



Taradale Intermediate

Te Kura Takawaenga o Otatara

Newsletter

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TIS SCHOOL LEADERS 2012

Congratulations to the following students who have been selected as our 2012 School Leaders. Our expectation of these students is high - as role-models, as leaders in many activities sporting, cultural, service and academic. They will be challenged but will be supported by a group of students who were shortlisted and were not in the final leaders group, along with support and guidance from their class teacher and all staff.

Mohaka	Takitimu	Kaweka
Anna Barker Rm 13	Jade Chan Rm 6	Tayla Le Quesne Rm 21
Jack Dyer Rm 17	Ben Lewis Rm 4	Blake Hill Rm 22
Tyler Shapcott Rm 12	Mikayla Mead Rm 6	Brenna Lee Rm 22
Aaron Argent Rm 15	Kiana Reid Rm 6	Morgan Webb Rm 23
Kelsey Dine Rm 12	Lewis Hall Rm 3	Molly Roche Rm 24
Emma Devane Rm 17	Ben Herekuiha Rm 6	Olivia Cook Rm 23
Josh Murphy Rm 18	Bruin Maunder Rm 4	Jorge Akers Rm 21

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING EX TIS STUDENTS - 2012 SCHOOL LEADERS AT NBHS

Head Boy: Reilly O'Meagher, Deputy Head Boy: Isaac Donnan, Head of Napier House: Josh Stewart
Also: Dylan Kanagaratnam and Jack Roberts as prefects for 2012.

PTA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING TO BE HELD IN THE STAFFROOM 6.00PM MONDAY 19 MARCH 2012

Please come along and support our enthusiastic PTA and be part of our school community. Last year we achieved our 2 year fundraising goal and saw the Fitness Extreme playground constructed mid-year. This was enjoyed and thoroughly utilised by all the students who were able to see their fundraising efforts come to fruition. This year we will be fundraising towards upgrading the digital technology required to get our TV Studio "Taravision" back up and running. The existing analogue equipment is now out-dated! Bring along your ideas, opinions and expertise and help us make our school a part of your community. The meeting should be approximately one hour only.



Fitness Extreme Playground enjoyed by all students.

BUSY TIMES - PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING

This is a very busy time of the year for everyone - (parents and teachers), and we would like to make things happen without too much stress.

- Re: Opouahi Wilderness Challenge Camps. A big thank you to the support shown through the meeting on Tuesday evening. If you couldn't make that meeting and need information - please contact your class teacher or Kirsten Demanser-Wilson (kirstend@taradaleint.school.nz) and share your question or query. We hope you have received all the information either via your child or the meeting, and that you are able to start preparing gear etc. It is essential that this list is kept to; comfort and safety are priorities.
- Teachers have a very busy schedule at the moment - getting the year started class wise is challenging enough but we also have sports teams (V'Ball 6 teams, Monday after school; B'Ball 6 teams, Thursday;

Cricket Saturday) that many staff are coaching or managing. We also have Information Sharing meetings being timetabled with parents plus our own in-school programme of meetings and professional development sessions. This may mean that some teachers will need to spread their meetings with their parent group (up to 30 interviews) over the next few weeks or longer. Please be understanding, however if it is important make contact now and meet with the teacher either by phone, email or face to face.

- Homework - the next newsletter will include information on this 'issue' and we will be following this up with a survey of our school community. This will assist us to clarify and set in place procedures for this year.

STAFF CARPARK, DRIVEWAY AND WALKING INTO SCHOOL

PLEASE DO NOT USE THE DRIVEWAY AS A DROP OFF POINT FOR YOUR CHILD, MORNING OR NIGHT UNLESS THERE IS A SPECIAL REASON FOR DOING THIS. Disability, injury etc. **THIS IS FOR THE SAFETY OF ALL. ALSO THE DRIVEWAY/CARPARK IS NOT A PEDESTRIAN WALKWAY - USE THE FOOTPATH PLEASE.** If necessary we will close the school gate or place barriers at the entrance - please think of the wider community and a short walk into school is not a big thing to ask!

