

# Tapawera News



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## Kiaora Whanau

### Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou katoa

I trust that the recent patch wild weather has not caused trauma for any of our families. Some places have certainly had a hard time recently. Hopefully Summer will be a more stable time.

## Additional Property Funding

It looks like we will receive something to the order of \$124 000 from the government's recent announcement. This will help us really stretch our next drop of 5 Year Property Plan funding by providing for more than 1 whole classroom upgrade. A welcome addition.

## Swimming Pools

The school and Sport and Recreation have signed an agreement for the management of our school pools over the summer period. If the summer is anything near as warm as last year this will be a welcome service for our families.

## Did You Know?

On 3 rd of December 1967 Dr Christiaan Barnard performed the first heart transplant in Cape Town, South Africa. Louis Washkansky lived for 18 days after the operation.

## Kindergarten

**Phone: 5224337 ext 211**

A reminder that Tapawera Kindergarten shares our phone number with the extension 211

## Dad Joke..... (a terrible one!)

I just got a job at the Guillotine Factory.

I'll be heading there shortly.

## Prize Giving: 12 December 7pm

## Final Assembly: 13 December 11am

## Staff Changes

We have only one staff member leaving us next year but three of our primary teachers have agreed to swap around. You should all have received letters explaining this rearrangement if it affects you.

## PB4L Quote

"No one succeeds without effort... Those who succeed owe their success to perseverance." *Ramana Maharshi*

## 2020 Dates

28 January - enrolment and re-enrolment day  
29-31 January - Teacher Only Days  
1-3 February - Caravans at Tapawera  
- Music in the Mountains  
4-5 February - School days - Normal times  
6 February - Waitangi Day  
7 February - Normal school day  
14 February - Tabloids

## Finally

This is the final Newsletter for 2019. On behalf of our staff I wish to thank you all for your support and encouragement over the past 12 months. I wish you all well for the summer season and hope that you all manage to enjoy some special time with your children.

Kelvin

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Barbara Carleton

*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

Tapawera Area School  
Prizegiving 7pm  
Thursday 12 December  
All Welcome





## Year 0- 8 News

Key words for 2019 FIRE =  
**F**riendship, **I**ntegrity, **R**espect, **E**ffort  
Key word for this term is **Effort**

### Skool Loop App

**Don't forget** to turn on notifications on your phone to receive **instant alerts** from us via the **Skool Loop App**.



Artist:  
Hayden Owen-Wright

### Final Assembly

This will be held on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 11am. It is normally about an hour and then students will go to their classes to get all their gear and reports. Buses will leave at 12.30. See you there ☺

### Reporting to Parents

Primary reports and portfolios will come home on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December (last day of the year). You will also be given a stationery list for 2020 and a price break down for expenses, which we hope will be helpful. We like to have the stationery lists go home so you and your child can have everything ready and named for Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2020 (starting date). School stationery packs will be ready and at school from Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January (TOD's).

### Starting dates for 2020

Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February	Nelson Anniversary
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> February	School starts
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> February	Normal School Day
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	Waitangi Day
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	Normal School Day

### School Pool

The pools are open so please send togs/towel every day to school. Make sure they are well labelled too.

### Class Changes for 2020

You should have received a letter regarding class placements for next year. If you have not received one please contact me or if there is anything you would like to discuss. A few changes are:

Room 2 Year 0-1	Marian Townsend
Room 3 Year 2-3	Gemma Walsh
Room 4 Year 5-6	Melody Grant
Room 5 Year 7-8	Gordon Baird / Tanya Snackers / Michelle Campbell / Liesel de kreek
Room 6 Year 4-5	Janeen Strawbridge
Room 7 Year 3	Denise Shellock

Next Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December afternoon, from 1.30pm - 3.10pm, our students will be having time with their new teachers in their new classrooms as a transition afternoon to prepare them for next year.

