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Newsletter **Week 5** **Term 3**

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Dear Students, Parents, Caregivers, Friends and Supporters of Taupaki School.

I hope this newsletter finds you rested relaxed and ready for another week of learning. At last week's assembly we presented some certificates to outstanding students at Taupaki School. Congratulations to Jamie Annandale, Gina Solloway, Kirsten Eskildsen, Eli Meenhorst, and Oliver Munro for receiving Distinction certificates in the University of New South Wales English International Competition and Assessment for School (ICAS). Jamie and Gina were in the top 3% of all students at their year level, a remarkable result.

Top quality public speaking is obviously a feature of Taupaki School. The recent speech competition highlighted the depth of talent we have. Congratulations to the following students...

Year 4 1st place: Leiske Beech

Year 5 1st place: Milly Hawkins

Year 6 1st place: Louis Foot

Year 7 3rd place: Gina Solloway 2nd place: Joseph Fursdon 1st place: Oliver Munro

Year 8 2nd equal: Roseanna Buckley, Jesse Hawkins, Aleysha Standen 1st place: Enzo Del La Varis
Oliver Munro and Louis Foot will represent Taupaki School at the North West Zone Speech competition.

On Friday I had the pleasure of listening to a school band rehearsal. I am amazed at the talent at this school. A big thank you to Chris Manins, Chris Hawkins and Milan for all their work. Wouldn't it be great to be able to record their music and post it on the web in a podcast for the whole world to listen to? We could do that with an apple laptop that we could win in the Shop for Your School promotion.

This week is National PTA week! So if you see someone from our wonderful PTA, pat them on the back and say thanks for all the work they do for our school.

Principals Awards for Week Four, Term 3 2006

Sanura Wheatley-Stewart, Evan Selak, Troy O'Leary, Nikita McDonald, Monica Gardiner, Liam Murphy, Joseph Gannon, Danika Riosa, Rory Murphy, Jason Treadaway and Shivarna Mann.

Stephen Lethbridge

DATES

17 Aug Ripa Rugby Y3-6

18 Aug Cross Country

13 Sept Centennial Cup Soccer

14 Sept Soccer Save Day

21 Sept Gymnastics Day

Weekly

This Friday School Assembly Room 5
9.00am in the hall – you
are welcome!

Next Friday School Assembly Room 1A



Intelligence and Thinking — the thoughts of Edward deBono

The belief that intelligence and thinking are the same has led to two unfortunate conclusions in education.

- That nothing needs to be done for students with a high intelligence because they will automatically be good thinkers.
- That nothing can be done for students without a high intelligence because they cannot ever be good thinkers.

deBono defines thinking as: “the operating skill with which intelligence acts upon experience.” Many highly intelligent people often take a view on a subject and use their intelligence to defend that view. Since they can defend that view very well they never see the need to explore the subject or listen to alternative views. This is poor thinking and is part of the Intelligence Trap.

Highly intelligent people are usually good at solving puzzles or problems where all the pieces are given. They are less good at situations which require them to find the pieces and assess the value of the pieces.

There is of course nothing to prevent highly intelligent people being excellent thinkers. But this does not follow automatically. There is a need to develop the skill of thinking.

Next Week — Cleverness and Wisdom

News from around the School

News from the Junior School

We are really excited about our Junior Production. Tickets for the shows go on sale next Monday (21st August). Tickets are priced at \$3 Adults and \$1 Children. There is a matinee performance on Tuesday 19th September 9.30-10.30am and an evening performance on Wednesday 20th September 7.00-8.00pm. Seats are limited so please buy your tickets soon to avoid disappointment.

Wanted for the Production

For the production we require earth coloured bean bags (green, brown). Please notify Miss Dillon if you are able to let us borrow these. Thank you.

News from the Senior School

The finalist speeches were of superb quality, well done. The Norwest finals for the Year 7/8 students will be held on the 23rd of August at the Riverhead Community Hall, starting at 7:00pm. Oliver Munro has been selected to represent Taupaki School at this event with his speech on “The call of Nature”.

