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Newsletter **Week 1** **Term 1**

Tuesday 7th February 2006

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

Welcome back to what promises to be another busy and rewarding year. The teaching staff have been hard at work preparing for the new learning challenges ahead. This school is lucky to have a happy and dedicated staff who put children first.

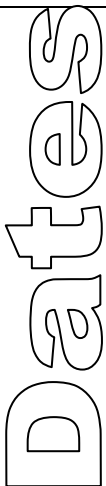
In addition to a new Principal we also welcome a new Associate Principal, Mr. Gareth Jones. Mr. Jones is responsible for the Senior School while Mrs Barton is away on study leave for the rest of the year. Mr. Jones is an energetic and dynamic teacher who brings a wealth of experience to our school.

We welcome a number of new students and their families. They are Alayna Bradbury, Dion Cloutman, Connor Cully, Olivia Horgan, Sophie Katavich, Harlan Rooke-Tariau, Evan Selak, Breanna Brown, Isaac Bult, William Stark, Joseph Clarke, Jemma Atherleigh, Lucy Clarke, Evan Kidd, Joseph Bult, Joseph Fursdon. We know that the community will make you feel at home.

We value communication. Effective learning takes place when the links between the home, the school and the child are strongest. If you have any questions, concerns or celebrations about your child please talk with the class teacher. Clear, open and honest communication nullifies ambiguity. As teachers, parents and caregivers we want the very best for our children.

I would like to thank all those people who have made my first few weeks at Taupaki School an enjoyable experience. I am looking forward to celebrating learning with you all. School is about inspiring students to be passionate about learning. A teacher's aim is not to "lead the horse to water so that it can drink" but to create the thirst in the first place. If we want students who are passionate about learning then we need passionate teachers who inspire. My passion is helping teachers to create systemic structures within a school where teachers have time to think and inspire others into a life of learning.

I look forward to meeting you all as the term progresses. I am available to meet parents and caregivers, please make a time at the office.



Feb 16	Junior School Marae Visit	Weekly	
Feb 14-17	Senior School Waterwise	This Fri.	School Assembly Room 9 09.00am in the hall – you are welcome!
Feb 23/24	Middle School Marae Visit		
March 9/10	Senior School Marae Visit	Next Fri	School Assembly Room 7

Creating Positive Ripples

The Ripple Effect

One way to generate a peaceful feeling or environment is to start from within and cause 'ripples'. Tony Ryan has written a book called 'The Ripple Effect'. He talks about the acts of individuals having great impact on all around them – however small the act. Here is one example...

The Act

Practice good manners and patience when driving. Wave courteously and smile at another driver.

The Ripple Effect

That driver's growing irritation is defused, and a few minutes later, she avoids creating the serious accident that might have occurred if she had remained tense and upset.

News from around the School

Meet the Teacher Evening

The annual Meet the Teacher evening will take place on Wednesday the 25th of February. The grounds will be open from 5pm for you to bring a picnic dinner, the pool will be open. We will have a general meeting in the hall at 5.45pm followed by rolling meetings starting with the Junior School at 6pm in the hall. This is followed by the Middle School at 6.45pm and the Senior School at 7.30pm. The format for these meetings is a whole team meeting before moving off to classrooms where teachers will run through specific matters relating to their class.

Board of Trustees Meeting

The first meeting for 2006 is on Wednesday the 22nd of February. Meetings are held twice per term and reminders will be published in the newsletter.

Kapa Haka

We are delighted to advise that Wiremu Papuni will be our new kaiako for 'kapa haka' for 2006.

Wiremu came to visit us before school started. We think he will do amazing things with our tamariki (children).

If your child would like to come along and find out more, he will be starting on Wednesday 15th February. Each participant will have to be let out of class at 12.20 to eat lunch. Kaiako Wiremu will work for the full hour until 1.30 each week.

So please come along and find more. Wiremu is accustomed to working with older students and we hope to attract back those wonderful older children to compliment the enthusiasm of our present 'kapa haka' group.

Ka kite,

Alison Hucke, Angela Stuart-Scroggins

Marae Visits

In the first half of this term each part of the school will visit the Hoani Waititi Marae. This will be a very new experience for most of our children and some of our staff.