### Lost Property

This will be on display at our final assembly next week. We are really disappointed to see that most of it isn't even school uniform. If it is not collected on the last day, it will be washed and taken to our local Op Shop (which is our normal procedure).

Wishing you a great Christmas holiday with family and friends. Be safe.  
From Tanya Snackers and the Primary Team ☺

Clay Sculptures by Year 8 students







## Room 6 Camp at Tahuna Beach

Last week Room 6 went on Camp for one night at the Tahuna Beach Holiday Park. We had lots of fun fishing, hydro sliding, playing on the beach, visiting the animals at Nature Land and competing in an Amazing Race.

Comments from the class...

The hydro slide was lots of fun.  
(Mathew)

I learnt when you are fishing hold on to your hat. (Jaidyn)

I loved the hydro slide. (Coby)

Don't forget your shoes, there are a lot of prickles. (Alyse)

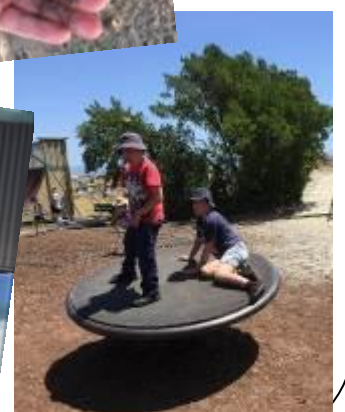
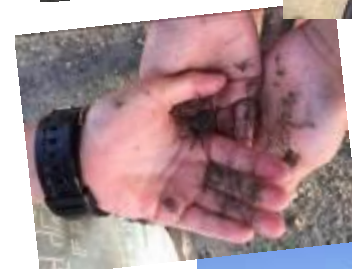
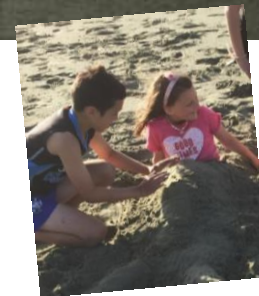
It was awesome, I liked hydro sliding, it was black and we couldn't see. Coby and I were screaming and laughing. I liked the Amazing Race, we won (Bronco)

I enjoyed the hydro slide. (Josh)

It was really cool on camp and we organised and paid for it ourselves.  
(Kasey)

Josh and I had fun making a fidget spinner sand sculpture. (Alastair)

I liked swimming at the beach and eating hot chips. (Saryn)







### Wha Tui on The Abel Tasman

On the 26th of November (last week) 21 Room Wha Tui kids began a trek on Abel Tasman Coastal Track. Each student had to carry a pack containing: a sleeping bag, clothes, 1 packet of noodles, toiletries, wet weather gear, eating equipment and scroogin among other essential gear. We were excited to start our tramp from Marahau aiming to reach Anchorage Hut.

Our first goal was to walk to Tinline Camp, a regroup location. After regrouping and a nibble of scroggin we headed to Apple Tree Bay, our next stop. At Apple Tree Bay we had even more scroggin and then back to walking. By this time the packs were getting pretty heavy. Akersten Bay was our next stop, which was lunch, something we were all looking forward to.

Akersten Bay was awesome!! We hardly ate our packed lunch because we were so busy, swimming, fishing, gathering mussels and oysters, relaxing on the beach and chatting. We spent about an hour of our precious energy at Akerstens Bay Campsite, energy we needed for the last push to Anchorage Hut.

We began marching like tough soldiers to Anchorage Hut where we would stay the night. On arrival we hit the beach! For dinner we had spaghetti bolgnaise that we had all cooked ourselves prior to the mission. Hunter Page said, "Dinner (on the first night) was delicious and filling. I could eat it every night!" Thanks Hunter.

It turned out we were a super noisy crew, so we didn't get to play spot light. But we were just having so much fun!! It was hard to consider those around us wanting peace and quiet. We didn't go to sleep straight away either...







