

# Tapawera News



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## Kiaora Whanau

### Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou katoa

This term has started off at a rather quick pace with so much happening. We always start each term trying to keep things a little less busy. However everyone is always so keen to keep our students having as many opportunities as possible and so busy becomes the name of the game!

## Tapawera Kindergarten

All systems are go!! The Ministry of Education has given the final sign off. They were waiting on our approved fire evacuation report. This has now been received.

Enrolments will commence on Tuesday 29 October.

The official opening ceremony will happen on 12 November at 9am.

## Dad Joke (For the hunting minded...)

A husband and wife had a human cannonball act in the circus. One day the wife ran off with the lion tamer. The husband was extremely dejected. The strong man asked him what he was going to do. The husband answered, "This is a disaster. I don't know where I'm going to find another woman of her caliber."

## Term 4 Ends - 13 December

## Term 1 2020 Begins - 4 February

## School Bikes - Ride On

It's been great to see the new school bikes (and student's own bikes) getting a work out this week. Education in bike safety is always valuable

## PB4L Quote

Ko mahi, ko kai;  
ko noho, ko iri  
Industry is food;  
idleness is hunger

## Mountain Bike Park

A number of us attended a meeting last week to hear about the possibility of developing a bike park either at Kohatu, connected to Shedwood Bush - or both! There seems to be a lot of enthusiasm for the idea and Cindy Ellis has taken up a lead role with this.

## NMIT - Graduation

### Friday 25 October

Congratulations to all of our students who have completed NMIT courses through Trades Academy this year. The graduation is this Friday and I understand there are some particular successes coming our way.

## Did You Know?

On 29 October 1929 the Wall Street Crash took place. Investors panicked and sold shares, leading to the collapse of the US stock market. This led to a decade of mass unemployment and poverty for millions.

## Grass Karts

This was another success - though under very trying conditions. I cut the programme by about 2/3 - mostly because of the wet conditions but also because the karts were taking minutes longer to get around the track! We had 29 karts but only about 1/2 of them managed to keep running til the end of activities.

## Final Shot.....

"Don't be afraid to take big steps. You can't cross a chasm in two small jumps." David Lloyd George

## Have a great week

Kelvin

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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





## Year 0- 8 News

**Key words for 2019 FIRE =  
Friendship, Integrity, Respect, Effort**  
**Key word for this term is Effort**

### Busy term...

Welcome to the final term for 2019! It is actioned packed and exciting with lots of trips, camps, school athletics, marae visit and fun learning in the classroom.

### School Uniform

Please help your child have the correct school uniform. All sorts of styles and colours are emerging. If they have incorrect uniform, they need a note explaining why.

School shoes should be black please.

### Hats

Please ensure your child has a sunhat for this term. It is a BoT requirement that all students must wear a hat this term.

### Lost Property

It was discussed at our school meeting on Monday the problem we have with lost property. Every term the 'bin' gets cleaned out, named clothing gets returned, the rest go on display at assembly, then whatever is left goes in the school washing machines and then taken to the Op shop.

Here are some ideas from the students to solve the problem

1. Ensure ALL clothing is labelled with the right name
2. When students take clothing off it goes in their bags
3. Only to bring school uniform to school (as many items in lost property are mufti items.)

Hopefully together we can fix this problem.

School Hats  
are for sale at the  
school office.

Cost \$11



### Ride On Programme – bikes in schools

The year 7-8's started this programme on Monday and what a great learning time they had. Many of our students were able to make use of our 40 brand new bikes we have for use at school.

They learnt their **ABC's** before getting on their bikes. A= check air, B= check brakes, C= check chain for oil, D= Direction of handle bars, D= drop your bike to check nothing falls off.

Then the **4 L's**, before getting on your bike – check leavers, lean bike towards you, look behind for traffic and then leg over your bike

From the Primary Team



How slow can you go? This was a slow race to look at control on a bike.



Cassie was loving using a new school bike.



One hand on bars and one on your hat!



Out and about in Matai Crescent.





Levi B showing his skills at the obstacle course.... Oliver also having a go!

## RIDE ON - ROOM 7

This week we have had the Ride On team from Sport Tasman in our school

The **Ride On Cycle Skills Programme** is designed to teach children and adults of all ages the necessary skills and competencies to be safe and confident when cycling on roads and around traffic. The fun, activity based sessions encourage participants to develop their skills in a safe and controlled environment before putting them to practice on the road (on road for older kids only). As well as improving their coordination, balance and general motor skills.

