



# Taupaki School

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# Newsletter **Week 2** **Term 2**

**Monday 30 April 2007**

**Dear Parents, Caregivers and friends of Taupaki School**

Thank you for your understanding with respect to last week's teacher only day. We knew the timing was not the best but had to take this day to fit in with the international facilitators who are working with us for the next three years as we join the Teacher Designed Schools Network.

So what did we do last Thursday? If you talk to anyone who was present you will know that we worked very hard. We gathered an incredible amount of data based upon 8 inquiry probes. This data was then compiled and voted upon to generate consensus. The data formed the basis for myself and two other members of the leadership team to draft vision statements overnight.

On Friday morning, before class started, staff and board members critiqued the three versions and from the resulting feedback a second draft was completed. Whilst teachers were in class the leadership team worked with the facilitators on developing research team themes for the coming year and investigating powerful mental models of leadership. All the staff returned after class on Friday for another couple of hours of information about the year ahead.

This is going to be an exciting time for us as a school and community as we seek to create the school of our dreams. We have an emerging picture of what our school will look like and how it will function. The collective knowledge and insight of all those present at those two days was astounding. We will have programmes that are amazing. We will have a school that is a world leader in education in 5 years time. I would like to personally thank all the staff and board for throwing themselves into this process with energy and enthusiasm. A special mention to our new board chairperson Pippa Baker, who took two full days out of her week to be with us, thanks Pippa. Our children are lucky to have active learners as role models.

Keep an eye out for the shop for your school competition starting soon, the prizes for the school are amazing, we can improve on our 6th place last year and win some amazing apple laptops. Good luck to the Year 7&8 Girls soccer team playing tomorrow, we hope the weather holds out.

Have a great week of fun and learning  
**Stephen Lethbridge**

**Dates**

**May 7** BoT Meeting 7pm  
**May 9** PTA Meeting 7pm

**Weekly This Fri** School Assembly Rm2 9am, All Welcome.  
**Next Fri** School Assembly Rm6



## SHOP FOR YOUR SCHOOL

Yes it is back, bigger and better than ever!

The competition runs from the 21st of May to the 1st of July. As a school we will register early earning us 1000 bonus points. But here is the kicker... for every parent and friend that registers Taupaki School as their preferred school between the 23rd of April and the 20th of May we will receive 500 bonus points.

This could put us on an incredible amount of points per pupil before starting the competition.

We need your support and help!

# News from around the School

## Basketball Hoop Bidding

We have one basketball hoop for sale. You will need to concrete it into the ground! Record your bids at the school office.

## School Pool Closure

The school pool is now closed. Please return all pool keys to the school office as soon as possible. Thank you.

## Congratulations

If anyone would like to celebrate student achievements outside of school, please email details to us at [reception@taupaki.school.nz](mailto:reception@taupaki.school.nz) and we will include them in a newsletter supplement at the end of each term.

## School Donations and Activity Fees

The School Donation and activity fee will remain the same as last year i.e. \$150 School Donation and \$40 activity Fee. Payments can be made at the school office throughout the year. If you are unsure whether you have paid your activity fee or school donation, please speak to Carole in the office.



## Lost Property

The lost property from Term 1 is still on display in the office foyer. Please check early this week as there are a lot of Sweatshirts and other clothing still to be claimed.



Teachers hard at work on the Teacher Only Day

## PTA News

**Sausages this Tuesday Only:** Sausages in bread, drinks and iceblocks will all be available for \$1 each in the hall this Tuesday. From next Tuesday the 10th May, students can order Sushi as per attachment.

**Lunches:** Lunches will start again this Friday. A new menu is attached. PLEASE NOTE item and price changes.

**Entertainment Books:** Please return payment or books to school as soon as possible, there are just a few to go.

**PTA Meeting:** Next Wednesday, the 9th May at 7.00pm. Everyone is welcome, we'd love to see some new faces.

# Community Notices

**Missing Cat:** Lost from 296 Amriens Road on 11th April. Neutered male grey Burmese cross wearing a silver reflective collar with a bell on it. 3years old, may be trying to make his way home to Massey. Please phone Shona on 8328535 or 0211099667 or Kirsty on 8108391 if you think you have seen him.

**Looking for the perfect tenant?:** Local lady (60), non smoker, no pets, impeccable payment record and references seeks economically priced and quiet 2 bedroom cottage to rent, long term preferred. Phone Lynda on 8108-030 or email on largelyhappy@gmail.com.

**Drum Lessons:** Popular rock drumming, no reading or kit required. Individual tuition, \$20 per half hour lesson. Held after school at Taupaki School hall. Phone Brig on 8107-218

**Liston College Open Evening:** Monday 7th May from 7pm to 9pm. This an opportunity for parents and prospective students to view Liston College's facilities and displays and to learn of the opportunities they offer young men in Years 7-13. The evening will commence with a presentation by the Principal in the gymnasium at 7pm. For further information contact Lyanne Evans on 8389350.

**Kumeu Children's Art Club:** Sessions Wednesday or Thursday, 3.30 to 6.30pm at the Waimauku Hall. Term 2 Topic—"Odd bods and characters" from recycled materials. Also mixed media drawing and painting. Bookings phone Libby on 4118323 or Paul on 027-4075849 or contact through PO Box 342 Kumeu.

**Meridian Energy Kids' Bike Jam:** May 20th, Woodhill Forest Mountain Bike Park. Everyone that completes the course will get a medal and certificate. Spot prizes including an Avanti Black Thunder bike. It's all about giving it a go and participating. For more details go to [www.kidsbikejams.co.nz](http://www.kidsbikejams.co.nz) or email [info@kidsbikejams.co.nz](mailto:info@kidsbikejams.co.nz).

**Kids Art Festival:** Saturday 5th May at the Corban Estate Art Centre, 426 Great North Road Henderson. Arts, Dance and Drama. Range of arts activities on offer to get involved with or to watch including clay making, junk art, paper and print making, flax weaving, fun French games, Indian paper craft, a childrens art exhibition, juggling and performances by local children. There will also be a range of food stalls selling food from around the world. Free rain or shine event.

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