

THE TAWHAI TIMES

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Naumai e te whanau o te kura Tawhai
Tena koutou katoa

A very warm welcome to all our new families who have recently joined the Tawhai School community.

Winter is definitely here and thank you for ensuring your child has appropriate warm clothing to be able to enjoy the school day. I would also like to thank all those parents who have taken the time to name their child's clothing. The few seconds this takes saves a lot of hassle and worry when clothing gets misplaced. One small additional request would be to check that your child has a spare change of clothes, especially as we have had a number slip and get wet and muddy during break times. Having a spare change of clothes saves you being called to bring clothes in to school.

PINK SHIRT DAY:



On Friday 17 May the Tawhai School student council organised a special day to promote the message that bullying is 'NOT OK'. The councillors put in a lot of time to make sure the day was well organised and everyone was kept well informed leading up to the event. The result was amazing with the whole school turning out in pink clothing and accessories. The support for such an important and serious message was clear and Tawhai School continues to place great importance on providing a safe environment for our students. The councillors learnt a lot from the experience and wanted to pass on their



appreciation to everyone for the support and time put into making the day such a success. The student councillors certainly looked the part in their Mr Vintage t-shirts and I am sure they will continue wearing these with pride throughout the year. I'd like to pass on my personal thanks to parent Jaime Phillips for her time and contributions towards this initiative.



KAPA HAKA CULTURAL GROUP:

Matua Whaitiri has been working hard preparing the Tawhai School Kapa Haka Group for the upcoming cultural festival to be held at Walter Nash Stadium week 9 (28 June – 2 July). The 70 strong group sound amazing singing waiata and the boys are putting everything into refining their performance of the haka. We are so proud of these students and their willingness to participate and contribute to the group as a whole. Their commitment to practices is certainly

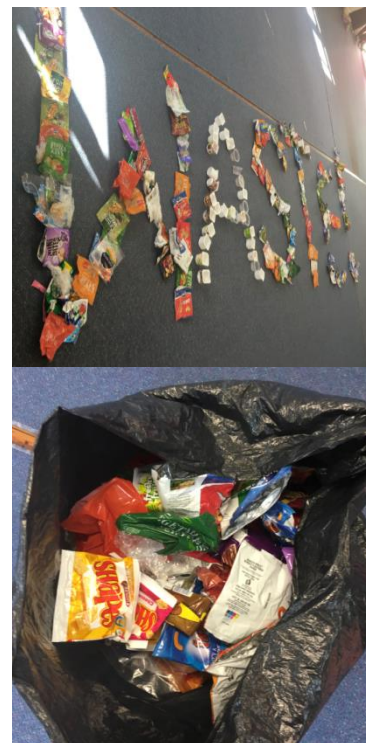
paying off and I am sure we will have a large number of parents there to support them on the night!

WASTELESS WEDNESDAYS:

You will have already received a small slip in your child's lunchbox requesting support for a new Tawhai School initiative called 'Wasteless Wednesday'. This idea has come from the student enviro group, led by Miss Bhana, and hope to have lots of support from parents. The purpose is to start looking at reducing unnecessary wrappings we use for our school lunches. We want to explore more enviro-friendly ways of ensuring our food is fresh and tasty to eat. So much of what we buy these days is individually

packaged or wrapped and we hope to raise awareness that a lot of this is not needed. I know many of you already have lunchboxes with compartments to separate food but we also hope that Tawhai School families can be more aware when purchasing individually wrapped food at the supermarket.

The enviro students group are going to carry out random audits throughout the term to test whether the Wasteless Wednesday idea is reducing the amount of plastic rubbish we are sending to the landfill. We really would appreciate your support and hope to be able to share with you some exciting results in the near future!



CROSS COUNTRY:



Yesterday Tawhai held their school cross country. Again, it was great to see so many parents supporting their children as they completed the course. As usual the children all tried their hardest and we had some amazing results. Some runners achieved their personal goals and came in the top of their age group, while others showed



the Tawhai Values and finished the course with pride.



A special thank you to Reece Lewis, from Caltex Stokes Valley for providing coffee and hot chocolate, and for parents who supported this.



The next stage will be for the selected Northern Zone runners to **attend our Tawhai running club** (a notice will be sent home regarding this) and then to compete in the Northern Zone, which will be on Tuesday the 7th of June.

A big thank you to Rosa Stewart for taking the thousands of photos of all the children and capturing the moment well. All the pictures can be found on the Tawhai School Facebook.

