

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.

Wow it's hard to believe it's the end of the term already and what an enormously busy term it has been.

The children have been working extremely hard and have made some fabulous progress throughout the year. Please ensure children continue with their learning during the holidays and enjoy some fun experiences **(these do not need to cost a lot of money)**.

Some activities that my children really enjoyed were;

- Bush walks (pack a picnic).
- Walk/bike/scooter down to the river.
- Bake/ plan a meal/ make a list of the ingredients, write the instructions.
- Go to the beach for a day. Don't wait for a sunny day, wrap the children up and spend the day make sandcastles, explore rock pools, write messages in the sand, organise a scavenger hunt.
- Puppet shows, magic shows - (this can take hours - as well as planning the show, get the children to design the tickets).
- Building forts, both inside and outside.

Talk to your children about the experiences, take some photos, take a video, send an email to their teacher (or me) telling us about your time together.

Some more great ideas can be found on:

www.kiwifamilies.co.nz/topic/grown-ups/school-holidays.../school-holiday-activities .

Over the holidays the teachers will also be continuing with their learning...

- Chelsea Sullivan, Brooke Anderson and Lynley Poole are attending a 3 day conference in Rotorua. This U-Learn conference provides an opportunity for teachers to participate in high-quality and appropriate developmental professional learning experiences.
- Twelve staff are attending a full day workshop on Student Agency.
- I am attending a three day First Time Principals' Residential Course in Auckland.

WHANAU MEETING

Last week we had two meetings where a very engaged group of parents met to begin to unpack our Graduate Profile and explore a few ideas about what we may want to achieve as a group. I would like to thank those parents who attended and also thank Aroha Kale who facilitated the meetings. We are feeling really excited about the openness and commitment of the group already. We will be meeting again in Term 4, so please let me know if you would like to join us.

STOKES VALLEY LIBRARY ON THE MOVE



What an absolute stunner of a day for Tawhai School to be helping the Stokes Valley Library with their book move to the Mason's lodge along with Korauuni and Tui Glen Schools. Everyone had enormous fun passing the books along. It was wonderful to see the looks of pure joy when they got to handle the last book (the 2016 Guinness Book of World Records) which sat on a plush red cushion. Each helper was awarded with a badge and a book mark.



CLASS VISITS FORM

Last Thursday some classes had a wonderful experience passing the books down to their temporary location while the Community Hub gets built. I apologise to parents for this event not being well publicised and in the future we will do our best to keep parents informed of upcoming activities outside of school. There are times, as part of the learning programme, that teachers want to make use of community resources and leave the school grounds (e.g. a class survey, exploring numbers in the community, practising for the walkathon etc). If you could please put the name of your child, their class and sign the form attached which gives us your permission for this to happen it would be greatly appreciated.

GIRLS FUTSAL TOURNAMENT A THUNDERING SUCCESS



There was a great turnout for the Hutt Valley Girls' Only Futsal Festival at Walter Nash Stadium on Monday - with 32 teams from the area participating! Tawhai School was



well represented with 60 girls, 5 teams of senior players and 4 teams of middles. Lots of fast moving action and lots of fun! Here are photos from Karen Wiggins and Debbie Howie who both looked after teams, thank you both. A big thank you to all the adults who were involved in anyway, whether it was to transport or to look after a team.

INTER ZONE BASKETBALL



Tuesday 13th September saw 2 of Tawhai's basketball teams attend the Inter zone Basketball tournament at Walter Nash Stadium. Each of our teams played 4 games, displaying some great skills and determination to achieve their best. Our Year 5 team finished 6th overall and our Year 3/4 team finished 8th in their respective competitions. It was a



pleasure to watch our students battle it out with the other teams showing good sportsmanship as well a competitive spirit. A big thank you to Colleen Taylor for coaching the 3/4 team and also to the parents who supported their children. Another successful sporting event for Tawhai.

PTSG SPELLATHON

Wow, thank you to all those that have returned sponsorship forms and money collected from our Spellathon. We have some great spellers at Tawhai! Four children were lucky enough to have their names picked out for the Westfield vouchers because they returned their sponsorship forms by Friday. Kitana Room 15, Seth Room 4, Romais Room 8, and Kayla Room 7 were the lucky winners. Have fun spending your voucher at Westfield, children. The Spellathon is proving to be a fantastic fundraiser and so far we have managed to raise \$7,500. For those that have yet to return the Spellathon sponsorship form and/or money, please do so before the end of term. We really appreciate those that are able to take the opportunity to bank straight into the PTSG account. Our Tawhai children will benefit from our successful fundraiser, so thank you to you all.



