

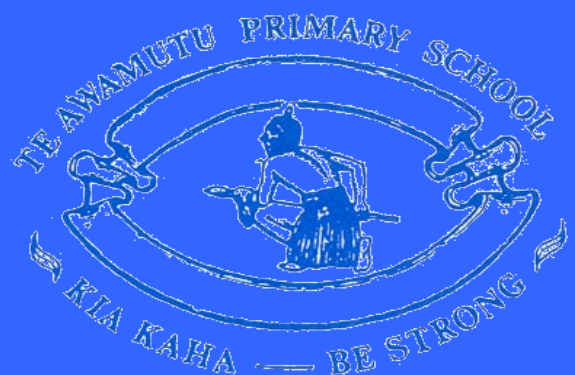
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Week 5—Term 4 2020—Tuesday 10 November

Hi everyone,

Hello, from a very busy TAPS. We have launched into our term 4 jobs, in preparation for next year. TA Intermediate has completed most of their transition to Year 7 actions and our Year 6's are soon to finish their final year here. I confess to feeling both excited and a little sad as we contemplate our Topa students taking flight into the next phase of their lives.

As we've been out and about in the school, we have taken time to appreciate how amazing our tamariki are. They run, play, share, try new things, take risks, support each other, encourage and celebrate wins more often than not. It's important to remember this when things are busy and the Christmas season approaches. Let's focus on the good we see in our little people.

Thank you to all people who have contributed financially to school life and events throughout 2020. We have been a part of the governments 'School Donation Scheme' meaning we have been paid \$150 per child enrolled on the 1st of July. This money has been used to cover the costs of trips, shows, visitors, and most of the Year 6 camp to Totara Springs. However, money donated by parents towards the cost of camp in particular, enables our school to offer similar opportunities to the next cohort.

Also, I would like to acknowledge all those in our community who have volunteered time this year. For example the Friends of TAPS volunteer group who raise money to improve the playgrounds, parents and caregivers who have generously refereed or managed sports teams, or helped at sporting events or attended school trips. We sincerely appreciate your efforts and thank you for giving your valuable time to support our students.

Another thanks to those in our community who have nominated TAPS when applying for, or renewing, their mortgage with ANZ. As a result of this, ANZ Schools Programme awards 800 credits to us, each time our school is nominated. We have used these points to purchase gazebos and chilly-bins for our Friends of TAPS, to buy Apple TV's so our computers can project onto our classroom TVs without cords, to buy robotics equipment and iPads for use in our Junior Classrooms and a few other little treats like sports equipment too.

Now for some new legislation...from 11 November 2020, the existing prohibition on smoking at schools is extended to include vaping. We must take all reasonably practicable steps to ensure that no person vapes in any part of our school, whether inside or outside, at any time of day.

Buses - The College has reminded us that the **last day for buses in Term 4 is on Thursday 10th December**. TAPS doesn't finish until Tuesday 15th at 12.45pm, meaning parents of bus students will need to arrange alternative transportation for their children on Friday 11th, Monday 14th and Tuesday 15th of December (at the earlier time of 12.45pm).

In 2021 bus tags will cost \$50 per term, per child. Despite the increase, this is extremely cheap as it equates to \$5 per week, \$1 a day, 0.50c a trip! We appreciate the hard work carried out by the Te Awamutu Schools Bus Committee, offering a massive amount of transportation to Year 0- Year 13 students all over Waipa - especially Noel Cox from TA College who manages the whole show. We also acknowledge the tough job that the bus drivers have - not all children behave as they should on buses (except our TAPS children of course), and they constantly do their best to get our children delivered home to us safely.

Parking. We know it is an issue and it causes frustration to many of us, especially on wet days. Please do not park over the driveways of our neighbours. Also, do not stop in the bus stop during the times listed on the road sign. If staff see you parked in the wrong area, we may ask you politely to move on and we don't expect to be verbally abused for it. Legally, the road is not a part of our jurisdiction and therefore breaking of the road rules needs to be reported to the Police. Our priority is to manage the area so that our children are safe when attending or leaving school. It is expected that our students ALL use the crossing when coming to, or leaving, school. Our older students may be capable of crossing the road, but they are role modelling to our younger students who may not be. Parents need to be a role model to everyone.

