

Tapawera News



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Kiaora Whanau

Tena koutou e hoa ma.

Wow! (I'll say it backwards) Wow!

Your students have made an amazing start to their year. Every class is settled, engaged and highly focused upon the task at hand. I have visited almost every class in the school as they work and it is the same everywhere. You should all feel very proud of your children.

Senior Swimming Sports

Again - WOW! What a day! Three school records broken - one of them twice by Madi Wallace and then Rebecca Campbell breaking two other records in her age group.

The way students supported each other and committed to doing their best on the day was outstanding. You all should be very, very proud of your young people. We certainly are!

Tournament

Mr Haunch has commenced training and selection sessions and has been very pleased with the level of commitment shown - especially given the lunchtime heat being experienced currently.

We have also developed a set of selection guidelines which are in the second iteration. They are intended to clarify expectations.

Dad Joke.....

Q: Why did the Sheriff use a ruler when he questioned the witness?

A: He wanted to get the story straight.

Credit

For convenience sake we allow families to run a small amount of credit with the school for school supplies. It is important that this is kept within the limits of our guidelines. The school simply can't carry large amounts of debt. If levels become too high, families will be changed to a 'cash only' basis. *Please read the flow chart in this Newsletter.*

Board Elections

These are coming up very soon. I urge any interested parents to make contact with either an existing Board member or the Returning Officer for further information.

We have three members restanding: Carolyn Ellis, Karen Carleton, Mark Radloff. There will be 5 vacancies - 2 for an eighteen month period and three for a three year period.

Board Chairperson

I congratulate Carolyn Ellis on her election as your new Board Chairperson. She joins a list of fine people who have held this very important role. I also thank Tony Firth for his service to the school as Chairperson and in particular for his support of me in my role as Principal. Thank you both.

Special Thanks

Before the start of each school year many things must be sorted, cleaned and tidied up. Our cleaning staff carry out an additional clean over summer to ensure our rooms are as clean as they can reasonably be. Our caretaker performs maintenance tasks which are better done when school is out. Our gardeners give the gardens a tidy up to make the school look as good as it can. Our office staff prepare stationery, finances, fundraising events and carry out many other small tasks in preparation for the new year. All of these things, and others, happen before the start of the school term.

Thank you to all of these people for their efforts. Very much appreciated.

A Final Thought

"The only way to have a friend is to be one." *Ralph Waldo Emerson*

Have an awesome week.
Kelvin

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Tanya Snackers

Senior Leader Secondary

Jeff Rowland

Executive Officer

Susan Ellis

Office / Reception / Newsletter

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





Year 0- 8 News

**Key words for 2018 FIRE =
Friendship, Integrity, Respect, Effort**

What a wonderful vibe that is in the school community. It has been a great start to 2019!

Welcome back to a new and action packed year 2019!! A warm welcome to our new students and their families.

Key word for this term is FRIENDSHIP.

Swimming Lessons

A huge thanks to Sport and Recreation for organising swimming lessons for our students. About 35 students took this opportunity and it sure has shown in the swimming sports this year! Special thanks to Judy Benjamin for being at all swimming lessons every night. Also a big thanks to Laura Eyles for being our super cool swimming instructor. The children are looking fabulous in the water!

School Uniform

WOW what a great start to the year, school uniform is looking fantastic. Just a reminder to ensure your children have the correct shoes on (like they did on the first day of term), as inappropriate shoes are creeping in already. Thank you to parents who take the time and label ALL school clothing. It is amazing when there is a name on gear as it just boomerangs back to the child. Easy☺ Please ensure children have their **HATS** on this term. Please note that as long as the t shirts are the light blue you may choose a cheaper option without the logo.

Reporting to Parents - Primary

We have a variety of ways of reporting over the year.

