

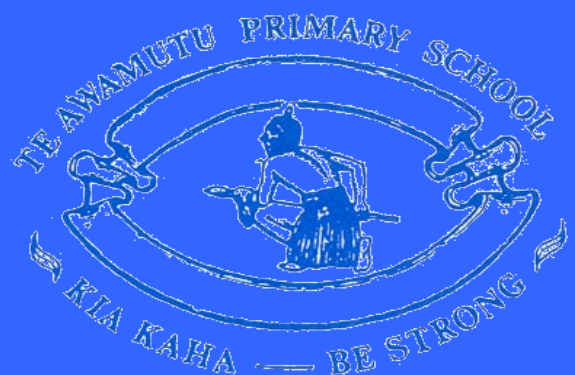
# Te Awamutu Primary School

*Together Achieving Personal Success*

*Maa Mahi Tahi Te Eke Panuku A Teetahi*



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Week 10, Term 3 – Thursday 24th September

Term 3 is always the hardest term for students and teachers to push through. The year is no longer young, older student's hormones are beginning to flare, the seasons change from the dark depths of Winter to longer Spring days and everyone is exhausted.

Add to the mix a threat or two of COVID and a few other pretty major events and you have what can only be dubbed a pretty big year. Having said that, I am very appreciative of the positive mind-set and the way our people (students, parents and staff) have all looked for the silver lining.

It is so lovely to have parents inside of the school gates participating in their child's learning with a real community spirit. We have so missed that. So welcome back! Enjoy our school. But let's remember the good things that we have learned throughout the year: the increased independence for our learners, the stronger focus on learning between 8.55am- 3pm, well-being and finding joy in the Arts and PE, sports and games.

When talking about well-being, I have been doing some online webinars into "Students Well-being in a Digital World". I was shocked to the core about some of the statistics presented about exposure to online nasties like pornography, bullying, and violent behaviour. Did you know that 73% of Australian children are exposed to pornographic material online, by the age of 11!? That's primary aged children! In part, this can be justified by the *pop up* advertisements in free gaming, through Tik Tok and Facebook and through a simple Google Search at home for the curious mind. A psychologist in the panel talked about how this leads to stress and trauma in our children and a normalisation of violent or other problematic behaviours. So, do you know what apps your children are using? Do you know what content your children are exposed to and what they are telling their friends about their online activities? Our children have access to the largest, most significant tool for seeing the good and bad in the world and parents are warned to be present and aware. Do not let your children have unrestricted access to Tik Tok, Facebook and Snap Chat apps that have an age limit well beyond primary school years. Sit with them in the lounge and as they peruse the internet, consider an internet filter for home, look over their shoulder, teach them what to do if they see inappropriate content, understand the way negative content can affect their innocent youth and invade their privacy - because if you don't, a predator will. Please prioritise looking into this. There's a Netflix documentary, experts like John Parsons (at the TA College on Wednesday night for a gold coin donation) and lots of information that you can research online. Make a plan to keep your children safe.

Being able to pull my teaching staff together for professional development is pivotal for improving learning outcomes for our students. Staff are being 'called back' during the holidays to undertake a formal day of learning around "Te Reo in the Classroom". We will also have a second **Teacher Only day on Friday 23rd October** (creating an extra long Labour weekend), to continue with the momentum we developed since our last T.O.D around Formative Teaching Practice. I appreciate this can be a challenge for working parents and I thank you for supporting us in this way. It is the most effective and economic way to provide PD across a big school. Laille at our out of school care programme is prepared to provide care on Friday 23.10.2020 and bookings can be made through ENROLMY.

