

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.

FAREWELL TO MATTHEW SKILTON:

Sadly, this is Matthew Skilton's last week as principal of Tawhai School before leaving to become principal of Tahatai Coast School in Tauranga. Matt has worked hard with the staff, Board of Trustees, students and community to make great changes to the school environment and culture. Matt has been at Tawhai for 5 years and has set up a Student Council and brought in great resources such as Matua Whaitiri who has created strong Kapa Haka and Nga Tama Toa groups. In 2016 through Matt's strong leadership the school received a hugely successful ERO report with a five-year review period which only 25% of schools receive this. He has completed two major



classroom refurbishments and spruced up the entrances, gardens and grounds. He added in the much loved bike track. This has been so beneficial in keeping our kids fit and happy during lunch times and has given the school a fantastic dry race track for things like the cross country. Matt has had a great relationship with the children during his time at Tawhai and he was often seen out playing tackle rugby on a Friday during Golden Time. We wish him well for his journey to sunnier days and hope the children, parents and staff enjoy having him as much as we did.



With Friday being Matt's last day, we are having a fun dress-up day. **Children come**

dressed as teachers/adults, and the teachers come dressed as children. The student council will be running two farewell assemblies for Matt, one for the Juniors and the other for the Middle and Seniors. While we would love to invite parents to farewell Matt, we are just unable to due to the lack of space. At about 2.40pm on Friday afternoon, the Nga Tama Toa boys will be performing for Matt. We would like to invite parents to come along and watch and say your farewells.

CROSS COUNTRY:

Yesterday we took a very strong group of 10 runners to the Regional Cross Country, which was held at Waikanae Park. This was nearly double what we took last year due to the commitment of the kids, training twice a week, and from their coach, Steve Kyle. All of the children ran their heart out and tried their absolute best on the day. We couldn't be more proud! A very special congratulations goes to Quentin Howsan, for coming first in the year 5 boys. Quentin will now go through to the Nationals and represent Wellington. Well done Quentin. Results as follows

Lukas LaFrentz 7th Place
Ashton Flitcroft 9th place
Sam Rollings 15th place
Brianna Garrety 15th place
Stella Smurthwaite 22nd place
Quentin Howsan 1st place
Justin Gray 39th place
Nik Kiri 15th place
Abigail Fisher 52nd place



KAPA HAPA

Last Tuesday night the students performed so well and so flawlessly, with strong and clear voices echoing around the hall at the Walter Nash Stadium for the Polyfest. Well done to you all, you were amazing! A very big thank you to Matua Whaitiri and Michelle Moses for all the wonderful work they have done with the Kapa Haka Group. A huge thank you to Lisa Small for her magnificent support and management all through the term. On the night, we have to thank the whanau who came to dress the children and support them.



SPORTS RESULTS:

Waterpolo

Tawhai 16 vs Belmont 0
Tawhai 7 vs Eastern Hutt 2

Miniball

Tawhai Panthers 22 vs Hutt Central
Hurricanes 10
Tawhai Taniwha's 16 vs Boulcott Broncos 2
Tawhai Taniwha's 8 vs Waterloo Hoops 10
Tawhai Panthers 18 vs EHS Hornets 28

Tiniball

Tawhai Tuis 12 vs Waterloo Breakers 16

Netball

Tawhai Ferns 19 vs Mangaroa Minions 2
Tawhai Shakers 15 vs Korauui Shooting Stars 8
Tawhai Ferns 26 vs Plateau Huskies 6
Tawhai Shakers 8 vs Upper Hutt Bullets 1
Tawhai Ferns 17 v Korauui Black Diamonds 5
Tawhai Shakers 4 v St Joesephs Magic 8

Tiniball / Miniball

Congratulations to the Tawhai Tuis and Tawhai Taniwhas who were runners-up in their grades. Both finals were extremely close.

Thank you to the coaches who have once again done a fantastic job. Next term we have entered two more Year 1/2 teams, and one Year 3/4 team. **We need two more Year 1/2 players to complete the teams. Please contact Sharon in the office if your child is interested.**



A big thank you to Rhys Wingate, Angela Whitmarsh and Hunter Bates (ex Tawhai School student), who have offered to coach these teams.

Netball

Our year 5-6 Netball teams are enjoying their competition in Upper Hutt and playing some fantastic Netball.

A few weeks ago the Year 6 girls played in a local tournament and reached the Semi-finals going down to the Upper Hutt Development Squad 7-2. An outstanding effort as this team won the final.



Waterpolo

The Waterpolo team has started their competition off in impressive style with two great wins.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

Wow a big thankyou to those who have supported Tawhai School and purchased an Entertainment Book this year. With school holidays approaching buy your book now and enjoy the benefits.

IMPORTANT DATES

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

- 8 July - Last day of term 2 and Gate Combo
- 25 July – First day of term 3
- 3 August - PTSG meeting 7.30 pm.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Kia pai tō rā
Kia ora

Matt Skilton
Principal