For breakfast there was a lot of different choices like weet-bix, corn flakes, canned fruit and that was it. Our parents consumed a great deal of coffee!. Now, I think I speak for everyone when I say that day two was TORTURE! It was horrible!!! We ran out of water one hour from Bark Bay Hut, our packs were like lead weights, the sun beamed down and it seemed like death was upon us! But we survived and once arrived at Bark Bay Hut we hit the beach again as if we hadn't walked anywhere!

We collected so much seafood that everyone got a small feed of pipi, mussels, kina and oysters. We made houses for crabs and weka, had a seaweed war, swam and ran and ate lots and lots of outstanding home baking! Thanks Parents!!

For dinner we practically inhaled 80 frankfurters with bread and sauce followed by even more home baking. With full bellies we immersed ourselves in beach, water and some relaxed on their bunks.



The next day we began what seemed a massive walk of one kilometre to Medlands for our boat pick up. At 11:30am we boarded, motoring to Kaiteriteri where a hot pie, hot chips and an ice block awaited.

Arriving back at school we all were so happy to go home and sleep in our own beds. The tramp was amazing and I think everyone is now ready to go on this awesome tramp again.

I would like to say a big THANKS to all parents who came and helped us. We have another big thanks to the people who donated money to make this possible and the home baking which supplied us with some before and after dinner snacks. To Mrs Grant thank you so much for organizing this trip and making us bring the right gear.

*By Joseph Butcher  
Room Wha Tui*



## Library Books

The holidays are almost here. It time to hunt down all those library books that are hiding under the bed, on the bookshelf, at Nan's house or behind the couch. Students have all been reminded and should have already brought home a list of books that need returning. Please work together to find these missing books and return them a.s.a.p.