Staff do park on Teasdale Street as we have too few internal car parking spaces for the number of staff we have. Also staff from the rest home also park on the side of the road. This cannot be helped, it's a public road. We have spoken to both the Council and the Ministry of Education and there is little they can or will do to help us resolve this issue.

All I can do is offer solutions ;

- Consider letting children walk or ride to school,
- Use the back gate and a walkway on Douglas Ave that leads to our field, there is a lot of space here,
- Carpool with a friend or neighbour,
- Drop your child off further down Teasdale and make them walk. Use a raincoat if required.
- Book in to our brilliant After School Care programme for an hour - the small cost is well worth it for less stress.
- Remember, our new entrants leave at 2.50pm and the rest of the school at 3pm. Part of this decision was about rolling over the carparks

Candy MacWilliam has chosen to step down as the leader of Team 4 next year. I would like to publicly thank Candy for her hard work and for the development of her team during this year. As a first time leader, she has done a wonderful job! Next year the role will be fulfilled by Sara Sabin. I have no doubt that Team 4 will continue to go from strength to strength.

Senior Leadership are concluding interviews for available teaching positions this week. In the next newsletter we should be able to announce the appointments made.

There is always so much information to share at this time of year. Thank you for reading to the end!

Sharon



Suz's reminder
45 days until
Christmas

TIMATANGA NEWS

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



What a wonderful start Timatanga have enjoyed to inspire our Term 4 learning. In week 2 we visited the Waikato Museum as part of our inquiry focus this term of "I am an innovator". The tamariki had a wonderful time exploring the Exscite learning area and the Inventors and Innovators exhibition. The excitement and wonderings that have evolved from this trip have our Timatanga classes humming with some very exciting learning opportunities. Ruma Kōwhai has started their inquiry by looking at why the popcorn machine was invented. Room 5A has started exploring simple circuits and would like to learn more about how bridges are made. We would like to say another big thank you to all of our parent helpers who were able to support us in making this trip possible for our ākonga.

A few other highlights from our trip were our visit to the Innes Commons playground and most importantly the bus ride!

Other inventions we are looking forward to exploring are those that have wheels and next Friday the 13th of November Timatanga will be having a Wheels Day. A separate notice has been sent home with specific details. We look forward to seeing our tamariki enjoying their "wheely" cool wheels at school.

We have moved our Timatanga Assembly for Monday the 9th of November to start at 2.00pm to ensure we have plenty of time to celebrate all our amazing learners. We welcome you to come and join us if you are able to. Ruma Kōwhai and Room 5A will be sharing some of their learning.

Thank you to all of our Timatanga families for supporting their child/children in being ready for learning each and every day.

From all of your Terrific Timatanga Teachers.



TAIOHI NEWS

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

It's hard to believe we are already in Week 4 of Term 4. In Team 2 we have been busy exploring technology by making things. We have designed shoes and had a fashion parade. We have also made some special crowns.

Over the past week we have been overwhelmed by the support families have given the shoe box appeal. Many students have proudly brought in their donations. These special gifts will be treasured by the recipients. The students included special personalised letters in the boxes too. Thank you so very much to our families who have contributed to this.

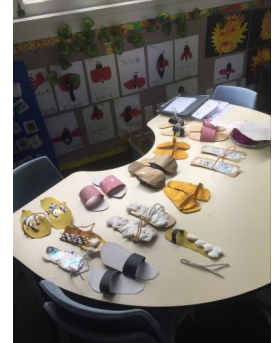
During Week 3 all classes were treated to a cricket lesson from the Northern Cricket team volunteers. The students really enjoyed this and had great fun learning new skills. Students have brought home a newsletter about Friday cricket if they wish to join.

This term students are practising their athletic skills, with an Athletics Day to be held in Week 7.

Please remember hats are now required. Please make sure your child's hat is clearly named.

Finally our Team 2 Community Vegetable Garden is growing really well and we have an abundance of silverbeet, therefore you are more than welcome to pick some up when you collect your child from school. The other vegetables are coming along too and hopefully will be ready to harvest by the end of the term.