This Wednesday the Senior school students will be experiencing 2 ½ hours of sailing on a 60 foot yacht ‘The Friday Freedom’.

Friday will see the school doing the Taupaki School annual Cross Country race.

Bingo Night-Middle School Fundraiser

Keep Saturday 16th September free for this fun night, 7pm in the school hall. \$5 per ticket.

Funky Gecko Raffle

As a senior school fundraiser Angie Scanlon has kindly donated 4 of her Funky Geckos for a raffle. Tickets are \$1 each or 3 for \$2. First prize is a large and a small gecko, second prize is a large gecko and third prize is a small gecko. Tickets are available at the office.

Class and Individual Photographs

Only 2 more days to purchase the class and individual photographs. Unpurchased photographs will be returned this Wednesday. Class photographs (including Librarians, Peer Mediators and Council) cost \$11 and the individual and family packs are \$20.

Waitakere Dental Clinic

Waitakere Dental Clinic is now closed. Two therapists will return in September. For emergencies please contact Jeanette at Colwill Primary School Dental Clinic— phone 8321353.

Sausage Sizzle

With the wet weather upon us again, students may enjoy a sausage in a bread roll at lunchtime. These are available for \$2 every Tuesday. Funds raised go towards the Middle School trip at the end of the year.

Westfield Shop for School

If anyone has any Westfield receipts that can be taken down to Westfield by a volunteer parent please drop these in the box in the office. This weeks Shop for your schools newsletter has another childrens competition which can be attached to a receipt to earn an extra 100 points. Please fill these in and send into office and these can be attached to any receipts we have and delivered to Westfield .

Shop for your School — Yes that is US, your school! A little over a month to go.

*We are starting to get into the business end of the competition, where interest wanes and other schools start to sneak up the ladder. Remember to ask neighbours, friends and relatives for any receipts from **any** Westfield Shopping Mall. **Remember that Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays are Bonus Days — Double your dollars!** To view the bonus times go to <http://westfield.com/nzcentres/news/BonusTime.html>*

We are currently in: 5th place on 143.67 points per child — *We are still in the laptop zone but we have 6th place breathing down our neck just 7 points per child behind us and 7th place only 42 ppc behind. So read the flyers from Westfield that come home and check out our progress on <http://westfield.com/nzcentres/news/SchoolTally.html>*

The next bonus time runs from 17 August to Sunday 20 August when you can earn 5 points for every \$1 your spend.

Supermarket Bonus time until the 27th of August—Buy groceries at any Westfield Supermarket and receive 3 points for every dollar!

PTA NEWS

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Before Cross Country at 11.30am this Friday in the lunchroom. Sausages, iceblocks and drinks all \$1.

School Lunches: There will be no school lunches this Friday (only sausage sizzle as above).

Disco: The next school Disco is 1st September. Details to follow.

Community Notices

Situation Vacant: Building Blocks Childcare and Preschool in Kumeu, are looking for an Office Administrator, for 20-25 hours per week. These hours will be fixed but flexibility will be needed. We are looking for someone that is reliable, trustworthy, who has an excellent command of English. Competent computer skills are vital to this role. The hours will include some time on the floor with the children. Phone Alison on 412-5355.

Kumeu Playcentre-Positive Negative Photos: Kumeu Playcentre are holding a Positive/Negative photo sitting on Saturday the 2nd September at the playcentre. Family and Individual Black and White Portraits, free sitting, no obligation to buy. For an appointment please contact Fiona on 412-2215.

Scallops for Sale: \$20 per 1/2kg. Raising money for an Under 12 soccer team (Louis Foot and Yoni Yahel's Team). Phone order to Chris or Elisha on 8108962 by Wednesday. Pick up on Friday afternoon in the Music Room.

Public Meeting: Are you concerned about increasing rates? Meeting at Kumeu Community Centre, Access Road, Kumeu on Sunday 20th August at 4.30pm to discuss Rates. See Norwest News for further details.

Kumeu Cricket Club: We are now taking registrations for the new season. Email karen@kumeuriver.co.nz to request a reg form. Otherwise **registration dates** at the clubrooms (Huapai Domain) are as follows:

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