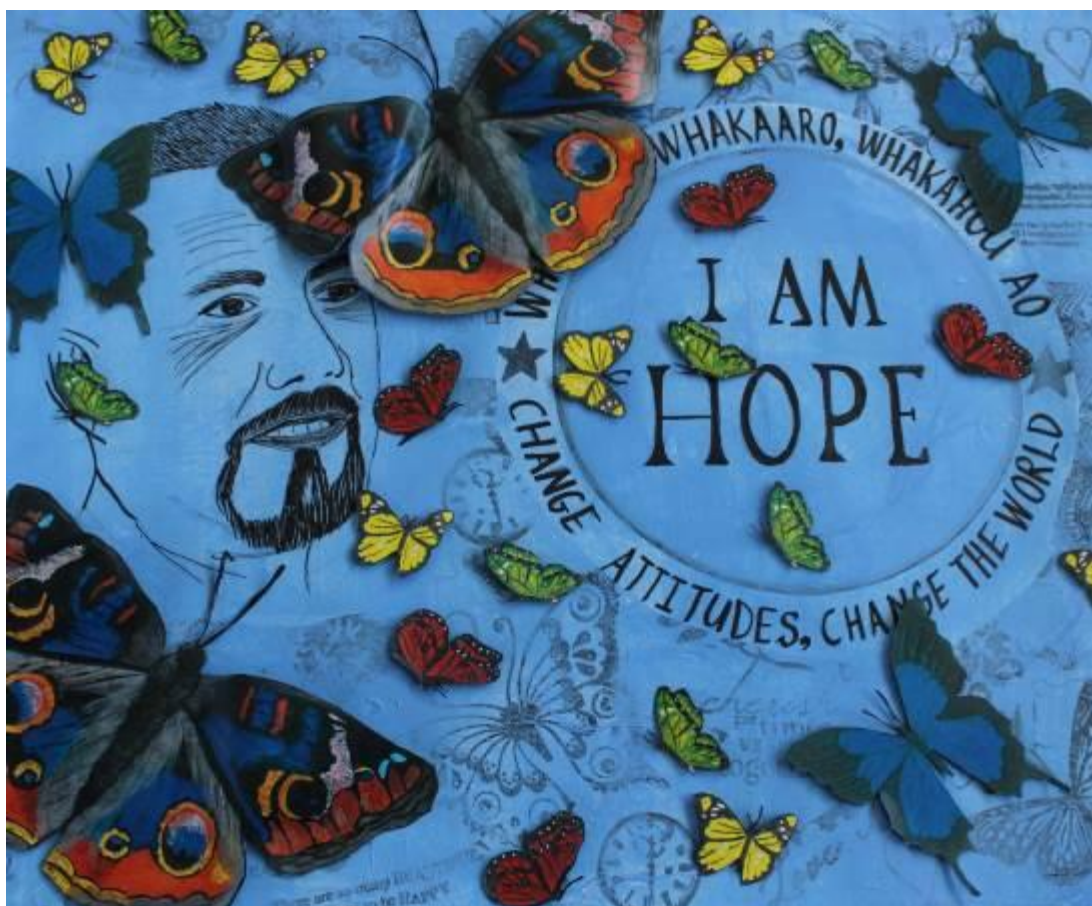


Artist: Olive Ellis-Oldham

## **ADULT STUDENT**

As a part time teacher, this year I found that my spare time was not being utilised very well so I made the decision to study NCEA Art level 1, in the hope of eventually being able to capture family images in drawing or paint and actually get a likeness. In the beginning, I was slightly nervous as had no idea what I was in for. But Mrs Doreen was great, she gave me so much encouragement and support that I was a little excited about the art pieces I was producing, in fact, kind of blew my mind actually. A huge benefit from being an adult student was being able to work at my own pace and time, as well as using the designated times. Because I was doing it for myself not for credits I ended up finishing my board earlier than required. Best of all being a junior primary teacher and not really having anything to do with the senior primary or secondary students I was able to get to know them on a different level although I think it confused them – was I a student or a teacher. My answer to that was - "Depends on what you are saying or doing". So, I am now preparing for level 2 next year and so looking forward to it with wonderful ideas flowing. I highly recommend adult study to anyone who is thinking about it.

Jo Simpson



Artist:  
Jo Simpson





## 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.  
I a haha!

All fired up,  
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  
He mana te mātauranga

Seek the knowledge  
Knowledge is power

Ngā kau whiwhita,  
whira te wera.  
Au! Au! auē ha!

All fired up,  
feel the heat.  
Yes, indeed!





## TUIA 250 Endeavour Voyage 26 - 31 November

After encouraging students from TAS to sign up for the opportunity to be a part of the TUIA 250 commemorations I thought I had better 'walk the talk' and sign myself up for an adventure as well. Initially, I had selected sailing on one of the three traditional sailing waka as my first preference and the replica Endeavour my last, I am really pleased that I was offered a voyage crew berth on the Endeavour.

Driving into Picton the night before our departure I saw this magnificent beast of a ship with its polished wood, tarred lines and bundled sails under night lights and my stomach nervously flipped with excitement. I barely slept a wink after packing and repacking late into the early hours. Soon enough it was time to zip to the dock at 0730hrs to meet the other voyage and professional crew at the wharf to kick off an intense four hours of training before making our way out of Tōtaranui/Queen Charlotte Sound at 1400hrs.

Once mustered into our three watches; Foremast, Mainmast and Mizzenmast (after the three main masts!) we hauled our gear aboard, set up hammocks and settled into our full-body harnesses before climbing aloft. The rigging is wobbly from shaky legs, hands sticky from the tarred lines (ropes) and heart pounding with deafening thuds. Slowly you mastered the first section before climbing outward to heave yourself over the futtocks and onto the tops and finally the yard arms. Phew, 1 down ... many more to master and inevitably under sail when the ship is pitching and rolling and not when tied up to the dock for training.

We were then introduced to the sails and numerous lines (160 different rope configurations to be exact!) Luckily we were only in charge of certain sails and therefore only a handful of specific lines attached to them. The lines had tongue twistingly similar names like brails, braces, buntlines and bowlines. When in doubt 'just give it a tug and see what moves' seemed to do the trick. I was able to put some good knot knowledge to use, practiced coiling and belaying to secure the lines.