### Some Student's Comments

I liked biking with Bobby the instructor. Bobby taught me how to stop. By Wiremu

In biking lessons I liked how they taught us how to get on in the court but it's like the road. By Logan

I liked the game that we played. By Caleb

I liked it because they teach us about getting ready for going biking. By Ella



## Dates

Assembly	Fri 25 Oct 2.30pm
Labour Day holiday	Mon 28 Oct
Cricket	Tues 29 Oct
St John in School Yr 0-8	Tues 5 Nov & Wed 6 Nov
Ki-O-Rahu Yr 7/8	Wed 6 Nov
Marae visit Rm 2,3,4,6,7	Thurs 7 Nov
NZQA Exams start	Fri 8 Nov
Year 9/10 Exams start	Mon 11 Nov
Primary Athletics	Thurs 14 Nov
Assembly	Fri 15 Nov 2.30pm
Motueka Athletics 8-10 years	Tues 19 Nov
Motueka Athletics 11-13 years	Wed 20 Nov
TSS Ki O Rahi	Wed 20 Nov
Murchison Exchange Yr 9/10	Thurs 21Nov





Kaya



Jed



Timo



Connor



Mason



Motu



Tony



## Blue Rock – Abseiling

The Year 11 and Year 12 Outdoor Ed groups went on an abseiling trip up to Blue Rock on the Booth Farm.

The trip was great! I went in talking a big game but when we got on the rocks I was admittedly a little scared (I was horrified!!). But when I went down, it was fine. I was still a little bit weary but after a few more times I was pumped so I looked at Miss Michelle and said in a big confident voice, "Bring on the big one." When I did the big one, I felt amazing so I said "Let's do it again!"

We had some massive help from Tony Stephens. Without Tony's experience and expertise this trip would not have been possible. So, thank you so much, Tony. And some huge thanks also go to the Booth Family for access to their property.

Mason Reeve





## Blue Rock abseiling day – a different perspective!!

On Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October, the Year 11 and 12 groups had a day out abseiling at Blue Rock. On offer were two great options 1) a small but by no means easy 10m abseil or 2) a larger, and scarier, 30m abseil.

We arrived to see Tony, Jed and Kahu setting up the 30m drop while a few of the nervous students were definitely talking up a big game upon spotting the abseiling options. After setting up the 10m tester we managed to cycle through a few times to build confidence and check stance and technique. Then off to the big rock face the Year 11s were guided up the track by Jed, Kahu and Motu before meeting Tony on the ledge. After a pep talk, safety check and choccy biscuit from Tony, the dreaded drop loomed large. I met the shaky-handed and knocked-kneed students at the bottom for a high five and photo of their pride-beaming smiles.

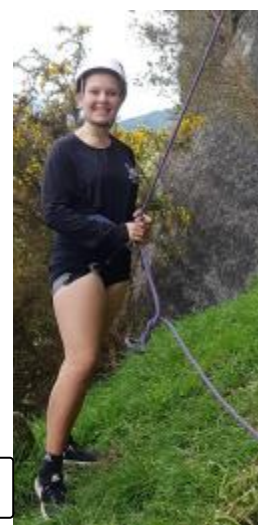
It was great to see the students push through their nerves, accept the challenge and step out of their comfort zone. Jed, Kahu and Motu grabbed the leadership opportunity with both hands demonstrating care, trust, confidence and mad skills. I'm so proud of all the student's efforts, well done team!

Next stop, rock climbing in Takaka in Week 3 to complete our Rock and Ropes assessment.

Miss Campbell



Olive



Kahu



## SVA Service Awards

Students at Tapawera Area School have recorded volunteer activity on their SVA Service Award Profiles, earning them SVA Award Pins.

The following SVA Service Award Pins have been awarded:

Gold, Silver & Bronze: Jenna Crook, Motu Harris

Silver & Bronze: Grace Mytton

Bronze: Lacey Burnett, Samantha Hatton

Member: Jordan Teague, Amy Holden, Janette Chetham, Luke Mytton, Kristal Hickey



## 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.

### Whira te wera

#### Kaea

Ki aro!  
Taringa whakarongo!  
Kia rite! kia rite! kia mau!

Pay attention!  
Listen up!  
Get ready! line up!  
hold fast!

#### Katoa

Hi!

#### Kaea

Waewae takahia! Stamp your feet!

#### Kaea

Tapawera Tapawera

#### Katoa

e ngunguru nei. is rumbling here.

Au! Au! Auē ha! Yes, indeed!

Ngā kau whiwhita,  
whira te wera. All fired up,  
I a haha! feel the heat.