TAWHAI SCHOOL T-SHIRTS AND HOODIES

With summer quickly approaching us, we thought the option of purchasing a Tawhai School t-shirt may be popular.

The t-shirts are Tawhai blue, with a v neck, and 'dry-fit' fabric. We have a size 12 in the office for you to try. The two options are:

1. The Tawhai logo on the side of the chest - \$30.00
2. Tawhai logo on the side of the chest and their first name or abbreviation e.g. Samantha=Sam on the back (down the bottom) - \$35.00

Sizing chart for t-shirt (half chest):

Size	Chest (cm)
6	38
8	40
10	42
12	44
14	46

We will also be placing another order for the Tawhai hoodies. The cost of the hoodies is \$40.00.

Sizing chart for hoody (half chest):

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

If you would like a name printed in CAPITAL letters on the bottom at the back of the t-shirt or hoody, please clearly print the name in the boxes below.

The last date to place your order will be **Friday 14 October**. Please return your slip (which was handed out on Tuesday) with the money, to your children's teacher. Please note that we will not be able to make any orders without receiving the payment.

SCHOOL DONATION

As an incentive, we are offering each family who have paid their 2016 school donation in full by the 21 October 2016 an entry into the prize draw for a \$150 New World Gift Card. We have one card to give away. All parties who have paid since 1 June will be receiving their donation receipt by 14 October.

SPORTS RESULTS

Netball

On Saturday 3 September the Netball teams had their last games and prize giving. Both teams have had great seasons and this would not have been possible without the awesome coaches Jacinta Glynn, Sam Smurthwaite, and Chelsea Sullivan. Thank you to Kerenza McMillan and Mia Davies for their great umpiring. The parent support this year has been fantastic.

Recipients of trophies were as follows:

Tawhai Ferns

Most promising player - Ava Staples

Most improved player – Stephanie Portugal

Tawhai Shakers

Most promising player – Stella Smurthwaite

Most Improved player - Georgia Lomax

Tiniball

Final games for Tiniball were held last week. Congratulations to all teams who participated to the best of their ability and displayed the Tawhai Values. A special mention to the Tawhai Keas who won their grade and also the Tawhai Tuis and Tawhai Fastbreaks who came 3rd.

A big thank you to Colleen Taylor, Melinda McGinty, Rhys Wingate, and Ange Whitmarsh for coaching the teams. The last games of Miniball are this Thursday. Thank you to Junior Bates, Jason Callander, and Michelle Moses who have assisted with the teams. Good luck to both teams, it is great to see the improvement they have made.

Touch

Touch Rugby starts at Hutt Park on Friday 4 November. Permission slips have gone out to all students interested in playing and these are due back on Friday 23 September. If your child has missed out and would like to play please pick up a form from the school office.

When teams have been finalised you will be advised of the final cost. These fees are to be paid prior to the start of the competition and then touch gear will be issued. Coaches for teams are still required. On 13 October at the Walter Nash Stadium there is a free coaching clinic "Getting started in Coaching" from 6-8pm (see website for details). I would recommend this course to anyone as it caters for all sports.

IMPORTANT DATES

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

- 23 September – Last day of term (3pm finish)
- 23 September – Gate combo
- 10 October – First day of term 4
- **21 October – Teacher only day – professional development on Student Agency**
- 31 October – 24 November – Junior Syndicate swimming
- 13 December – Year 6 Leavers' Dinner (more info to follow)
- 15 December – Last day of term (1pm finish)
- **30 January 2017 – 13 April 2017 – First day term one.**

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Kia pai tō rā
Kia ora

Karen Poole
Principal

COMMUNITY NOTICES

FINAL FAREWELL: SATURDAY 24 SEPTEMBER 1:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M.

Come and join us for the Final Farewell of the Stokes Valley hall and library before the construction of the new Stokes Valley Hub begins.

It will be an afternoon of free, fun activities and entertainment for the whole family including:

- face painting
- photo booth
- school performances
- dancing demonstrations
- storytelling
- rock 'n' roll lessons
- afternoon tea
- a sausage sizzle and more!

For more information, contact Rebecca on 04 560 0305 or rebecca.grigg@huttcity.govt.nz.