Term 1 Parent / Teacher / Student conferences on Thursday 14th March

Term 2 Written reports

Term 3 Parent / Teacher / Student conferences with portfolios

Term 4 Written reports

Camps

Year 7-8 Overnight at School Thursday 28 Feb - Friday 1st March

Year 10 Mon 18th March – Thurs 21st March

Dates:

Primary (year 0-6) Swimming Sports – Friday 1st March

Weetbix Triathlon – Sunday 3rd March

Athletics – Thursday 7th March – Year 6-14

Parent / Teacher/ Student conferences - Thursday 14th March from 3.40pm

Assembly – Friday 15th March

Room 2-3 Trip – Thursday 21st March

School Photos – Tuesday 26th March

Area School Tournament – Tapawera Area School – secondary team – Monday 1st April – Friday 5th April

Yr 7-8 Sailing Trips (3 days– small groups daily) – Wednesday 3rd April – Friday 5th April

Final Assembly for the term – Friday 12th April

School Holidays Saturday 13th April – Sunday 29th April

School starts back on Monday 30th April

Looking forward to a fabulous term☺

Tanya Snackers ☺

Hats and Sports Shirts

When students wish to buy a hat or a sports shirt from the office, they need to either bring the cash or a signed note from home that indicates that the item can be put on their school account.

Hats are \$9.50 and sports shirts are \$26.



Kia ora koutou e te whanau Te Ruma Atapō (Room 3) children,

I would like to welcome you and your child to Atapō. This name was selected from one of the old schools up in the Korere/Rainy River area. Ata is before and pō sunset. We will endeavour to provide an exciting and motivating programme that will meet your child's needs. Communication between school and home is vital so please feel free to visit and discuss matters concerning your child before or after school or by email.

The following information will help ensure your child has a happy and confident start to the school year.

Routines

Setting routines now is very important; as we want to start the way we wish them to continue for the rest of the year.

Arriving at school...(children not on buses)

Arrive at school at least 10 minutes before the bell so your child has time to prepare. We advise parents to make their goodbyes as short and sweet as possible. Get them involved in a game/activity inside or outside, or link them with a friend.

Fruit/Veggie Break...

If possible please provide your child with fruit or veggie for this break around 9:30am every morning.

Encourage your child to...

Check inside their bag when they get to school for notices to be handed in.

Put their book bag in the book bag container.

Put their bag into a cubbies.

Find something to be involved in, either on their own or with a friend.

Homework

Your support as parents/caregivers is very much needed and valued. Keep it short and fun. Establish a routine that is consistent and find an appropriate place and time.

Information enclosed are ways you can support the work your child is doing at school:

- The homework/communication book has several purposes- a record of homework requirements, home reading log and conveying messages/notices to you from us and to us from you.
- Reading most nights-could be readers, poems, karakia, songs, or publishing.

- Spelling words they nearly know or use in their writing.
- A maths game/activity in which to practice playing games/recognizing numbers.
- Writing tasks will come home to encourage your child to write.
- We will be using the library several times during the week so expect books to come. Once read send books back so they can be changed.

Reading books may come home several times, they may appear easy; reading at home provides practise to improve word recognition, fluency and expression, and most importantly giving your child the feeling of success. Some tricky words may come up within the text-usually high interest words, names or topic specific to the book-you will need to provide help to child at these times. Books that are left in your child's book bag provide your child with 'reading mileage'; I encourage you and your child to **reread these books often**. We will exchange them on a regular basis. These activities will help your child reach their expected reading level (Green after one year at school, Turquoise after two years at school and Gold after three years at school). Vary the activities and most importantly remember – **It must be fun!**

Thank you for your support. I look forward to a happy association with you and your child.

Na mihi Denise Shellock, Jo Simpson and Kylie Matthewson.

Room 2 (Yr 0-1) Marion Townsend

In room 2 please read every day whenever possible, guided readers are in bags.

Maths is according to stage - eg counting to 5, counting out sets, counting forward and backwards, numeral recognition - these will be kept quite simple, maybe two or three things to work on and the next objective when those achieved - so not set daily or even weekly, but as and when.

Occasional handwriting/letter formation or fine motor tasks - Marion will talk about these at new entrant meetings over the next couple of weeks.

Marion will also talk to parents about reading to children - the importance of stories in language development and CAP etc



Room 4 (Yr 5-6) Mrs Grant

In Room Wha Tui homework is not specifically set each day but in an event that work needs to be completed.

I absolutely encourage reading at home and discussion regarding the days events. Cooking and baking with your child is highly beneficial as it covers a number of curriculum areas and promotes excellent taha whanau and taha hinengaro (social and mental/emotional well-being). If you would prefer your child receives homework this can be arranged on request.