I know I have had a lot to say so here a few short simple reminders:

- School, navy blue bucket hats need to be worn in Term 4. **COMPULSORY**. No caps accepted.
- Ankle boots are not part of our school uniform for girls. Black school shoes or sandals only. Socks must be black or navy blue.
- Te Wiki o te Reo Maori was a heap of fun at school. Thanks to our Room 19 rangatahi who created miniature video lessons for the whole school.
- Please ensure all lost property is collected from the school before the end of term.
- Drive safety, park appropriately and don't stop in front of people's driveways. If dangerous driving is witnessed, you will be reported to the Police. Our children's safety is paramount and people get too complacent when it's raining - a time when you need to be MORE careful.
- Lanah Gibbe and Kylie McKay are both long term relievers until the end of the year. They were welcomed to the TAPS whanau (for the second time in their careers) with a little posy at our assembly on Monday.
- Our 7th New Entrant classroom is open and operational. Our roll is now 533 - more than the end of 2019.
- We will have one more guaranteed term of piloting counselling for our students. A massive thank you to Kerry Smith, our counsellor and to Rosetown Community Trust (soon to be Pathways Trust) for supporting our school in this way and for having such a positive impact for our students. We will be forever grateful. Phil Strong, from the Trust, and I are working on sourcing funding for 2021. If anyone has any contacts, please get in touch.
- Parenting Support. We are joining with Donald Welsh from Oranga Tamariki to run parenting support sessions in Term 4. They will be for an hour and a half and dinner and child care will be provided. A lot of the support comes from meeting and talking with other parents. More information will be released closer to the time.
- A huge congratulations to our EPRO8 Team of Year 6 boys "The Diamond Bananas" who made it into the semi final competition for engineering. You have done us proud and we wish you luck for the semi final on Friday. This was related to the Facebook video of the moving snake shared last week.
- Thank you to Corey Powell and his Nana Barbara for creating a photo album of the Room 8,9, 10 and 17 demolition job. It's an impressive piece of work. Apparently the building of our new Room 8, 9 and 10 is due to start any day. Room 17 is encountering engineering issues due to the expense of putting it in its new location.



Finally, I would like to wish families a memorable and happy time with their children over the next two week break. We are so lucky to have so many amazing children at our school. The staff and I have so enjoyed seeing the learning progress made since lockdown, sharing in their successes, participating in the Year 5 activities in lieu of camp and the Year 6 camp to Totara Springs.

There are so many exciting and precious things going on around the school and I am so thankful for the amazing staff (of nearly 70 people) that make that happen.

Go well, be happy, enjoy your taonga and we will see you back ready and raring to go on Monday 12th of October at 8.55am.

Lots of respect and appreciation

Sharon





# TIMATANGA NEWS

Timatanga—The beginning of the learning journey for our pipi paopao (tapping out of the egg shell)



## Spring is definitely here

Thank you for joining the fun for daffodil day. We were able to gift our school money to help others which is an important message to share with our children.

Team 1 is growing and we are very lucky that our school board supported us to open our 7th new Entrant class. We would like to welcome Mrs Gibbes to Ruma Kowhai.

We have been visiting different classes each Thursday afternoon to experience different printing techniques. So far children have learnt about mono prints, gel prints, screen prints, ink rolling, and block stamping. Our classroom's are looking very colourful.

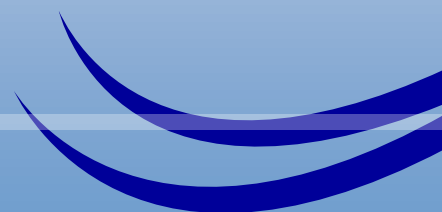
Thank you for continuing to support your children to be independent learners and come to school with a can do attitude. We are always available to talk about your child's learning, before school from 8.30 for after school from 3pm.

We wish you all a happy & healthy term break and we look forward to seeing all of your joyous faces again in Term 4 which starts on Monday 12th October.

(please note: school buckets hats are compulsory as we move into our Spring/Summer term. These are available at the office anytime and are \$10 each)



Timatanga Team



# TAIOHI NEWS

Taiohi—Young minds growing, developing their flight feathers and learning to fly

Spring is upon us, and Team 2 is preparing the community garden for planting. We would appreciate any donations of vegetable seedlings or flowers for our community garden.

Remember, it is a community garden, so please help yourself to the ripe fresh veges when they ready.

Our classes have finished our Keeping Ourselves Safe unit and we thank Constable Ryan Fleming for your time.