The Junior School will take a day trip whilst the Senior and Middle School will overnight on the Marae. We know that you will support this valuable experience.

School Donations and Activity Fees

Donations will remain at \$150 per year and due to rising transport costs the activity fee has increase to \$40. Payments can be made at the school office.

Our Team

Leadership Team

Principal
Associate Principal
Associate Principal (Acting 2006)
Senior Teacher
Technology Centre Leader

Mr. Stephen Lethbridge
Mrs. Mary Fursdon
Mr. Gareth Jones
Mrs. Michelle Fraser
Mrs. Alison Hucke

Class Teachers

New Entrants / Year 1	Room 2
Year 1&2	Room 1
Year 2&3	Room 3
Year 3	Room 4
Year 4	Room 5
Year 4&5	Room 6
Year 5&6	Room 7
Year 5&6	Room 8
Year 7&8	Room 9
Year 7&8	Room 10

Miss Adele Dillon
Mrs. Michelle Fraser
Mrs. Angela Stuart-Scroggins
Miss Fiona Coleman
Mrs. Joan Western
Mr. Darren Mathers
Mrs. Mary Fursdon
Mrs. Gita Sharma
Mr. Gareth Jones
Mrs. Nicolle Green

Support Staff

Resource Teacher Behaviour & Learning
Rainbow Reading Teacher
Reading Recovery
Music Specialist
GATE (Gifted & Talented Education)
ESOL Korean Students

Mrs. Jude Harris
Mrs. Lois Tallett
Mrs. Maree Larson
Mrs. Christine Manins
Mrs. Sue Jones
Lisa Kim

Technology Centre

Food Technology
Hard Materials
Soft Materials Technology

Mrs. Alison Hucke
Mr. Jim Wattam
Mrs. Chrissy Wilmshurst

Administration

Office Manager
Accounts Manager (part-time)
Caretaker

Mrs. Carole Newman-Watt
Mrs. Donna Chapman
Mr. Wolf Hucke

Teacher Aides

Mrs. Fleur Hunter, Miss Ayako Takahashi, Mrs. Jan Drummond, Mrs. Gail Tudor

PTA

ATM & General Meeting: The first PTA meeting of the year will be held Wednesday 1st March at 7pm. Meetings are held in the staffroom and new faces would be very welcome.

Community Notices

TOTAL CHEERLEADING

Total Cheerleading now has spaces available in it's teams. Learn to Cheer, Dance, Tumble, Stunt and compete Nationally and Internationally.

No experience is necessary, and there are limited spaces available, so contact us today! Come and join the best cheerleading school in New Zealand.
We are international champions!

Give Cheerleading a go and get a 2 week free trial period on start up!

Visit. www.totalcheerleading.com or phone Nik on 8386558 or 021 1763574

Indoor Basketball: Term 1 & 2 – games are ½ hour either on Monday or Tuesday, after school at the Massey Leisure Centre, Westgate. We need boys and girls of all ages to make up Taupaki School teams. Please phone Deborah on 8109069.

Kumeu Cricket Club: Keen to learn cricket? Come to our Term 1 Coaching Clinic every Saturday morning from 25 February to 25 March 2006. 9am to 11am, 8-12years, Huapai Domain, \$40 per child. To register phone Karen on 412 7378 or email Milan@kumeuriver.co.nz. Suitable for boys and girls, beginners and those wishing to refresh their skills.

Concerned for the North West?

Please sign our petition and stop urban sprawl in Huapai North and South.

The petition requests that the Rodney District Council rescind stage one of its proposed urban growth plan and to have proper consultation with the wider community in the North West.

Read Nor West News Brief and be informed of the issues affecting all of us. The petition is available for signing at Taupaki School. For further information visit our website www.communitynorthwest.org.nz

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Babysitter: Reliable ex Taupaki pupil able to babysit. Please phone Holly on 8109136.

Wanted to rent: Modern home, 2or 3 bedrooms, prefer lock up garage, Taupaki area, responsible tenant, references available. Phone Julianna on 0274 918281 or 8324468.

Annette Brownlee-Hooper School of Dance: Modern Dance & Ballet Classes. From 3 years to teenagers. Experience qualified teacher. Swanson area, own studio, exam & competition classes, annual show. Contact Annette Hooper on 832-1997.

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