Room 5 – Rima Kaka (Yr 7-8) Mrs Snackers, Miss Campbell, Mrs de Kriek, Mr Baird

FIRE- Contribution to the household. By this we mean...doing household jobs, enjoying family experiences and ultimately showing FIRE at home.

PASSPORTS - The big focus in Room 5 is the use of our Learning Passports - the tool to developing students that are able to self-manage both themselves and their learning. It is also the Passport to enjoying the reward of Junior Achievement Day. Because of this, it is so important that students take this home at least twice a week to be discussed, signed and commented on by their parents. Parents should sign it after seeing the comments and wiggles from teachers.

Please encourage your child by asking to see it at the beginning and end of each week. Use it as a conversation starter to discuss what they are doing at school, what they are achieving, their successes and their struggles.

ENGLISH -Each child is expected to read 15 minutes per night, which could be a novel, magazine, newspaper etc. We encourage children to take time to help/support with activities at home or play board games, read, share toys etc with siblings. Perhaps even sharing their new cooking skills from school at home.

MATHS- Timetables need revision. Children need to know these consistently.

TOPIC- In Topic we are learning about how we learn and to reflect on our learning. You are encouraged to discuss your child's school day and ask them: "Describe something that you remember from today?" "How do you feel about this?" What can you do to make sure you will be successful tomorrow?"

We are also taking notice of current events, so if you and your child see or hear something interesting be sure to discuss it so they will be able to discuss this in class.

Room 6

Students are expected to read every night, put the timer on for 15 minutes and read. I encourage students to read what they enjoy. This includes chapter books, picture books and magazines. Whatever they choose the aim is to promote a positive reading disposition. Thursday is now our library day for new books. In the classroom students will also have reading logs and questions about what they are reading at school and at home. As well students have a weekly maintenance sheet that will come home Mondays in their homework book. This will include maths basic facts and spelling and will be due back Friday each week.

Room 7

A small homework sheet, reading and notices will come home on Mondays. It is imperative that reading is done each evening. If your child is tired, struggling or you have a busy evening reading to them and discussing the story is just as valuable. Students will now begin reading longer texts over several days. I will often pop a 'post it note' on the front of the book explaining what they need to read that evening. Increasingly through the year as they take more ownership of their learning they will be able to explain what they need to do that night. At the end of the week please check and sign their home learning and return all reading books on Friday.

SCHOOL NURSE

Rebecca Whittaker, Practice Nurse from Wakefield Health Centre runs a school clinic every other Tuesday during term time (11am – 1.30pm) at Tapawera Area School.

Basic Health Screening of vision and hearing carried out plus HEADSSS assessments on all age groups.

Also can offer advice on sexual health, nutrition and mental health issues and make appropriate referrals. Wound care, eg removal of sutures, redressing of wounds is also offered.

If you would like your child to have an appointment or have any questions about the service, please call Wakefield Health Centre 541 8911.

SPORTS CO-ORDINATOR VACANCY

This position, which is for an average of 15 hours per week, involves working closely with Stephen Haunch co-ordinating sporting activities in the school.

For further information please contact either Stephen Haunch or Kelvin Woodley, ph 03 5224337.

Please forward a letter of application outlining your strengths relevant to the position to:

Susan Ellis

Tapawera Area School

Email: sellis@tapawera.school.nz

Applications close on 1 March 2019.



Sunday 3rd March 2019 at Tahunanui Recreation Ground

Our school has registered as a school group for the Nelson Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon to be held on **Sunday 3rd March 2019** at the **Tahunanui Recreation Ground, Nelson**. The Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon is for Kiwi kids of all sporting abilities who are aged between 7 and 15.

You are invited to register your child as part of the Tapawera Area School group for Nelson sanitarium Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon. When you link your child's registration to a school group, you will receive a school group discount applied to your registration fee. Your entry will also count towards your school's eligibility for school group prizes.

To complete your registration for Tapawera Area School from home with an online registration, please follow the link below.