Tūmanako i tatou  
whakahoahoa,  
ngākau tapatahi,  
whakaute,  
whakapau kaha. Expect from us  
friendship,  
integrity,  
respect,  
to give one's all. (effort)

Whaia te mātauranga Seek the knowledge  
He mana te mātauranga Knowledge is power

Ngā kau whiwhita,  
whira te wera. All fired up,  
Au! Au! auē ha! Yes, indeed!







## TAPAWERA KINDERGARTEN

Tapawera has a Kindergarten! Situated on site and in an ex-Tapawera Area School Primary classroom, last Monday Tapawera Kindergarten was blessed by representatives from the local iwi surrounded by Nelson Tasman Kindergarten personnel, the new staff, and the whole of Tapawera Area School students and staff.

Kiley Nepia, the Cultural Advisor for Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō, commented, "It is really great to come here to build a relationship with the school and the wider community here. It is a great way to start to foster that relationship. Our office is based in Blenheim but our tribal region (rohe) takes in a wide area of Te Taihū. We already have a real strong connection with the Lake Rotorua and Lake Rotoiti areas just up the road. Tapawera is a really lovely place. It's our and my second visit to the school. We were here some time ago to pick up some blue duck to take up to the Wangapeka River and release them into the wild as part of a DOC initiative alongside students of the school."

Craig Vercoe, CEO Nelson Tasman Kindergartens said, "the Tapawera Kindergarten came about through the need for provision for early childhood for rural children that couldn't easily access early childhood elsewhere. We saw a need and identified the need to build a kindergarten out here. Kelvin Woodley, Principal of Tapawera Area School was really great in giving us a classroom that we could open a Kindergarten in. We saw the need to extend the classroom to make it bigger to allow more children to access it. So, that process began 18 months ago. It's taken that time to go through varying stages of approval with the Ministry of Education and the local Tasman District Council. We are really close to opening, a couple of weeks until the official opening. It is really nice being on site in an Area School, as they can start here at the Kindergarten at 2 years of age and have their whole education right through to eighteen on site. It is completely free for the students up to 30 hours a week from 2 year olds to 6 year olds. Staff are a head teacher, a teacher and administrator/teacher-aide who will help out with the children as well. If we get over 20 children, we would have to employ another teacher. At this stage, we will do a slow opening to see how many children will access the service. Over time we hope to build those numbers up. I thought it was great to see the whole school attend the blessing. It was a bit bigger than we expected, it was fantastic to see everyone engaged in the event and the process of the blessing."

Gina Head is the head teacher and has recently relocated to the community so, "it was a great opportunity and perfect timing with the new kindy opening to get a job". Jane Daubney is, "newly qualified and thought it was great opportunity to be in a new centre in a rural community as well. We have been busily setting up the environment these last few weeks." The final member of staff Rebecca McCauley is the admin/teacher-aide. The Kindergarten could be opening as early as next week.

From the school's perspective, Kelvin Woodley (Principal) said, "It is a great opportunity to develop a seamless education system that Tapawera students can pass through with very easy transitions and familiar people around them. Tapawera can be educationally more self-contained."



Kindergarten  
headteacher  
Gina Head



Kindergarten  
teacher  
Jane Daubney



Rebecca McCauley  
admin/teacher-aide







## GRASS KARTS

Tapawera Area School hosted the NMIT Grass Karts. Wet weather prior to and on the day this year made the track soft and created a much slower pace.

Nivan Jelinek On winning: "Every feeling that someone gets when they are win! I think I was the youngest there. It's a good first year for me."

Flynn Morgan On Winning: "It's great! Totally the best year ever as this is my 3rd year."

These photos show some of the action.



Nivan Jelinek and Flynn Morgan were winners of the fastest team, with 6min 47sec, 2 minutes behind the hard and fast track of last year.







### Jed Ellis Oldham On the 'Spirit of New Zealand' that Started the Tuia 250 Celebrations

Miss Campbell my Outdoor Education teacher, gave us this opportunity to go on the Spirit of NZ, we just had to enter some details and then wait to see if we were chosen. I had known that I was going now for about two months.

I flew to Auckland then onto Tauranga on Saturday the 5th of October, 2019. I was picked up and taken to Port Tauranga where I met some of the crew, by that time it was in the afternoon. I went to a briefing in a hall in Tauranga where we meet all the other trainees and crew. Here they told us an outline of what the trip was going to be all about. We got into vans and returned to the port. We loaded all the food supplies. We had a briefing about what's expected, no drugs, alcohol or smoking, also no special relationships. They gave us a bag to put our phones in and other possessions that we weren't going to need on the trip.