Nga mihi
Team Taiohi Teachers



TAUIHI NEWS

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



Team Tauihi are working hard and enjoying lots of learning. We have been practicing our athletics skills to get ourselves all ready for athletics day next week. We have discovered that there are some amazingly talented athletes in our team and are enjoying lots of new challenges as we strive to run, jump and throw to the best of our abilities. We have also participated in some cricket sessions where we had fun learning some ball skills that can help us to play cricket.

In our classrooms we have been working hard and being creative. As part of our Inquiry topic, some classes have designed and created playgrounds. We have been thinking about what our new playground will be like when it is built and thought about all of the fun things that children like to do in a school playground and the equipment that is needed. Some of us wrote letters to Mrs Griffiths to try to persuade her to choose our playground for the new one. We were not sure if she would like the idea of having a flying fox!



TOPA NEWS

Topa—Soaring for excellence



What a busy start to Term 4 for our Topa students! We are underway with our final Inquiry for the year based around innovation and inventions of technology. We are working hard to create a product to keep us entertained at morning tea and lunchtime breaks. If you have any ideas or materials that you can offer, please have a chat to your child about what we are up too.

Topa team have been busy practising skills for Athletics day which is now this Thursday,. We would love for you all to come along and support our tamariki. A reminder that students must sit in their age groups and will be unable to join you during events.

Our students have also been working hard to show our TAPS values and earn 'Dojo' points, Manaaki high flyers and class rewards to create a positive and successful school environment. Well done to our amazing team and thank you for all of your support at home.

Have a great week everyone,
Team Topa Teachers



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Principal's Award Winner

TIMATANGA

Term 4 2020—Week 4

Hamiora Te Huia

Hamiora, you are so deserving of this award. You are an amazing role model in Ruma Kakariki and you always display the TAPS values. Hamiora, you put your best effort into every aspect of learning and it is a pleasure to see you progress.

Thank you for bringing your smile and positive attitude to class every day and for being a wonderful friend and helper in our class. You have made a wonderful start to your school life this year and you should be very proud.



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TAUIHI

Term 4 2020—Week 4

Nate Kelly

Nate you have made such great progress this year in your learning and your ability to self manage. You are a keen author and you write interesting stories that are a pleasure to read. In Reading you have moved up several levels and you are always enthusiastic about Reading. I have seen your confidence grow over the year and you confidently share things that you do and about yourself with Room 4. You fully involve yourself in all learning areas. Recently you have mastered the Jump Jam songs and you happily show off your "moves" Keep up the great work Nate, you should be proud of your achievements.

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TAUIHI

Term 4 2020—Week 4

Ella-Jayne Edwards

Ella, you are an incredibly kind and caring member of Room 15. Your positive attitude, even during challenges, is fantastic. In class, you are able to set goals and you work hard to achieve them with a growth mindset. You have grown wonderfully into your leadership role as a Class Councillor, always making positive choices and being an outstanding role model for others. It has been great to see your confidence grow and I look forward to seeing you take on more leadership roles in future years at TAPS. Keep being the wonderful person that you are and be proud of all that you have accomplished this year!



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TOPA

Term 4 2020—Week 4

Eva Pivott

Eva - you are such a fantastic role model all day, every day. You are never afraid of taking risks with your learning and you can always be relied upon to complete all tasks to a high standard. You are a kind, caring and empathetic person who brings happiness and joy to the classroom. Thank you for having such an amazing attitude to all that you do both in and out of the class. It has been wonderful to watch you grow and mature this year. Eva, keep flying high and striving to be the best that you can be. You will go far in life!

Waikato Community School of Music

2020 WCSM OPEN DAY—Saturday 28th November 9am—11.30am

TT entrance, gate 4, Hillcrest Road (Waikato campus)

Come along and see what the WCSM offers. All classrooms will be open to observers during these times. All ages welcome, from pre-school to retirement. Over 12 different instruments taught, plus six ensemble options. Music makers programme from age 3, children's choir. Contact us via our website: <https://wscsm.ac.nz>



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with a special appearance by

The TALOS Warblers Choir

Sunday 6th December 2020

at 6pm

followed by a

Christmas themed supper



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