FUKUSHIMA EXCHANGE WITH HANAWA JUNIOR HIGH 2012

Sadly, our 10 year exchange with Hanawa Junior High has to be put on hold for a year or so due to the effects of the Tsunami that devastated the Fukushima coastline in March last year. Please read the letter from the Principal of HJH and the Board of Education. We hope to keep up our communications with Hanawa and hopefully resume the connection once the safety of the area is confirmed. To all the 100+ students who have experienced this exchange since 2001, you have been very privileged. To all the students from last year and this year who were hoping to go on this trip, we are very sorry that you have been unable to experience this opportunity.

Hello everyone.

We apologize for our long silence. Thank you very much for the message you gave us after the big earthquake last year, also for the heartfelt messages and presents you sent us last October. We appreciate them from the bottom of our heart.

As for last year's exchange program, we are sorry to cancel it because of the great earthquake in Eastern Japan and the influence of the Fukushima nuclear power plant. Even now, we can't solve the problems caused by the accidents at the Fukushima nuclear power plant. And we still have a lot of problems because of environmental destruction caused by radiation. We, the Japanese people, are passing the days where we fluctuate between hope and despair because of the information the government gives to us.

10 months have passed since the nuclear power plant disaster, but still now there are many students who stay away from Fukushima to avoid radiation. Therefore, we considered the exchange program between your school and our school for a very long time. We will not be able to continue the program because we cannot assure the complete safety of your students. We regret that we will not be able to have a chance to exchange students with your great school. But we hope that you will understand our situation in Fukushima. Instead of the exchange program, we are now planning another activity so our students can experience an English lifestyle, using a facility in Japan.

Thank you very much Mr. Coxon, Executive board of Taradale Intermediate School, and all of your wonderful staff and students, you were very kind to us. We appreciate everyone from the bottom of our hearts. We would like to apologize again for having to cancel the exchange program. Thank you very much for your years of kindness and for understanding what a difficult position we are in.

Sincerely,

Teruo Hagiwara

Board-of-education superintendent of education

Kazuhiro Tsunoda

Principal of Hanawa Junior High School

COMMUNITY NOTICES

- **Growing Through Grief- Hawkes Bay** provides **Seasons™**, a 9 week programme of peer support groups for children and young people who are missing someone important from their daily life. The loss may be due to the death of someone close to them, the separation or divorce of parents, having a family member in prison, or other major family change. Age appropriate groups are available for children and young people between 5 and 18 years. We also offer a group for parents of children attending the programme. Seasons™ respects all cultural and spiritual beliefs. For more information please contact Jo or Sandie on 8734962.
- **Napier City Rovers Junior Football** enrolment dates for all new and current players : Sunday 4th March 9 – 11 am, Wednesday 14th March 6 - 8pm. Where -NCR Clubrooms Clyde Jeffery Drive Park Island (Bluewater Stadium) Enrolment forms for new players only are available on our website www.cityrovers.co.nz Or contact the club on cityrovers@xtra.co.nz Trials for 11th/12th Open Grade Sunday March 4th 1pm Bledisloe Park, Taradale
- **Ahuriri Art School Term One starts Tuesday 7 Feb.** Drawing, Painting, Printmaking (including screenprinting) & 3D. Join us on an exciting journey in 2012. Visit www.ahuririartschool.co.nz for all course details or contact Nic 0272552002 or 8344686.
- **Golflands – Adult & Child Tournament** register before Friday 24 February 2012 – phone 021 186 0248 or 0800 STAR GOLF (0800 782 746) or email stargolf@xtra.co.nz
- **Golf - Junior Tiger?** – Nationwide hunt for New Zealand's 2012 Junior Tiger – to register or more information go to www.juniortiger.co.nz