We got into four groups, these had been chosen by a leading hand. After that, we split up into the groups some put harnesses on to climb the shrouds. These are the net-like ropes going upwards! Others were told to cut up food for tea. We did a safety drill and a life jacket practice. Then we were off. The destination was Gisborne which we arrived in on Tuesday morning.

At the start, there were more hands-on practical happenings onboard the ship. It was only towards the end that we got a lot more about the significance of the history and reasons behind this historic voyage.

When we departed, we were following the Endeavour which was a day ahead of us. Also, there was the R Tucker Thompson a sailing ship that had left a few hours before us. We left before nightfall so all hands were on deck.

Food was average on the first day and after that, it was pretty good. Our sleeping arrangements was one of the worse that I ever slept in. There were 20 people in one small room, boys and girls had a separate room each. The bunks were not very high and we were 3 high! We are rather close to each other. Not much sleep that night. My sleeping buddies were Darren; from down south and Ryan; a local from Gisborne. There were about 15 crew members, to go with the trainees.

Compounding the sleep situation was the bad weather, it was raining heavily and extremely gusty. My stomach survived, but I was close to throwing up. About a quarter of the trainees were sick. About five different people were hanging their heads over the side at one time. The sickness situation wasn't helped by the waves hitting us from all directions.



Sunday morning, we woke up to being anchored in the Whangaparaoa Bay roughly 100 nautical miles from Tauranga. Also, anchored we saw, was the R Tucker Thompson which also had a trainee's crew. We stayed anchored here for the rest of the day.

So, on the first morning, we were roughly woken for our morning swim at 6:30am which became a routine, except for the last two days. We jumped in from one end of the ship and swam to the other end then had to climb up a rope ladder. It was bitterly cold as it was windy, still drizzling but the sea was reasonably flat. After that, we washed the salt water off in a 10-second shower in warm water but you couldn't feel it as you were still numb from the swim!!

So, breakfast on Sunday morning being a diabetic I had to eat my food, baked beans on toast. It remained in my stomach, not like some. There was one other guy Caleb who also had diabetes. Next, we went into our morning jobs, which I did with 5 others, was a deck scrubbing. This was done with a hard, brittle brush using saltwater so it wouldn't be slippery for us. We sat in the mess hall just talking and singing songs as a trainee had been given a guitar. It created a great atmosphere. There also was chart reading, Waiata and ice-breaking games.

The Spirit of New Zealand which I was on, was smaller than the Endeavour and was a lot faster. Sunday night sleep was much better as we weren't sailing, we were anchored.

Monday arrived with the 6 am swim, by this time everyone was pretty comfortable with each other and we were starting to become good friends. We set sail with the assistance of an engine to go around East Cape. This is where we spotted dolphins and whales and had a sunny day of sailing. Sunbathing, work, sunbathing and more work plus the fun of talking and the occasional meal. We were sailing to Turanganui-a-Kiwa for the night.



Tuesday morning, we were rudely awakened to set the sails so that we could head into Poverty Bay, Gisborne. The Tuia 250 flotilla of six vessels heading into Gisborne included:

Two waka hourua (double-hulled canoes) - the Haunui and Ngahiraka Mai Tawhiti, The Fa'afaite i te Ao Mā'ohi, a va'a Moana from Tahiti, The HMB Endeavour replica from the Australian National Maritime Museum and The Spirit of New Zealand.

It was interesting having to set the sails in the dark, compared to setting them in the day time. Your eyes had to adjust to the lack of light. Once completed we just sat around unless we were asked to do a job. We listened to a marine radio broadcasting the Tuia 250 event, giving us a history lesson on the background of what happened 250 years ago. Meanwhile, we watched the sun slowly rise, which was a very specular event. A karakia was given to remember the local Maori who had been killed and injured by Cook's men.

A powhiri occurred from those onshore welcoming the crews from the flotilla. While we went and had some food at the local surf club. This is where we put our waiata to good use by singing the two waiatas we had practised. We had a group photo and headed back to the ship, for our final relaxing night on it.

In the morning Wednesday 9th October, we woke had breakfast, got our gear together and that's when we got our possessions back. Photos were taken of our groups. Then it was goodbyes and the trip back home.

I came away from this with a little bit of history, which will stick in my mind. I also came away with some pretty good friendships, because we went to the same experiences together.