<https://www.registernow.com.au/secure/RegistrationType.aspx?E=31843&G=68492>

**All entries close Thursday
28 February 11.59pm**

Contact

If you have any queries about registering, please contact Weet-Bix TRY's registration and call Centre on 0800 WEET BIX [0800 9338 249] or TRY@sanitarium.co.nz. Office hours are Monday to Thursday 9 am - 5 pm, and Friday 9 am - 12.30pm.

Any questions feel free to contact me
Janeen Strawbridge
School group coordinator
jstrawbridge@tapawera.school.nz



Room Seven are learning how to be safe in the water.

We started with this story about Tina then created a story to help her solve her problem in the water.

Tina's Story

Tina woke up and heard the waves crashing down on the shore. She couldn't wait to go to the beach because when they arrived last night, it was dark and she had to go straight to bed. Tina ran to get her parents to go to the beach with her but they were still asleep so she put her togs on anyway and went to see what the surf was like. When she got down to the beach she raced to the water's edge and put her feet in the surf. The water was lovely and warm and the day was already hot and sunny. Tina built a sand castle and watched as the waves gradually wore down her fine piece of construction. Her hands were all sandy and so she skipped merrily into the water and dived under a big wave – glad to be on holiday, glad to be in the surf. Suddenly Tina could not feel the sand under her feet. She screamed out hoping someone would hear from the beach.....

.....Then she saw a shark fin. It came closer and closer to Tina. She screamed as loud as she could but know one came. She saw a dolphin jumping out of the water. It went straight to the shark just before the shark hit her. Tina could not swim any longer and just as she went under the water she felt something lifting her up. It was the same dolphin. Then her mum and dad came rushing to Tina. The dolphin took her to the shore. When Tina got home her mum and dad were very cross and angry. She said that she would never go by herself again. *By Grace T*

FOR SALE

School Uniform

New skirt size 10 - \$20

Ph 03 5239072

FOR SALE

School Uniform

New jersey size 6

Sweat shirt size 6

Tshirts size 6

Ph 027 4571721



SUNSMART

Room 7 have been studying ways to be sunsmart. We have explored several topics and have found out some useful information.

The Sunscreen Experiment

One day the whole class did some science about sunblock. We drew a picture of our hand and then we used sunblock on our hand and printed our hand. Then we left it outside for 3 or 2 days. Today we are writing about it. We learnt that you will dry up and get burnt.

By Leroy

The Sunscreen Experiment

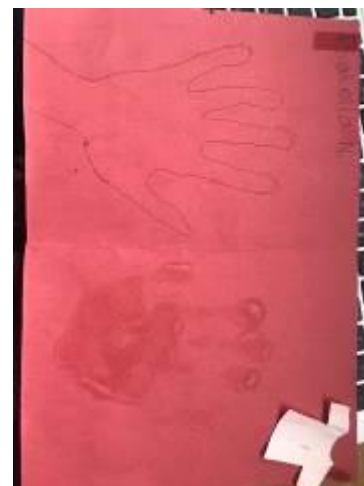
Being Sun Smart keeps you protected from getting burnt. Hats protect your nose and ears. Our class drew their hands and put sunscreen on their hands. We let them dry for three days. It was an experiment. After that the sunscreen side went through the paper.

By Mela

The Sunscreen Experiment

On Wednesday we did an experiment. We traced our hand on a piece of paper. On the other side we got a sunscreen hand and pressed down on the paper. Then we got tape and hung them up on the red wall outside. I learned that even paper reacts to sunscreen like people.

By Logan



<http://intranet.tapawera.school.nz/smart-html/user/roundcube/? task=mail& action=get& uid=51059& mbox=INBOX& part=2>



Room 5 ABL (Adventure Based Learning) activities during PE + Health. The Year 7s and 8s started with the Human Knot to develop teamwork, problem solving skills, trust and communication.



Year 8s playing Flippa Ball during a PE module. Flynn taking a shot at goal. Shanina and Rebecca trying to defend Holly's shot.



Ms Rogers and the Year 11's during a Science module learning about Static Electricity.



Skyla, Caitlin, Gypsy, Scarlet and Amelia tried something new, learning about the white water kayaks we are lucky to have at our school, and going upside down and doing a successful wet exit. Some of the Year 11 Outdoor Ed students were also practicing their buddy rescues.





