are invited to a free **'Parents as Career Educators'** seminar on 29 August.

The seminar will provide parents with tips and advice to guide their teenagers through the various careers and study options available to them in the modern world. This free seminar will cover:

- The world of work: looking forward
- How to make informed career decisions now and in the future
- How parents can assist
- Career development resource.

Presented by a career consultant from the University of Canterbury | Te Whare Wānanga o Waitaha (UC), the seminar will assist parents to help their teens consider ALL their options, such as work, university, polytechnic, an apprenticeship, private providers or other possibilities. (This event is NOT about study options at UC.)

The seminar will be held from 7:00pm-8:30pm at the Nelson Marlborough Institute of Technology, 322 Hardy Street, Nelson on Thursday 29 August 2019. Register online at: [www.canterbury.ac.nz/events](http://www.canterbury.ac.nz/events)