Photo credits to Stuff Limited

## YEAR 11 ABSEILING

After school on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup>, Miss Campbell went to Blue Rock with Zac and Damien to complete their abseiling unit. Two trusty helpers (Mason and Jed) also tagged along for moral support. They both got at least three abseils in before the nasty wind and rain arrived. Great job guys!



Damien



Zac



## MORE DATES

Room 4 Camp	26 – 28 Nov
Room 6 Overnight	27 – 28 Nov
Rooms 3&7 Overnight	28 – 29 Nov
Special Olympics Athletics	Thurs 28 Nov
Citizenship trip Rm 7	Mon 2 Dec
Yr 7/8 Rewards Day	Tues 10 Dec
Prizegiving	Thurs 12 Dec 7pm
Last Day 12.30pm finish	Fri 13 Dec





## From the Library

Just a reminder that the Lucky Book Club orders are due back by this Friday, you can put in a late order up until their cut-off date but remember if you put in a late order after this Friday, you need to let me know otherwise it will go unprocessed for quite a while.

We are due to do a Richmond exchange soon so if there's a certain book or subject you'd like to see in the library, just tell someone at the desk here or leave a note in the office.

There's still a lot of overdue books out there and the longer they are overdue there is more chance of them getting lost so please help your children to keep their books in a special place and return them on time.

Laree

## CUPS & TROPHIES

Please return all school cups and trophies to the school office so that they can be engraved for Prizegiving.



## Wangapeka Centre Open Day

The Wangapeka Centre would like to warmly invites members of the local community to an Open Day on Sunday, November 17th, 10:30-3:30 at 355 Wangapeka River Road. Everyone is welcome! Bring friends, family and a picnic lunch to enjoy in the grounds. Guided tours, meditations, talks, and refreshments provided. A schedule will be on the website soon, Wangapeka.org

For more information please contact Brooke at [matarikivalley@gmail.com](mailto:matarikivalley@gmail.com)

## Nationals Fundraiser

Firewood for sale - \$200 per trailer

Re-usable coffee cups Glass - with our school logo - \$15

See Belinda or email [sportsco@tapawera.school.nz](mailto:sportsco@tapawera.school.nz)



## Professional Dancing Classes with Kayleigh Jazz, Ballet & Contemporary starting 2020 term 1

Dancing classes for ages 5 – 12 years during a lunch time at school. There will be a 5-7 age group and 8-12 age group and maybe a 11- 12 age group depending on numbers.

\$80 per term per child and family discount if there's more than 1 family member attending.

Further enquiries and interest phone Louise Simpson 0272522039

## Motupiko Hall Educational Trust

Invite applications for grants of assistance for educational purposes from people living within the Tapawera Area School catchment area.

Grants are available to assist towards:

- Course Fees
- Cost of living or
- Travel

In the following categories:

- Tertiary education
- Apprenticeships
- Special learning opportunities
- Re-training
- Community education projects

Applications close 31 December 2019

For information and application form please contact : Susan Ellis 5224 239



2020 Tapawera Swim Lesson Enrolment & Assessment	
Swimmers Name	
D.O.B	
Parents Name	
Address	
Home Phone	
Mobile	
Email	
I give consent to receive emails and txts sent to the above details	Signed
Does your child have any medical condition/disability/learning difficulty	Details
Comments	

Please note: Small Pool is 15m long Big Pool is 25m long	
Safe entry/exit	
Submersion	
Front float	
Back float	
7m Core kicking	
7m Core stroking	
Breathing position	
25m Freestyle board (Big pool)	
25m Backstroke (Big pool)	
25m Freestyle (Big pool)	
50m Freestyle (Big pool 2 lengths)	
25m Breaststroke (Big pool)	
100m Freestyle (Big pool 4 lengths)	
200m Freestyle (Big pool 8 lengths)	
Competitive dives (Big pool)	
5mins Treading water (Big pool)	
50m Clothed swim (Big pool 2 lengths)	
Throws n Tows	
Survival backstroke	
Survival sidestroke	
Tumble turns	
Individual medley	

Tapawera Sport & Recreation Society Inc.



## Swim Lessons 2020

February.....Dates TBC

After school hours

**\$50.00 per child for 10 Lessons**

- Parents must supervise children at all times.
- The pool is closed for swimming during lesson times.

Enrolment forms can be emailed to [tapawerasportandrec@gmail.com](mailto:tapawerasportandrec@gmail.com) or returned to Tania Higgins 99 Tadmor Valley Road, RD 2 Wakefield, 7096.

Lesson enrolments will only be accepted on payment.