Our watch, Mainmast, was at the helm as we left port and motored north out of the Sounds heading for Tasman Bay. Our general plan looked like a couple of zig-zags, as we aimed to spend some time in that area before wearing (turning) the ship toward Whanganui and then sailing through to Cable Bay and onto Wellington. I was fairly confident with my sturdy sealegs however I spent a short time sharing my roast lamb with a 'happy bucket' before settling into the lulls of the ocean off Cape Jackson. After that, I was good to go!







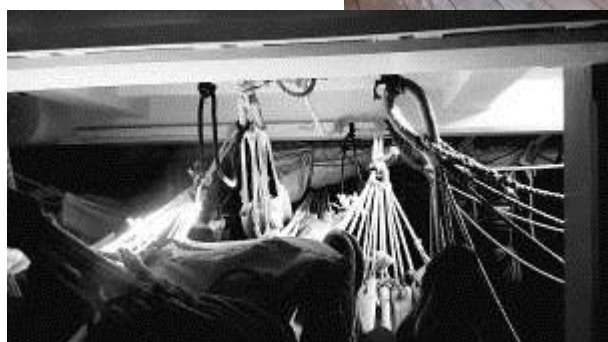
The first night we anchored in Orchard Bay under a starry night sky in the lee of Forsyth Island (outer Pelorus Sounds) following a fantastic sunset. Upon waking our watch drew anchor (100m of rope) using the windlass and capstan to haul it back on board before setting the sails to make our way across the Taranaki Bight. On our journey toward Kāpiti we were rewarded with a beautiful sight of at least two blue whales! That night our watch was woken at 0330hrs after a fitful night in swinging hammocks for our watch duty 0400-0800hrs – yes, sunset and sunrise! I was at the helm when I was greeted by the ship's master, Captain Frank who advised to prepare to wear the ship and change course due to the oncoming inclement weather forecasted to arrive. Our watch handled squaring and resetting the sails slowly but accurately as we began heading to 080 or NNE towards Palliser Bay. We finally set anchor after a massive 29hrs of non-stop sailing. It was there, anchored steady in 35 knot winds that I climbed aloft to the very top of tops! Exhilarating but mostly so I could be 9 metres higher than my students who went aloft on the Spirit of New Zealand.

Upon leaving Palliser Bay we sailed towards the Wellington Heads before joining the TUIA 250 fleet including two New Zealand waka (Ngahiraka Mai Tawhiti and Haunui) the va'a moana (Fa'afaite I te Ao Mā'ohi) from Tahiti, HMNZS Wellington, the Spirit of New Zealand and a small flotilla of other vessels under the watchful eye of the NZ Police for our grand entrance.

On Saturday morning, we disembarked the ship early to meet with other voyage crews for a pōwhiri led by local iwi Ngāti Toa and Te Atiawa at Te Wharewaka. This was a beautiful experience where all groups spoke of the meaning behind TUIA '*to weave or bind*' – the weaving of stories, histories, cultures, values and knowledge towards a shared future. While there was some protest around the arrival of the Endeavour Replica into certain ports, the crew were warmly welcomed and stories respectfully shared. I particularly liked one comment from the pōwhiri, it was that 'cracking eggs is necessary to make an omelet'. I have come away from the experience believing that the Ministry of Culture and Heritage have achieved the outcome of bringing people together.

I would like to thank the Board for approving my leave so I could be a part of this fantastic event. I can enthusiastically say that I thoroughly enjoyed the experience and have converted my hesitance to a new love for sailing aboard tall ships.

Michelle Campbell  
Watch: FM10





## SISS NETBALL TIMARU 2020

As the days are getting hotter, netball season feels like a long way off, but a group of 15 girls and their parents are busy fundraising for the South Island Secondary School Netball tournament in Timaru, September 2020.