Our cross country was a big success! The children had an amazing team spirit on the day. They showed independence, resilience and responsibility.

The Team 2 teachers are very proud of you all.

Have a safe & happy term break and enjoy family time.

## TAUIHI NEWS

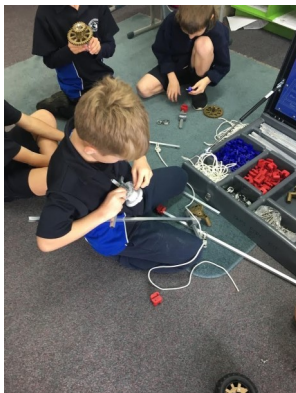
Tauihi—First flight of the young Karearea, gliding and developing flight confidence



Over the last couple of weeks, Team 3 has been continuing to develop their visual art skills as part of our inquiry for Term 3. We were extremely lucky to have Rachel O'Connor come in and share her artistic talents with us to produce some beautiful artwork and learn some new art techniques to add to our repertoire.

Two groups of Team 3 students were fortunate to experience extra curricular activities in Week 8. One group was able to work with Geoff from TechLeap to learn how to dismantle and repair electronics, including a 3D printer. The second group worked with Sarah Hutchins with the EPro8 kit where they learnt a variety of engineering and problem solving skills.

Ka pai!





# TOPA NEWS

Topa—Soaring for excellence



Wow! We can't believe it is Week 10 already!

We have had an extremely busy last few weeks with our Year 6 camp at Totara Springs and the Year 5 EOTC, all in week in Week 8!

Our tamariki had an amazing week of fun filled activities and we were blessed to have such amazing parent helpers so again, thank you to all of those that could help with our camp week, without your support it wouldn't have been possible!

Week 9 was Te Wiki O Te Reo Māori (Māori Language Week) and the Topa syndicate celebrated this in lots of different ways. We learnt some Māori songs, kapa haka routines and played tītī tōrea with tī rākau. Some of the Topa kids even made some videos to help teach some common phrases to the rest of the school.

This week, our students are finalising their Emotional Superhero and Villains costumes for our wearable arts show on Thursday. We have been learning about our emotions this term so we thought, what better way to show what we have learnt than creating our own costumes. We can't wait to show off our finished products and some of our writing to go with it.





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### Principal's Award Winner

# TIMATANGA

Term 3 2020—Week 10

## Frankie McKay

Frankie, you have become the most wonderful, kind and responsible leader in our classroom, we just love having you in Room 5b. Each day you arrive so quietly, yet so eager to share new adventures or learning from home. You are always ready to learn, know exactly what is expected and always try your very best to achieve success. I have really enjoyed seeing the way you have grown in confidence and are willing to take a risk to give new things a go. You are always the first to assist others and are such a kind friend to all in the class. You are an amazing bright star - Keep shining bright!



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# TAUIHI

Term 3 2020—Week 10

## Fletcher Ashmore

Fletcher, you are such a character and loads of fun to have in the classroom. I enjoy seeing you do your best at all times and being engrossed in your learning. You love to learn new things and take risks when things are tricky. I love the way you are always excited about learning new things. You have excellent self-management skills and the teachers in our team notice you for this. Recently, you have become an excellent role model, you always make sure you are doing what you are supposed to be doing even if others aren't. The other children respect you for this. It is great to have you in Room 1! Keep up all the great work.



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# TAUIHI

Term 3 2020—Week 10

## Jack Hutchison

Jack, I have seen such a change in you this term and it makes me so happy. You are making the choice to have a go at your classwork and because of this your reading and writing is beginning to take off. Instead of saying "I can't" you are starting to believe that you can do it if you listen, focus on the task, and try your best. When you don't understand something you ask good questions to help with working it out.

I am so proud of you Jack. Believe in yourself. You can do it!