Board of Trustee News

The Board of Trustees has held its first meeting for 2019.

For the first time, this year triennial elections will be held. Attached is a timeline for the voting process.

Please give these elections some thought. If you are interested in standing as a parent representative any of our current board members are happy to be approached with any of your questions.

An evening will be held on the 30 April for you to come along for an informal presentation and discussion on Trusteeship. More information closer to the date.

Board member contact details are:

Carolyn Ellis	Chairperson	csrolynellis@gmail.com
Mark Radloff	Deputy Chairperson	markradloff@xtra.co.nz
Karen Carleton		forsythgully@gmail.com
Tony Firth		benjie-firth@slingshot.co.nz
Grace Mytton	Student Representative	gracemytton@gmail.com
Janeen Strawbridge	Staff Representative	jstrawbridge@tapawera.school.nz
Kelvin Woodley	Principal	kwoodley@tapawera.school.nz

Please feel welcome to come along to observe the monthly meetings of the Board. Monthly meeting dates will be advertised in the school newsletter.



Make a difference. Become a school trustee.

Nominate yourself or someone you know today.

Being a school trustee is an important role that needs people with a range of skills and experiences, who will make a positive difference to our children's learning.

The period from 17 May 2019 until 21 June 2019 has been gazetted by the Minister as the range of dates for the Board of Trustees Triennial Elections for 2019. Read the Gazette notice, [here](https://gazette.govt.nz/notice/id/2018-go4706)
<https://gazette.govt.nz/notice/id/2018-go4706>

The suggested common election date is **Friday 7 June 2019** and below are the key events when using this date:

Learn more at trustee-election.co.nz

Event	Date
Select Returning Officer by	Wednesday 1 May 2019
Close Main Roll	Noon Wednesday 8 May 2019
Call for Nominations by	Friday 10 May 2019
Close Supplementary Roll	Noon Wednesday 22 May 2019
Nominations Close	Noon Friday 24 May 2019
Voting Papers Sent by	Wednesday 29 May 2019
Election Day (voting closes)	Noon Friday 7 June 2019
Count Votes	Thursday 13 June 2019
Board Takes Office	Friday 14 June 2019



YOUR RETURNING OFFICER IS:
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SCHOOL TRUSTEE ELECTIONS



Make a difference
Ki te whakapiki



From the Library

A new year in the library and I know Kelly, Cindy and I are all enjoying being back here.

Hopefully new resolutions have been made about returning library books on time and in good condition. I have a confession to make, during the holidays I managed to get a Richmond library book wet (never a good idea to take a book out in a boat) I know this is going to cost me about \$50. We don't charge for damaged books here in our library or for lost books (as yet) but every lost book we replace is money not spent on new books so please keep your books in a special place and return on time.

Lucky Book Club orders are due back by this Friday although late orders can still come in. There are some very good books from \$2 so well worth a look.

There's no Informer article this month to remind everyone out there to come and have a browse among our great selection of books here so I'll just remind you here. We do have the latest 'Jack Reacher' novel and many other good reads for adults.