We recently held a Quiz night at the Tapawera Hotel, which was a great success raising almost \$800 and everybody having an enjoyable night.

We have also been taking turns at running a meat pack raffle at the Hotel, selling Xmas baking from Couplands, \$100 note raffles and making boxes.

Thank you to everyone for supporting our fundraising ventures so far.

We are aiming to raise \$15000 by June next year, so coming up we are having:

- Battery drive – if you have any dead batteries you want to get rid of – please drop them off to Lisa Carleton,
- Meat pack raffles – these will be continuing over the summer
- Xmas hamper raffle
- More \$100 note raffles.
- Early next year we will be selling trailer loads of wood.
- We are also looking at holding another Quiz night in February
- and a Netball Fun day in March.

The girls will start their netball season early next year, with trials set for 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> of January. To prepare the team for a busy season we will need to start early and get our fitness up.

The 15 girls who are interested in trialling for the team (we can only take 10) have been working really hard fundraising and trying to think of more ideas – so if you have anything they could do – let us know!!

Belinda Grice - Coach

## Nationals Fundraiser

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

See Belinda or email

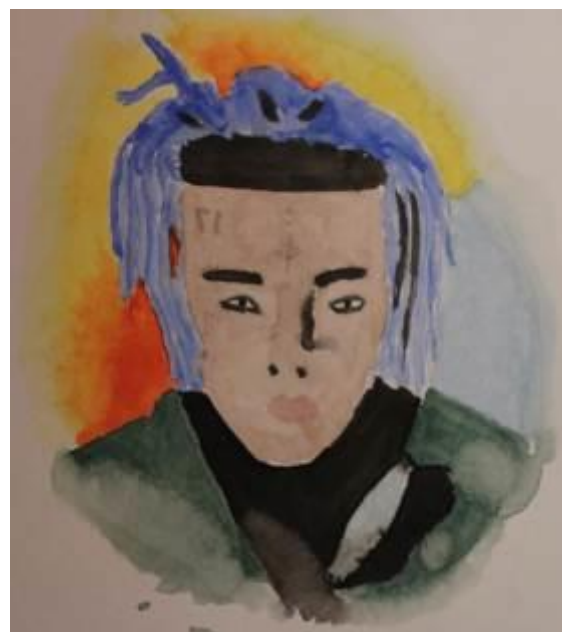
[sportsco@tapawera.school.nz](mailto:sportsco@tapawera.school.nz)



Artist:  
Tomas Girodo



Artist: Teana Coleman



Artist: Kahu Carleton-Heta





## **Tapawera Mountain Bike Park**

Have you heard the news!  
Plans are under way to  
establish a Mountain Bike  
Park/Trails for the Tapawera  
community.



Get involved and be part of this exciting  
project. Trails will be designed for all  
members and abilities of the family.

Be a founding volunteer and enjoy riding  
the trails for years to come.  
E-mail [cindyellis581@gmail.com](mailto:cindyellis581@gmail.com) to offer  
your support and be included on the  
e-mail list for updates.



Artist: Amelia Hook



Artist: Luke Mytton

## **Owen's Lawn Mowing Service**

No time to mow the lawns and the  
grass is waist high.

Give Owen Ellis a call and he will  
have them under control and  
looking smart in no time. Lawns  
can be done anytime that suits you,  
has own mower and all equipment  
is supplied.

For a prompt, reliable, great service  
call Owen. Ph 0212995402.



Artist: Kaleb Webb



Artist: Gypsy Gallot



## **Tapawera Show Cups & Trophies**

Please return all Show cups and  
trophies to Barbara Carleton at the  
school office as soon as possible. We  
would appreciate that these are  
returned before the end of term Friday  
13<sup>th</sup> December.

A meeting for a new Tapawera Show  
Committee will be held early next year.  
I hope you will all attend and  
take on a small role so the  
kids can continue to enjoy  
this event.