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### Principal's Award Winner

# TOPA

Term 3 2020—Week 1

## Charlie Gibson

Charlie is an absolute pleasure to have in the classroom. He shows all the TAPS values by being an engaged learner and kind friend to those around him. He is always helpful and is proactive in seeing a need and filling it. He has often saved our milk fridges from disaster by properly sorting and filling the fridges himself. He is the first to help a fallen friend and always enters the classroom with a cheery disposition. Charlie, you will succeed in whatever you put your mind to. I can't wait to see what your future holds because it's going to be bright and amazing, just like you.



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## Spring INTO Action!

### 3 SCHOOL HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS

**CAMP ROCK**  
OR  
**DANCE & DRAMA**  
OR  
**NZ SCS STAGE COMBAT**

28 Sept. - 1 Oct.

MORE INFO & BOOKINGS [WWW.IGNITEARTS.CO.NZ](http://WWW.IGNITEARTS.CO.NZ)

Failure is the opportunity to begin again more intelligently.

HENRY FORD

DESCRIPTION FOR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER  
September/ October 2020 SCHOOL HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS

### IGNITE ARTS ACADEMY SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER SCHOOL HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS

Registrations are now open for IGNITE's three September/October school holiday workshops.

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#### DANCE AND DRAMA

Jump into 4 exciting days of dance (including hip hop, musical theatre, contemporary, tap, jazz) and drama (mime, magic, comedy and theatre games) with costumes and props

For ages 5 - 13 years old  
DATES: 4 days | 28<sup>th</sup> September - 1<sup>st</sup> October 2020

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#### CAMP ROCK

A workshop for young musicians, taught by our experienced band instructors. You will be streamed into groups of similar age and skill level, and coached through writing a song and learning covers with the guidance of your tutor.

For ages 8 - 15 years  
DATES: 4 days | 28<sup>th</sup> September - 1<sup>st</sup> October 2020

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#### STAGE COMBAT WITH NZ Stage Combat School

Learn a range of stage combat and drama skills to recreate famous action scenes from the likes of Star Wars, Pirates of the Caribbean, Superhero, Secret Agent with costumes and props

For ages 5 - 13 years old  
DATES: 4 days | 28<sup>th</sup> September - 1<sup>st</sup> October 2020

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**MORE INFO & REGISTRATIONS:** [WWW.IGNITEARTS.CO.NZ](http://WWW.IGNITEARTS.CO.NZ)

\*OSCAR funded

## LAKE NGAROTO LEARN TO SAIL

This spring holiday, Oct 5-7

### Learn to Sail this Spring @ Lake Ngaroto.

**October 5-7th 9.30am - 3pm**

**\$175**

**No experience necessary**

**Ages 8+**

**Sailwalkato.com**

## 14 SEPTEMBER - 14 NOVEMBER GET ACTIVE 2020

It's time to Get Active Waipā! Collect an activity passport from your library and start collecting stamps by attending library events and events/classes at participating providers.

Major prizes can be won at each library, sponsored by Club Waipa in Te Awamutu and Anytime Fitness Cambridge.

Albert Park Indoor Walking Netball - Camkada judo - Amy Holt Yoga - Seriously Social Cycling - Ladies Running Reboot - Avantidrome Open Day - Tai Chi - Pilates with Lynda S - Find your Fit with Lynda S - Raychel Russell Fitness - Cambridge Gymnastics - Zumba with Nin - Cambridge Athletics - Anytime Fitness Cambridge - Club Waipa - Te Awamutu Road Runners - Cambridge Bowling Club Open Day - Bodyfit with Sarka - Cambridge Heritage Discovery - Te Awamutu Heritage Discovery

[www.waipalibraries.org.nz](http://www.waipalibraries.org.nz)

## 25TH ALTRUSA HOME AND GARDEN RAMBLE

**SUNDAY 1st NOVEMBER 2020**  
● 9.30am - 4.00 pm ● Tickets \$30

Tickets available from

Campbell Lane  
204 Alexander Street  
078717170

Te Awamutu i-site  
1 Gorst Ave  
078713259

The Garden Shop  
41 Market St  
078705070

Class & Individual photos will be taken on Tuesday 13th October. Sibling envelopes are available now at the office.

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