Laree for the library team

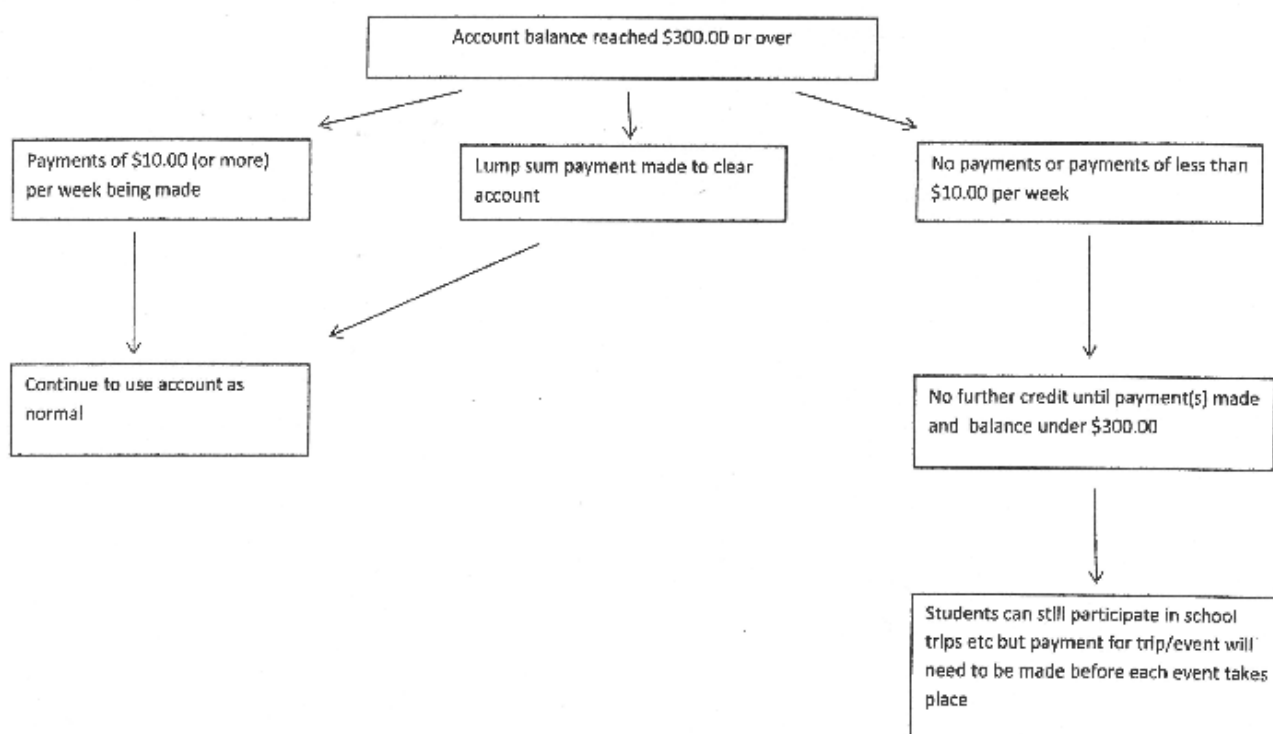
Y10 – ABEL TASMAN CAMP

This year the Year 10 Abel Tasman Camp is going to be held during Week 7: Monday 18th-Thursday 21st 2019. A notice went home last week and is due back Friday 1st March. A gear list was included so please have a look at what is required and write a list if you need to borrow gear from school. We have limited amounts of certain sizes so it pays to sort this out well before we depart school. Please contact either Miss Campbell or Mr Fox at school if you have any questions or concerns.



TAPAWERA AREA SCHOOL

CREDITORS ACCOUNTS - CREDIT LIMIT GUIDELINES





Mobile Oral Health Clinic

The Mobile Oral Health Clinic is on its way to your area and appointments will be sent out soon.

It's essential that a parent or caregiver accompanies their child to dental appointments.

Therefore, if you are unable to attend with your child, please call Janet on 0800 833 846 to reschedule an appointment to suit you.



**NELSON MARLBOROUGH
COMMUNITY ORAL HEALTH SERVICE**
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Richmond: 539 5320
Motueka and Tasman Mobile
0800 833846
0800 TALK TEETH – 0800 825 583



Oral Health Tips



Lunch boxes don't need to be full of sugary or processed snacks to be yummy and tooth-friendly.

For loads of appealing, healthy, inexpensive lunch box ideas check out,

<http://www.fuelled4life.org.nz/parents/parents-lunch-boxes>

<https://www.healthykids.org.nz/eat/articles/lunch-box-love>

Heart Foundation NZ website; Healthy Lunch box ideas in Te Reo Māori, Samoan, Tongan, Chinese and English.

Tapawera Rugby Club Junior Rugby

(Working alongside
Murchison Rugby Club)

Future Rugby Stars Wanted
for

- ✓ Junior Ripper
- ✓ First year tackle
- ✓ Tackle

Be part of a team

Build friendships

Work together

Registration Day Saturday
9th March 12-3pm at the
Tapawera Club Rooms

For more information contact
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graderomlo@gmail.com

Gemma Walsh 027 3203846

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Tapawera Netball Club Registration Day

Saturday 9th March
10 am
at the school netball courts

Any enquiries to:
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