Results as follows;

Year 1 Girls

Olivia Wingate – First
Kiera Benson – Second
Makarios Letimanu – Third

Year 1 Boys

Luca Wright – First
Caleb LaFrentz – Second
Ryder Ulugia – Third

Year 2 Girls

Ella Robertson – First
Mary-Jane Kiri – Second
McKenzie Cochrane – Third

Year 2 Boys

Hunter Whitmarsh – First
Talyn Hislop-Croft – Second
Noah Berkeley – Third

Year 3 Girls

Claudia Smurthwaite – First
Tamzen Fa'amausili – Second
Jade Ihaka – Third

Year 3 Boys

John O'Grady – First
Ethan Austin – Second
Ryley Minot – Third

Year 4 Girls

Erin Grant – First
Beatrice Masson – Second
Jemma Smith – Third

Year 4 Boys

Samuel Rollings – First
Ashton Flitcroft – Second
Hayden Lewis – Third

Year 5 Girls

Brianna Garrety – First
Stella Smurthwaite – Second
Tayla Miles – Third

Year 5 Boys

Quentin Howsan – First
Wesley Fajtele – Second
Justin Gray – Third

Year 6 Girls

Katie Lewis – First
Ava Staples – Second
Abi Fisher – Third

Year 6 Boys

Jacob Linden-Dobbs – First
Joel Hastings – Second
Noah Pikari – Third

BOARD ELECTIONS:

With the Board Elections now over, it gives me great pleasure to announce the 2016-2019 Board of Trustees for Tawhai School;

Stuart Berkeley
Dominic Wright
Raewyn Lummis
Angela Whitmarsh
Melinda McGinty
Lynley Poole – teacher representative

The new board will be effective from Friday 10 June.

KELLY CLUB:

Kelly Club continues to go from strength to strength under Vanessa Chatfield's leadership. Her friendly and professional team consistently delivers a well structured environment that provides fun activities in a safe setting. It is great to see the Tawhai School Kelly Club build such a positive reputation and we are glad to see families utilize this as a resource to assist with managing the busy week. With



numbers on the rise I recommend you contact Vanessa and lock in a time for your child to attend.

For more information and to book online, please visit www.kellyclub.co.nz or contact tawhai@kellyclub.co.nz or 027 4185131.

Work and Income OSCAR subsidies are available to help cover the cost of our programme if you are eligible.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

Don't forget we are selling Entertainment books for \$60.00. \$12.00 from each book purchased will go towards the uniforms for Pasifika/Kapa Haka. Thank you to those who have purchased books.



TAWHAI HOODIES

Last year the Tawhai School hoodies were a real hit for the school. The kids love wearing these (and they never seem to get lost as they have their names on the back). We have had a lot of interest again. This year we have a different supplier. The cost will be **\$40.00**. An order form with all the details will go home on Thursday. Kelly has one hoody in the office to try. This is a size 12.

Sizing chart:

Size	Chest (cm)
6	42
8	44
10	46
12	49
14	51

SPORTS RESULTS:

Netball

Saturday 7 May

Tawhai Ferns 20 vs Pinehaven Strikers 0

Tawhai Shakers 3 vs Birchville Sapphires 12

Saturday 14 May

Tawhai Ferns 16 vs OCS Panthers 11

Tawhai Shakers 7 vs St Brendan's Wanderers 2

Saturday 21 May

Tawhai Ferns 14 vs Silverpine Tactix 11

Tawhai Shakers 3 vs TP Rockets 11

Tiniball

Monday 9 May

Koraunui Rockets 2 vs Tawhai Tigers 2

Friday 13 May

Tawhai Tuis 18 vs Wilford Wizards 0

Friday 20 May

Tawhai Tuis 18 vs Koraunui 6



Monday 16 May

St P&P Mavericks 20 vs Tawhai Fastbreaks 2

Koraunui Untouchables 28 vs Tawhai Tigers 2

Miniball

Thursday 12 May

Koraunui Magic 4 v Tawhai Taniwhas 26

Tawhai Panthers 2 vs Waterloo Warriors 26

Thursday 19 May

Tawhai Taniwhas 10 vs Waterloo Warriors 6

Congratulations to all teams who have made a great start to their games. For a lot of these players it is their first time playing. Thank you to coaches who are doing a fantastic job.

Yesterday our Year 1-2 Tiniball team participated in a festival at the Walter Nash Centre. This was most enjoyable and the kids had a lot of fun winning four out of their five games. Thank you to Dominic Wright for taking the team and to parents for their support.

On Saturday our year 3-4 team taking part in the ANZ future FERNS had their first day. I hope all the girls enjoyed this.

Today our Waterpolo team plays their first game at Naenae Pool. All the best to you I know you have been training hard.

Please can parents be aware attending practices is just as important as playing on the day. If your child does not attend practice and/or unable to play on the day for any reason they will be stood down for a certain amount of game time.

IMPORTANT DATES

[Please keep checking our school website for the most up to date events calendar]

- 31 May – Science ICAS exam
- **6 June – Queens Birthday (public holiday)**
- 7 June – Northern zone cross country (9 June postponement date)
- 14 June – Writing ICAS exam
- 15 June – Spelling ICAS exam
- 21 June – Interzone cross country (23 June postponement date)
- 28 June – 1 July – Polyfestival
- 4-8 July – 3 way conferences (days to be confirmed)
- 5 July – Regional cross country (7 July postponement date)
- 8 July - Last day of term 2 and Gate Combo.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Kia pai tō rā

Kia ora

Matt Skilton

Principal