Artist: Tui MacKinnon



Artist: Scarlet  
Ellis-Oldham



Artist: Jesse Hook



Artist: Tylar Shaw

### Dates

Yr 7/8 Rewards Day	Tues 10 Dec
Prizegiving 7pm	Thurs 12 Dec
Final Assembly 11am	Fri 13 Dec
Last Day 12.30pm finish	Fri 13 Dec
<b>2020</b>	
Enrolment - new students	28 Jan
Re-enrolment Yr12/13	28 Jan
Term 1 Starts	Tues 4 Feb
Waitangi Day	Thurs 6 Feb

### **Stationery Packs**

available to  
buy from the  
school office  
from Monday  
27<sup>th</sup> Jan

### **Table Tennis School Holiday Program January 2020**

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup>, Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup>,  
Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 30<sup>th</sup>  
09:30 – 12:00 at Saxton Table  
Tennis Stadium.

Cost is only \$5 per session or  
\$15 for all four sessions.

Bats and balls provided.

Bring something to eat and  
drink for a short break at half  
time.

For further information phone  
Ted 027 522 0979.



# ROCK CAMP!

**13-17 Jan 2020**

**10am-3pm. Concert Friday 7pm**

Imagine Theatre, Motueka (next to New World).

Numbers limited \$250 for week. Must be able to play an instrument

Glenn Bathgate (03) 5268723 blisteringtongues@yahoo.com



Artist: Sophia Newcombe



Artist: Maleek Fletcher





Proud to deliver

**THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S  
INTERNATIONAL AWARD**



Students and Parents!

Start thinking about enrolling in The Duke of Edinburgh Awards for next year.

So much of what our students have done this year could have contributed towards an Award level.

The Award is open to anyone aged 14 - 24 years and all it takes is an average of an hour a week!

You can also gain NZQA unit standards through each level of the Award.

Grab the chance to do an internationally recognised Award!

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

**Tapawera Sport and Recreation Society**

## **SWIM MAGIC LESSONS**

Last chance to enrol

WEDNESDAY 11 DECEMBER

Please send forms to

[tapawerasportandrec@gmail.com](mailto:tapawerasportandrec@gmail.com) or email to request a copy of a form.

Lesson dates are: 10<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> Feb and 17<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> Feb. Lessons will start from 3.20pm  
Invoices will be sent out following the close of enrolment.

**Tapawera Sport and Recreation Society  
are looking for**

## **POOL TESTERS/SUPERVISORS**

to help run the pools over the summer season.  
Pools usually open between 2pm – 6pm.

You will need to be over 18 years of age and hold a first aid certificate.

Pool testers will be responsible for testing pools as required and supervising swimmers over the season.

Can be shared with a few people doing different days as suits.

Please get in touch with Judy Benjamin ph5224445 if you are interested or email [tapawerasportandrec@gmail.com](mailto:tapawerasportandrec@gmail.com) for more info.

## HOW TO GIVE YOUR CHILD A HEALTHY SMILE

### ***Did you know?***

When a student starts Year 9 they changeover to the Adolescent Oral Health Service for continued **FREE** dental care every year, from a private dentist of your choice, until their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday.

The Community Oral health Service will assist with the enrolment form at the last Year 8 dental appointment.

[List of Nelson Tasman dentists offering free dental care for teens](#)

**NOTE:** *FREE oral health care is provided by the Community Oral Health Service from birth to Year 8 and private dentists for the Adolescent Oral Health Service from Year 9 until the 18<sup>th</sup> birthday*

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

- Call 0800 TALK TEETH (0800 825 583)
- Visit [www.letstalkteeth.co.nz](http://www.letstalkteeth.co.nz)
- Talk to your local free dentist



## **The Giggling Pony Equestrian Centre**

### **Summer Holiday Pony Camps and Day Stay programmes 2019/2020**

We are now taking bookings for this coming holidays. Please visit our website for dates and times or contact us for more information and bookings.

Limited numbers spaces available

[thegigglingpony.com](http://thegigglingpony.com)

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